



Stephen V. Davis

October 28, 1947 - January 11, 2020

Stephen Davis, 72 of Kearney passed away Saturday, January 11, 2020 at Kearney Regional Medical Center in Kearney. A memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 8, 2020 at O'Brien Straatmann REdinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

Stephen V. "Steve" Davis was born in Newton, Kansas on October 28, 1947. He attended Peabody High School, where he met the love of his life, Patricia I. Coons. They later married on August 27, 1967. After they attended Kansas State University together, Steve and Pat taught at Marion High School for five years, where he began as a History teacher. They moved to Kearney, Nebraska the summer of 1975, where Steve dedicated 31 years of his life by serving the Kearney Public School system; initially as a History teacher and librarian, then later as the Director of Library Services. On January 10, 1985 Steve and Pat proudly welcomed home a baby boy named Matthew. Steve served as President of the State Library Association and the Nebraska Education Association, where he was primarily responsible for convincing the public libraries and school libraries to join together and work to better promote education and research for communities.

Steve was a member of many different clubs and groups in the community; one he particularly enjoyed was the Kiwanis Club. Though he was quietly accomplished in so many ways, Steve always said his greatest achievement

was raising his son to be a wonderful man, and seeing his two grandchildren become loving human beings.

Steve passed away on January 11, 2020, but he remains living through his older brothers, Richard and Robert Davis; his devoted wife, Pat; his son, Matt; and his grandchildren; along with the many lives he touched along his own life journey.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation care of O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Funeral services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen V. Davis*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *I am sorry about the passing of Steve. We worked together at Cabela's after he retired from teaching. He was always so kind and pleasant to work with. What a loving guy. I have not seen him in many years but know you will miss him. May peace and the joy he brought be with you always.*

Mary Jo Jarecke - February 07, 2020 at 05:14 PM



“ *Pat and Matt and family: I knew Steve, but I sure wish I had known him better. Steve and I became acquainted at Cabela's, in about maybe 2007 or so. Oh, how he and I would argue, during breaks in the break-room, about politics. He was a storehouse of facts to back up his views. I cherish those good arguments that I had with this good and kind and reasonable man. In more recent years, I would bump into Steve at various Kearney places. The last time was in the waiting area of the hospital, maybe in about 2015. We cursed and discussed our health problems, and the challenges and blessings our respective families were having. Condolences to the Davis family at this time. --Lennis Sytsma of Kearney.*

Lennis Sytsma - January 29, 2020 at 10:45 PM

KP

“ Steve Davis was just a wonderful human being. I worked with Steve at Sunrise Middle School and Steve was always helpful and kind. Steve always talked about his wife Patsy and son Matt. Steve worked hard to make Sunrise library very efficient for students and staff. Steve was very kind and generous. Blessings to the family during this time. Kipp Petersen

Kipp Petersen - January 19, 2020 at 07:38 AM

RA

“ Lifting up prayers of comfort. Mr. Davis was always so very helpful at the Media Center at Kearney High School. I enjoyed visiting with him a few years ago. He was such a passionate man. Mrs. Davis, I am so very sorry for your loss. Blessings to you and your family. Sincerely,
Ranae (Loeffelholz) Aspen

Ranae Aspen - January 17, 2020 at 04:34 PM

RA

“ Ranae Aspen lit a candle in memory of Stephen V. Davis



Ranae Aspen - January 17, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ Very sorry for your loss, Pat and Matthew. You are all in our prayers. We have very fond memories of Steve. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, and may light perpetual shine up on them. Fr. Chuck and Nancy Peek

Charles Peek - January 16, 2020 at 04:24 PM

TM

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire family on the passing of Steve. Many wonderful Peabody memories of the Davis family. Prayers of comfort in the days to come.*

Teresa Yoder Maples

Teresa Yoder Maples - January 16, 2020 at 02:32 PM

JS

Our condolences to the entire Davis family. We miss Steve bringing his dog Jackson in to board with us. Our prayers are with you. Happy Tails pet lodge.

Jann Stauffer - January 17, 2020 at 08:58 AM

RB

Rusty Baker here, just now heard of this. Him an Pat both were just behind us in Peabody High School. Her brother Mike was in our class. I think I talked with him an pat a couple yrs. ago at Peabody Mem. Day Lunch. Hope the family is doing well. RUSTY

rusty baker - January 17, 2020 at 06:32 PM

RM

Matt and Pat: We were so sorry to hear about Steve. I was glad to have visited with him at Cruise Nite a couple of summers ago. I thought of him often after his stroke and he was always in my prayers. We have many great memories of his days at Kearney High. He was always so helpful and pleasant to work with. Our deepest sympathy. Tom and Regina McCann

Regina McCann - January 21, 2020 at 04:45 PM

RH

Pat and Matt: Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I can always remember Steve riding on the school van to all of our out of town football games as he was our "Film Man" and he was always willing to help us in anyway that he could. He was a very hard worker in all of his endeavors. Rest In Peace good friend; your patience and helping hands enabled you to touch the lives of many students and faculty at Kearney High in a very positive way. Riley and Joan Harris

Riley Harris - February 07, 2020 at 09:22 AM