

Steven J. Schumacher

10/08/1943 - 07/11/2021



Steve Schumacher, age 77, of Branson, Missouri, formerly of Wayne, NE died July 11, 2021, at Cox South Hospital in Springfield, MO after a brief illness. Services will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne on Saturday, July 31, at 10:30 a.m. Visitation will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Friday, July 30, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Interment with Military Rites will be at Greenwood Cemetery in Wayne. Arrangements are with Hasemann Funeral Home of Wayne.

Steve was born October 8, 1943, in Cedar Rapids, IA to William J. Schumacher and Marian L. (Cranston) Schumacher. He graduated from Logan High School in 1962, attended college in Norfolk, NE, and the University of South Dakota Vermillion before receiving his Mortuary Science Degree from the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science in Dallas, TX in 1966. He served his nation in the United States Army for two years including serving as a medic during the Vietnam War. Steve's career in funeral service was also shared by his father, brother, and both grandfathers. He completed his funeral service apprenticeship at Cutler Funeral Home in Council Bluffs, IA, and later was employed as a funeral director at Lattin-Dugan-Chambers Funeral Home in Fremont. Steve married Donna J. (Nieman) Triggs December 1, 1972, at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Logan, IA. In 1973, the couple moved to Wayne where they owned and operated Schumacher Funeral Homes until retiring in 1998. Steve was an avid wood carver and active in the Rotary Club and various volunteer roles in the

community. Most notably, he served during Sioux City's Flight 232 tragic plane crash in 1989.

Steve married Ruth (Behr) Puls June 11, 2004, in Pierre, SD. The couple resided in Wayne for 2 years before moving to Branson, Missouri in 2006 to fulfill Steve's dream of retiring in Branson. A highpoint of his time there was serving as house manager for Andy Williams at the Moon River Theatre. He enjoyed serving Andy and meeting the stars and guest artists. He continued his wood carving hobby while volunteering at Silver Dollar City, Peter Engler Designs, and teaching carving classes for 20 years for the Mid-America Woodcarvers "Doane Experience" in the summer in Crete, NE.

Steve is survived by his wife, Ruth; their children, Sheri (Mick) Kemp of Wayne, Jeff (Peggy) Triggs of Wayne, Jennifer (Shannon) Feuerbach of Keystone, IA, Dustin Puls of Seward; six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and a sister, Suzanne Schenk of Colorado Springs, CO.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Donna J. Schumacher in 2003; brother, Scott Schumacher; brother-in-law, Robert Schenk, and parents-in-law.

Steve's family appreciates your thoughts, prayers, and kindness shown to them at this time. Please join them for lunch in St. Mary's Holy Family Hall. Memorials may be made to Mid-American Woodcarver's Association, P.O. Box 540314, Omaha, NE 68154.