



Steven D Braun

May 25, 1965 - September 20, 2024

Steven Dietrich Braun, 59 of Beecher passed away unexpectedly on September 20, 2024. He was born May 25, 1965, to Harry and Janice Braun. Steve was preceded in death by his father Harry and his grandparents Rudolph and Esther Braun and William and Dorothy Briody.

After graduating from Beecher High School Steve attended Loyola University, where he earned degrees in History and Anthropology. While at Loyola Steve ran track and cross country and was a member of the Rambler Pep Band and Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

Later in life Steve reconnected with his one true love, Karen Klimczyk. They eventually married on October 1, 2022. Steve's years with Karen and his inherited family were the best years of his life. He adored and was so proud of his wife, stepchildren and step grandchildren.

Steve worked for many years at Chicagoland Speedway, serving as Operations and Events Supervisor. Recently Steve served as Park Supervisor for Crete Park District.

Steve inherited his sense of humor from his father and had a great time teasing people, especially children. It was always good-natured and usually well received. He was kind, smart and selfless. He loved music, travel, history and Mountain Dew. He was a Deadhead, Parrot Head, genealogy buff, collector, curator, foodie and tremendous trip planner.

Steve is survived by his wife Karen Klimczyk Braun, stepchildren Katherine (Andrew) Gemo, Zachary (Ashley) Gemo, and Mason (Alyssa) Jones, and

step grandchildren Zoey, Carter, Adalyn, Tyler and Michael. He is also survived by his mother Janice Braun, brothers Douglas (Nancy) Braun, and Gregory (Laura) Braun and sister Karen (Timothy) Goldrick. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, friends, in-laws and his beloved Snoop Dog. Visitation will be held from 9am – 1pm on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at Hack-Jensen Funeral Home in Beecher. A funeral service will immediately follow the visitation at the funeral home. Following the funeral service burial will be held at St. Luke's Cemetery in Beecher. In lieu of flowers donations can be made for the wishes of the family.

Cemetery Details

St Luke Cemetery

Beecher, IL 60401

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 28. 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Hack-Jensen Funeral Home
753 Hodges Street
Beecher, IL 60401
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com
<http://Hackfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

SEP 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Barry Sostaric lit a candle in memory of Steven D Braun*



Barry Sostaric - August 25, 2025 at 09:31 PM

BS

Phi Alpha Brother Braun

Barry Sostaric - August 25, 2025 at 09:32 PM

LB

“ *Steve was so kind in helping me to fix up our American Legion monument and power washing our cannon at Crete Memorial Park this year. He was such a pleasant fellow to work with and I feel blessed to have known him. I will miss him.*

Sincerely,

Larry Black, Commander, Crete American Legion Post 1291

Larry Black - September 29, 2024 at 01:23 PM

SC

“ *Many friends come into our lives, but only a few leave with their footprints on our hearts. Thank you, Steve! God took you in his loving arms, He saw you needed rest. His garden must be beautiful, for He only takes the best! God Bless your Family.*



With Our Sincere Condolences,

CHW MANAGEMENT GROUP LLC
Sonia, Ken, Scott, Dj, Larry, Garcia

Sonia coffee - September 28, 2024 at 05:57 PM

SC

Martin

Sonia coffee - September 28, 2024 at 06:09 PM

JF

“ *I have many memories over the many years with the Braun family. I thought of Steve as a little brother. I will remember he smiling face and always joking around. My deepest sympathy and sorry to Karen for the loss of her husband. And to my other family the Braun's, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with all of you.*



Jim Flynn - September 28, 2024 at 09:51 AM

TP

“ *The Crete Park Pals planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven D Braun.*

The Crete Park Pals - September 27, 2024 at 07:52 PM

TP

“ The Crete Park Pals planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven D Braun.

The Crete Park Pals - September 27, 2024 at 07:50 PM

LS

“ My thought and prayers go out to all of his family members. I have not seen Steve in over 30 years. But I still remember all of the times at Harry and Janice's house. Steve and i did some crazy things back in the 70's All my love to Janice, Doug, Greg and Karen. I wish I could be there. One of the disadvantages of living in Atlanta. Lyle Schuetz



lyle schuetz - September 27, 2024 at 05:33 PM

LK

“ Linda Krause purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Steven D Braun.



Linda Krause - September 27, 2024 at 03:17 PM

LK

“ Linda Krause planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven D Braun.

Linda Krause - September 27, 2024 at 03:17 PM

SA

“ Sheri A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven D Braun.

Sheri A. - September 27, 2024 at 01:24 PM

JK

“ Joe and Laura Kosky purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Steven D Braun.



Joe and Laura Kosky - September 27, 2024 at 09:54 AM

JK

“ Joe and Laura Kosky planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven D Braun.

Joe and Laura Kosky - September 27, 2024 at 09:54 AM

PD

“ My family and I have many happy memories of July 4th celebrations in Beecher, and of all the subsequent visits. Please accept our gift of (3) trees, planted in honor of all the work Steve did to make the world a better place, through both his talent for beautifying parks and his gift of lifting other people up. Paul, Joyce, Joy and John Diebel.

Paul Diebel - September 24, 2024 at 02:22 PM

PD

“ Paul D. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven D Braun.

Paul D. - September 24, 2024 at 02:12 PM

TB

“ Our deepest sympathy 🙏



The Blums - September 24, 2024 at 12:43 PM

FA

“ From Dave and Linda Allain purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Steven D Braun.



From Dave and Linda Allain - September 23, 2024 at 10:42 PM

SA

“ Please accept the deepest sympathy of the parish family of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Parish (Peotone) on your loss. May he rest in peace.



St. Paul the Apostle - September 23, 2024 at 02:25 PM

TF

“ The Dillon Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Steven D Braun.



The Dillon Family - September 22, 2024 at 02:28 PM

TF

“ *The Westover Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Steven D Braun.*



The Westover Family - September 22, 2024 at 01:51 PM

KS

“ *Katie S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven D Braun.*

Katie S. - September 22, 2024 at 08:48 AM

WS

“ *Steve, I will never forget the fun times we had after high school. You were fun to hang out with and were always positive. Rest in paradise! To the rest of Steve's family, my condolences.*

Warren Sumner

warren Sumner - September 22, 2024 at 08:08 AM