



Stephen Edward Stumpf

January 7, 1951 - March 17, 2016

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1951-2016

Stephen E. Stumpf, 65, of Princeton, Ill., passed away March 17, 2016 at St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Ill.

He was born on January 7, 1951 in Peoria, Ill., to Edward C. and Lela (Klockenga) Stumpf. He graduated from East Peoria High School in 1969 and continued his education at Illinois State University where he received his Bachelors of Geography in 1973. He married Susan E. Swanson on January 27, 1973 in Princeton, Ill.

Stephen was partner in Richard C. Swanson Excavating in Princeton, Ill., for over 30 years and also farmed the Bureau County area. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, and loved to travel and read. Stephen was an avid student of the history of the American West from 1800-1900. He enjoyed studying and traveling to Western American historical, geographical, and geological points of interest. He researched the history of Lewis and Clark and traveled the trail of the Core of Discovery. Other interests of the West included Native American history, the building of the Transcontinental Railroad, the Oregon Trail, and the Mormon Trail. He and his wife took special trips to

unusual geological formations such as Devil Tower, WY., Arches, Yosemite, Zion, and the Grand Canyon National Parks. His favorites were Yellowstone National Park and the Black Hills in South Dakota.

He is survived by his wife, Susan; one daughter, Amy (Eric) Finley, of Bloomington, Ill., and three grandchildren, Mia, Emersyn, and Maddox Finley.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and one son, Stephen C. Stumpf.

Funeral Services will be at 4pm Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at Open Prairie United Church of Christ in Princeton with the Reverend Mary Gay McKinney officiating. Cremation has been accorded.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, at Open Prairie United Church of Christ, Princeton.

Memorials may be directed to Open Prairie United Church of Christ, Princeton, Ill.

Online Condolences may be left at www.norbergfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **29**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Open Prairie United Church of Christ
25 E. Marion Street

Service

MAR **29**. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Sue:

I don't know if you will ever see this message, given the amount of time that has passed since Stephen died. I was shocked to see the obituaries for both of beautiful men in your family. I have not looked into Princeton related information for many years and only today did I see the sad news. You and Stephen were such wonderful friends to my parents. I have such fond memories of the past. Hopefully, you are able to find some peace and happiness each day.

Fritz Goodman

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