



## Stephan Gordon Bechtold

September 14, 1949 - July 9, 2020

Dateline: Delhi

Stephan Gordon Bechtold, 70, died at 9:16 p.m. Thursday, July 9, 2020 at his home in Delhi. Born September 14, 1949 in Alton, he was the son of Laura (Wunderlich) Bechtold of Godfrey and the late Elmer J. Bechtold. He retired from the U.S. Navy and as a machinist for the Olin Corporation. He was a member of the St. Michael's Catholic Church in Beltress as well as the VFW Post 1308, the Machinist Union Local 660 and was a 4th Degree with the Godfrey Knights of Columbus. On January 23, 1971 he married the former Sandra Faye Blaine at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Beltrees. She survives. Along with his mother and wife he is survived by a daughter, Michelle Johnson (Bobby) of Flemington, MO, a son, Sgt. 1st Class Mathew Bechtold of Fife, WA and a "nother one son" Sgt. 1st Class retired Eric Angle of Tacoma, WA, four grandchildren, Stephan Johnson (Amber), Garrett Johnson (Hayley), David Johnson, and Samuel Bechtold, six great grandchildren, Naomi, Gage, Peyton, Rayven, Keeley and Shelton. He is also survived by two brothers, Mark Bechtold (Karen) of Godfrey and Michael Bechtold (Susan) of Godfrey, a sister, Marcia Wheeler (Pat) of Godfrey, his mother-in-law, Inez Blaine of Pocahontas, Arkansas, and two sisters-in-law, Gail Walls (Steve) of Mulberry Grove, IL and Brenda White (Dave) of Pocahontas, Arkansas and many loving nieces and nephews and close military friends that became extended family. Along with his father, he was

preceded in death by two brothers, David and Timothy Bechtold. Graveside services will be at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at St. Michael's Cemetery in Beltrous, IL with full military honors by the VFW Post 1308. Father Steven Janoski will officiate. Memorials may be made to the VFW Post 1308 Ritual Team or The Godfrey Knights of Columbus. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUL 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Michael's Cemetery  
Beltrees  
Beltrees, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stephan Gordon Bechtold*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Stephan Gordon Bechtold*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Peace and Love, Mark and Leticia Wooley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Stephan Gordon Bechtold.*



**Peace and Love, Mark and Leticia Wooley** - July 14, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ *Curt and JoEllen Knowles purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Stephan Gordon Bechtold.*



**Curt and JoEllen Knowles** - July 14, 2020 at 10:32 AM

LR

“ To the whole family Richard and i send our prayers he was a dear friend and being precom on the Oliver Hazard Perry FFG 7. we were close friends with Sandy and the kids. Louise spent many days at there home on the base mayport Fla. RIP big guy . Richard and Louise Raymond

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**Louise Raymond** - July 13, 2020 at 06:31 PM

DS

“ Steve was a great man and the world will miss him a lot. Love and Prayers to Steve and his whole family. Signed The Dale Schroeder Family

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**Dale Schroeder** - July 13, 2020 at 12:18 PM

JS

“ Our deepest sympathy to Sandra and family. Virgil and JoDell Stormer

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**Jo Dell (Downing) Stormer** - July 12, 2020 at 05:02 PM

AB

“ Great friend from Olin

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**Abe Barham** - July 11, 2020 at 09:50 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Stephan Gordon Bechtold.



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July 11, 2020 at 07:27 PM

BT

“ *Sympathy to the entire family. Rest In Peace. I know his Mother. Laura, this is Betty Golike Thornton.*

**Betty Golike Thornton** - July 11, 2020 at 07:18 PM

GG

“ *Sorry for your loss.*



**Gary & Gloria** - July 11, 2020 at 06:49 PM

SP

“ *Steve will sadly be missed. He never had a cross word to say, he was always a welcome to see. Heartfelt prayers for your family. They say God only takes the best. Sue Parrish*

**Sue Parrish** - July 11, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Stephan Gordon Bechtold.*



July 11, 2020 at 03:34 PM

ET

“ Sending prayers, sympathy, and thoughts to the family. Sandra and all I'm so very sorry for your all's loss. Praying for you all.



Evie Jo Totty - July 11, 2020 at 03:26 PM

JS

“ He was our best friend was stationed in rota spain with him great cheff ate a lot of good cooking even let us get stuff from freezer on duty night rip my friend see ya on other side love joey



joey shorette - July 11, 2020 at 03:13 PM

KW

*My prayers go out to the family of Steve. Rest In peace.*

*Ken Wunderlich*

Kenneth Wunderlich - July 11, 2020 at 03:53 PM

DK

*Sandy....I am so sorry for your loss....This year seems to be calling a lot of people home....You are in my prayers...please convey my sympathies to the family....Donna Klein*

Donna Klein - July 13, 2020 at 02:58 AM

PW

*My prayers go out to Steve's family.*

Patrick Worsham - July 13, 2020 at 08:40 AM

DS

*Sympathy to Steve's family. When we were kids, our family visited Steve's family several times, and had great fun. Steve took me on my first "snipe hunt". He and his family are wonderful people. Dan Schroeder*

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**Dan Schroeder** - July 14, 2020 at 09:49 AM