

Stephen Field

NOVEMBER 13, 2018

Stephen Raymond Field, the only child of Ray and Elsie Field was born in Riverton Hospital, South Australia on April 1st, 1956. In the first few years of his life the family moved to the suburb of Blackwood, South Aust. He quickly made an impression on the local shopkeeper, Mrs. Dutton who would tease him over the tall shop counter and also on the neighbour who allowed him to tease her chickens despite the fact that she did not usually like small children. Early impressions run deep and Steve became characterised by his mischievous grin and extraordinary sense of humour. Even those who met him briefly in his last days commented on how he managed to make a joke of most things. From Blackwood to the South Australian Riverland towns of Waikerie and Loxton, Steve's father moved his family in his zealous approach of preaching the Good News of the Kingdom of God as one of Jehovah's witnesses. Sadly, this left Steve as an outsider at school but did mean he forged close relationships with other lads from the few families with the same beliefs. Some of those friendships endured throughout his life and remained valuable to him. Steve was close to his mum who passed onto him his most endearing traits. He was a sensitive, caring and compassionate man with a quick wit and a good eye for detail. He also helped his father cultivate orange trees and grape vines and spent summers fruit picking as he grew into a strong and healthy young man. The family was poor but thrifty and he learned to survive on little materially. Consequently, Steve had trouble learning to spoil himself in his later years. Uncomfortable and embarrassed by generosity from others, he preferred to sleep on the floor if a nice clean bed was offered for an unexpected overnight stay.



Country life is great for young men, but Steve's cautious dad did not allow him to participate in motor bike riding, a lifelong desire that was finally met in his retirement. However, driving was an early skill and despite multiple roll overs in his beloved VW he remained passionate all his life about early models.

At 15 Steve set off to make a life on his own and found work around the country centre of Gawler, SA. It was there that many life long friendships were forged, and teenage energies were spent in hot cars and learning to love the music of the 50s, 60s and 70s. He moved in with his maternal aunt and her family became his family for a while. Life with his cousins provided many important memories. Steve had left the influence of his father but now had time to think about what was important to him and it was in his late teens that Steve dedicated his life to Jehovah.

Within a few years he had found the girl he wanted to marry, and Mary became mother to his much cherished daughter Dineka. For most of their married life they worked together on the Adelaide Tram service and were a well-known couple. They holidayed in Queensland and considered moving there but it wasn't to be. Steve had fallen for the climate and lifestyle and became determined to at least retire in the Sunshine State. Constant shift work puts a strain on many relationships and it was a great disappointment when Mary moved on. Steve moved onto Metropolitan Bus Services and his parents moved in to help look after Dineka. It was some years later that Steve met Diane and a new chapter in his life began.

Married in 2008, the merged families posed some challenges as Steve moved from life as a single man into a household of 4 teenagers. However, the family unit was important to Steve and he cared deeply for his step children, Lauren and David as if they were his own.

He found a new passion in travel and the newly married couple were fortunate to travel to the UK as well as Europe and back to the UK in the first few years. Many happy memories were forged and further travel to South East Asia was thoroughly enjoyed. Scooter riding in Vietnam reignited his desire to ride motor bikes and so he obtained his license and his first bike, a Honda Shadow 400cc for learner riding. Once fully licensed he moved onto a 1300cc Yamaha V Star and gained much enjoyment from his riding. Steve had a wonderful singing voice and enjoyed taking singing lessons during 2017. It was a great delight for him to see Dineka marry. Steve would have made a loving grandparent if life had not taken the fateful turn earlier this year. A diagnosis of metastatic bowel cancer was a big blow. Retirement to Queensland was put on hold and chemotherapy attempted. Without results from chemo he turned to alternative therapies. He became especially close to Lauren in his last year as she proved to be a close companion and strong support. In September he was able to travel to Canada with Diane in order to explore further options. However, the cancer proved more aggressive than realised at home and his condition rapidly deteriorated. A blood test in hospital on Nov 13 revealed the extent of his failing system and within a matter of hours he peacefully closed his eyes with Diane and dear friends present. Steve had remained positive throughout his illness. The challenge of fighting disease was one that brought him closer to many, including his wife, Diane and also his Heavenly Father, Jehovah. The loving support from his local congregation in Adelaide as well as in Calgary sustained and encouraged him. The prayers and love that was provided were a source of great comfort. Steve had every confidence that Jehovah will remember him and that he will be able to answer the call to life again on earth as our Grand Creator has always intended for mankind.

A Memorial Service will be held at The Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Happy Valley South Australia late January 2019.

Messages of Condolence

What a lovely obituary for a very kind man

My thoughts are with you all

Much love

Sheryl

— **Sheryl**

What beautiful words about a Man our family enjoyed great times and Memories with.

In Jehovah's Memory. ☐ ☐ ☐ All our love and Prayers to you Diane and Dinka

Love the Molzer Family xx

— **Tania Molzer**

My love to you always. Memories and love are forever. Xxxx

— **Chris Bruce**

Sincerest condolences to Diane and Stevens family.

— **Rachael Dean**

Pop, Centurion, even Dad at one stage. Names I will fondly remember as you always brought us joy and were always grounding us when we deviated slightly.

My dear friend you will not be forgotten ever and I am personally looking forward to the day when we are united again so that I can remove the chop sticks from your back pocket. Our Heavenly Father will not forget you, that I am sure of. Love from us all. Dianne be strong and we will embrace you soon.

— **Hans-Peter Molzer**

Wonderful life and memories. Great to read. Love to Diane and family xx

— **Kathy Potts**

It was a pleasure to meet Steve and Diane when I moved to Adelaide to marry Phil Butler, one of Steve's special friends. Every time we got to have a catch up it was entertaining and full of fun and laughter. Phil and I look forward to seeing him in the resurrection full of good health and vigour. We think of you often Diane and know what it's like to lose our loved ones. Our prayers and thoughts are with you continually and we look forward to seeing you sometime next year.

— **Anne Butler**

We are so sorry to hear your news, we are thinking of you at this time, you are in our prayers, 2 Cor 1:3,4 shows how much Jehovah wants to comfort you and your family. We look forward to seeing Steve again in the new system. Lots of Christian love

Paul, Neralee, Sieane and Jack Collie

— **Paul and Neralee Collie**

Steve was a kind and gentle man, loved by many. We will always cherish the fond memories of our trip to Vietnam and look forward to the laughs we'll have together when we remind him of all the funny adventures we had when we get to welcome him back in the not too distant future. Our warmest love and thoughts to all his family and friends. Xx

— **Lawrence and Debbie**

We are so sorry to hear about Steve he was a great guy he will be remembered by us forever.

love Barry & Betty

— **Barry & Betty Leek**

Hi Diane, we are so very sorry to hear your sad news. You were such a loving, caring wife to Steve and made sure to get him the very best treatment. Now he is safe in Jehovahs memory - "wrapped securely in the bag of life with Jehovah" (1 Samuel 25:29). Warmest love Sean and Elaina Xx

— **Sean and Elaina**

Dear Diane,

Thinking of you and praying for Jehovah to support you in this sad chapter of your life.

Lots of love

Elena Joe & Elizabeth

— **Elena & Joe Mucciante**

We will miss Uncle Fieldsy dearly. Despite that we know with certainty that until the appointed time Jehovah will give you the comfort and strength to endure Dysie. Lots of cuddles and prayers for you xoxo

— **Naomi Gosden**

I loved the well written story of my son in laws Stephens life, such a loving kind man- all my love and condolences to Diane and Dineka - your mum xo

— **mary Depledge**

Many good time spent together! looking forward to many more when we see each other again in the new world. sending lots of hugs to you Diane, you are a great role model for wives to follow. enjoy your exploring of Canada, see you next year!

Kirsten

— **Kirsten**

I was deeply affected by the loss of one of my long term mates from the days when we were just boys , In Loxton , making a raft out of oil drums from the town dump and paddling across the flooded Murray to camp , fish & hunt on Katarapko island . Elsie worried sick at home that Mick & I would return without Stevo . I stayed with the family for a year or so at Waikerie when left school with more escapades & fun along with firm grounding in the Truth from Ray & Elsie as mentors . Then lost touch a while but still caught up from time to time till lived nearby again recently and had some more laughs & recollections of our wild & fun days of youth, See you again Ol Mate & hope fully more sooner . You have been such a blessing and the best wife & mate Stevo could hope for Dysie . Look forward to seeing u back in Oz soon Phil & Annie

— **Philip Charles Butler**

Dear Diane

My sincere condolences on the sad news of Steves passing . I hope you will be able to enjoy the

CANADIAN scenery with Lauren and am looking forward to seeing you in 2019 .

ALL my fondest love to you dear

MARGARET

— **Marg Thick**

Diane. We were so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. We remember many fun hours we spent with you both on our travels in Australia and Europe. I'm sure your faith will sustain you until you are reunited. Never forget we are always here for you.

Love Paul & Chris

— **Paul & Chris**

Thank you for sharing this beautiful tribute to Stephen. We hoped his story would have ended differently - we would have loved to have met him and Diane in Mississauga. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

— **Marion Dyke**

Thank you for your touching obituary of Steve's life. Will look forward to our happy reunion with Steve in Jehovah's due time. Thinking of you constantly and glad you have Lauren with you.

Special love always, Joan.

— **Joan Searle**



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