



Stephen Perry Sullins

November 7, 1946 - April 24, 2016

Stephen Perry Sullins, 69, Holden, Missouri passed away April 24, 2016 at home surrounded by his family. Steve was born November 7, 1946 in Topeka Kansas, to William Perry Sullins and Mable Faye (Chitwood) Sullins. Steve served his country in the United States Air Force and retired from active service as a Master Sgt. He married Dianna Abel in 1979, and had one child Nathan Sullins before moving to the Holden area 25 years ago. After moving to the Holden area, they gave birth to their daughter Rachel Sullins. Steve worked as a United States postal carrier in Holden for many years and also retired from the post office. He also worked at the Holden Image for many years. Steve was a member of the Way of Christ Fellowship Church in Holden, Missouri. Steve was a true Kansas Jayhawk fan and loved his KU basketball. Steve was a member of the local American Legion Post 90 for many years, and served as the president of the sports and band boosters in the Holden School District.

Surviving his passing are his wife Dianna Sullins, of the Home; one son Nathan Sullins, Holden Missouri; one daughter Rachel Thompson and husband Jacey, Warrensburg, Missouri; two Stepsons, John Manford and wife Melissa, Belton, Missouri; Justin Manford and wife Jennifer, Houston, Texas; one Brother, Stanley Sullins, North Carolina; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Jerry Sullins and Danny Sullins.

Memorial contributions can be made in memory of Stephen Sullins to the Holden High School sports Scholarship fund.

Visitation will be Friday April 29, 2016 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Holden First United Methodist Church followed by a memorial service at the church at 7:00pm.

Private graveside service will be held Monday May 2, 2016 at the Kansas Veterans Cemetery in Manhattan KS at 2:00pm with Full Military Honors.

Cemetery Details

Kansas Veterans Cemetery

Manhattan, KS

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Kansas Veterans Cemetery
Manhattan, KS

Tribute Wall

SW

“ Sharon Wallen lit a candle in memory of Stephen Perry Sullins



Sharon Wallen - May 12, 2016 at 02:31 PM

SW

Jerry and I are so sorry for your loss.

Sharon Wallen - May 12, 2016 at 02:31 PM

ML

“ Like Marlott I served with Steve in Vietnam. Fond memories of those days and I thought he was a great guy with a great sense of humor. Your Palace Dog brothers will miss you Steve. Mike Ley

Michael Ley - April 28, 2016 at 04:45 PM

PZ

“ Steve and I got to know each other when we both worked at the Holden Image, some days he was a breath of fresh air and some days, he could drive you to scream, ha, ha, He would come to my desk and throw everything right in the middle of it and wander off and just laugh, you couldn't help but laugh. We had a good working relationship and visited a lot about our families, since that time Steve and I have gotten to visit, I will miss talking to my friend, my thoughts and prayers for comfort and peace are with you Dianna, Nathan and Rachel, Pat and Jerry Zvacek

Pat Zvacek - April 26, 2016 at 03:57 PM

RT

“ I'm not sure I can get everything down in print that I want to say but I'll try. It's been approximately 60 years that Steve and I have been friends. Putting that down in print just added several more wrinkles to my face but that's OK - they suite me. When Steve moved from Topeka to Overbrook with his parents his mother went to work for my mother at the Topping Drug Store and was a valued employee and friend as long as she was there. While the store was open I would very often go to Steve's house after school to sometimes work on school work and sometimes just to fool around but always to find something to eat for supper. Steve's dad was a cook in the service and a good one! He made the best Ham and Beans and dozens of other dishes that we loved. Steve and I both loved to eat - and I think that trait stuck with both of us all of our lives.

Steve and I were both Clarinet players in band which started early in grade school and continued in high school. It became a real competition with us and we were both really good. If I remember correctly his brother Jerry was also very accomplished on the clarinet - probably better than both of us.

After high school we both went our separate ways. We both continued education and he eventually went into the service and ended up in Hawaii at the same time that I was living there in the mid 70's. We renewed our friendship and sort of just picked up where we left off. I left the islands in 1973 to return to Kansas to buy the drug store from my mother as she prepared to retire. Steve came back and landed in Missouri and I didn't hear from or see much of Steve but when we finally got together and talked over old times it was just like we had never been apart. I was so happy to talk with him and hear about his life and his family - then when he met several times for lunch with me and Reba, Sue and Pam it was truly a wonderful get together

Now I will have to get together with Steve from a much longer distance and I can do that too. We'll be chatting often - about all things especially his wonderful wife and his children. I send love to

you all and sorrow for this loss.

Fondly,

Rosemary Topping, Overbrook, KS

Rosemary Topping - April 26, 2016 at 01:29 PM

CI

“ *Steve often subbed at HHS and I got to know him when was here. He also volunteered for Academic Bowl (and many other school events). I had the privilege of getting to know him. He had a wicked sense of humor. We frequently "solved all the problems of the world" (also known as having spirited political discussions). My thoughts are with the family at this difficult time. Please know that Steve will be missed and always remembered fondly*

CindyCurry - April 26, 2016 at 10:12 AM

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Hedglin-
Stowe

“ *Our loss is truly Heaven's gain... The short time I was privileged to work with Steve at the Holden Image was priceless. He was so light-hearted and fun. He and I possessed so much of the same quirky sense of humor that we quickly became buddies. Diana, Nathan and Rachel... My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God comfort you during this time.*



Christi Hedglin-Stowe - April 25, 2016 at 02:06 PM

MR

It seems like only yesterday Steve and I were serving together in Viet Nam as ESL instructors. He was truly one of my closest buddies and we shared many memorable days together. Two years ago we attended an Air Force reunion in San Antonio which renewed a thousand of those war experiences. I'll miss you, Master Sergeant Sullins.

Marlott Rhoades Ballwin, MO

Marlott Rhoades - April 27, 2016 at 10:03 AM