



Steven Vanderpoel

October 11, 1949 - September 13, 2018

A much-loved husband, father, grandfather and brother, Dr. Steven Joseph Vanderpoel, 68, of Rowlett, Texas passed away peacefully on September 13, 2018 with his family present. A member of First Baptist Church of Richardson, Steven was born to John and O'Niece on October 11, 1949 in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and resided in Rowlett, Texas for the past 18 years, having moved from Colonial Heights, Virginia to accept the position of Vice President of Human Resources at Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind and more recently serving as a Developmental Aid at Mark Twain Elementary School. He received a BBA from Western Michigan University in 1971 and his PhD in Psychology from the University of West Virginia in 1975.

Steven is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Amy Vanderpoel, of Rowlett, Texas; son Nathan and wife Meghan of Lewisville; son Luke and wife Brooke of Rockwall; grandchildren Shashana, Cole, Miah, Cooper and Addison; siblings Marie McKinley and husband Judson of Kalamazoo, MI, Teresa Ellis and husband Bruce of Holland, MI, Thomas Vanderpoel and partner James of Washington, DC, John Vanderpoel and wife Mary Jo of Grand Rapids, MI, Gary Vanderpoel and wife Nina of Chicago, IL and brother in-law Jeff Willson and wife Carol of Kalamazoo, MI.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at Rest Haven Funeral Home in Rowlett. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at the Rest Haven Funeral Home in Rowlett on Tuesday, September 18 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Cemetery

Rest Haven Memorial Park
2500 State Highway 66 East
Rockwall, TX, 75087

Events

SEP 18 **Gathering** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

Rest Haven - Rowlett Location
3701 Rowlett Road, Rowlett, TX, US, 75088

SEP 19 **Funeral Service** 10:00AM

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3701 Rowlett Road, Rowlett, TX, US, 75088

Comments



“ I, too, was a classmate of Steve's from freshman year in high school. I remember his smile, his pleasant demeanor, that he was kind to all and a very likeable guy.

Jim Morris

Jim Morris - September 25, 2018 at 10:30 AM



“ He was a Vanderpoel, and I was a Weaver, so I sat behind Steve in homeroom my freshman year as St. A. I knew the back of his head very well. Hearing about what a wonderful man he became makes me sad that I never knew him better. My condolences to his wife and family.



Pamela A Neubacher - September 22, 2018 at 04:33 PM



“ I have many fond memories of Steve. Working with him at Gull lake, taking rides in his Plymouth station wagon, playing Tennis, canoeing on the Au Sable river and in our youth reading comic books and playing pool in his basement. I loved his passion for life and I am a better person for knowing Steve Vanderpoel. David Short

David Short - September 21, 2018 at 10:39 PM



“ Our sincere condolences for your loss. Steve and I were in the same class at Hackett and had many of the same teachers. He will be dearly misses by the class of 67. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Jack Lattin - September 21, 2018 at 07:46 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. I was a classmate at St Augustine and graduated from Msgr O'Brien. I did not know Steve well but remember him as a classmate. our to your family. Jane Ellen Smith Schad

Jane Ellen Schad - September 21, 2018 at 06:12 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of Steve. I was a classmate of his at his time at St. Augustine High School and then knew him through our affiliation with Msgr Hackett High School when the school split. Thinking of his family at this sad time.

Amy "Rek" Remmert - September 21, 2018 at 12:39 PM



“ We were classmates at St. Augustine and Hackett High School. Steve's passing brings back lots of good memories and we will all miss him.

Fred Fisher, Class of 1967

Fred Fisher - September 21, 2018 at 12:09 PM



“ Steve was a kind and caring friend, always ready with a smile or laugh. Whenever you spoke with him, he made you feel like you were the most important person in the world. He was a smart psychologist, intensely interested in every finding and technique for helping people. And he and Amy created the most loving family you'll ever meet.

Tom Werner - September 18, 2018 at 10:07 AM



“ It seems like Poolie was always there at WMU when I got there, whistling, smiling and listening. It has been many years, but I've never forgotten my time with him. My deepest condolences to Amy and family...he will be missed.

Joe Savage - September 17, 2018 at 01:08 PM



“ Steve was a very special person with a wonderful family who will be missed in so many ways by those who had the pleasure of studying and working with him. The incredible memories of our times with Steve will be with us always.

Stephen Bono - September 16, 2018 at 08:16 PM



“ Amy and family, we are so sorry for your loss but rejoice that Steve is resting in the arms of Jesus. We remember all the wonderful summers we spent together at Mullet Lake. We will be praying for all of you in the days and weeks ahead. Marv and Ellen De Vries

Ellen De Vries - September 16, 2018 at 05:36 PM



“ Steve had the gift of making people feel loved and accepted. He had a ready smile and a warm word for whomever he encountered. He was supportive of me as a friend and educator.
Cindy James

Cindy - September 16, 2018 at 02:49 PM



“ Amy and family, we are so sorry for the loss of such a great, funny, warm teddy bear of a man. Though it has been many years, our hearts remain filled with many wonderful memories of the early years. Poolie was always so kind and good-natured, it was our sincere pleasure to share parts of our lives with you both.

Camp Walls - September 16, 2018 at 09:49 AM



“ Condolences to Amy and the family. Steve always brightened the room when he entered and made people feel at ease with his natural sense of goodwill. He had a lively curiosity about a variety of topics in his field, which made for interesting conversations. During his WVU days he was part of a core group of mutually supportive students and made the lives of those who knew him better even across time as our lives diverged.

Lyle Grant - September 15, 2018 at 11:47 AM



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Will Ellis - September 15, 2018 at 11:24 AM



“ Steve has been our friend for many years, and we will miss him. Always a friendly face, willing to listen and a funny observation of life to share. His love was contagious. Our hearts are with you and your family, Amy, during this difficult time.
Will & Shirley Ellis

WILL ELLIS - September 15, 2018 at 11:21 AM



“ I don't remember Poolie not having a smile on his face and a ready laugh. Brandon Hall, WVU Gang

Brandon Hall - September 14, 2018 at 11:29 PM



“ Amy and boys, I'm so very sorry for your loss, but what a great joy it is to know Steven is in the arms of Jesus and without pain. I will be praying for you all during the next weeks and months as you learn to live without him beside you.

Kathy Young - September 14, 2018 at 01:46 PM