



## Stephen G. Saale

June 18, 1966 - December 28, 2022

Dateline: Brighton

Stephen “Steve” G. Saale, died peacefully at home, with his family at his side on December 28, 2022, after a courageous battle with an aggressive form of brain cancer. He was 56 years old, born June 18, 1966, in Alton, and was the son of Patricia (Astroth) Saale of Jerseyville and the late Carl Saale. As luck would have it, he met the love of his life and his future wife of 17 years through mutual acquaintances, and on June 18, 2005, he married the former Jane (Beem) Jansen at Lockhaven Country Club. She survives.

Steve was full of life, and he was blessed in so many ways. The world has lost a loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, brother-in-law, and friend. Steve was one of six children, boasted four children of his own as well as two grandchildren and he loved his family, especially his two grandchildren, Hatley and Hayden. He loved the outdoors and took pride in taking care of his yard and his home as he was a handyman in all things. He enjoyed fishing and was grateful to have property to take care of in Lake Shipman, IL, for over 30 years. He was an avid fisher, golfer, and he loved to travel. He took many trips with his wife and family, and he also took motorcycle trips with his longtime friends.

Along with his mother and wife he is survived by four children, Phillip Saale (Lacie) of Waterloo, Haley Jansen of Godfrey, Taylor Jansen of Brighton, and Logan Jansen of Cottage Hills, two grandchildren, Hatley and Hayden Saale, three brothers, Dr. Thomas Saale (Cheryl) of Brentwood, TN, Dr. Daniel Saale

of Dublin, OH, and Ronald Saale (Karen) of Godfrey, and two sisters, Barbara Mourlam (Jeffrey) of Shawnee Mission, KS, and Dr. Mary Saale (William Croxton) of Fenton, MO, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Alton. People wishing to honor Steve may make memorials to the Beem Family Foundation. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of the arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph's Cemetery

525 East 4th Street  
Alton, IL 62002

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 466-5544  
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 3. 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
4th and Henry Street  
Alton, IL 62002

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen G. Saale*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Stephen G. Saale*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Sending our love and hugs to you Jane and all your family! You've been in our prayers. We made a donation to the Beem Family Foundation, and wanted you to know that it was made in memory of Steve. He was such a wonderful man and will be missed by so many people. Love to all, Patsy and Wayne Gono*

**Patsy Gono** - January 11, 2023 at 04:40 PM



“ *Nikki Fiedler lit a candle in memory of Stephen G. Saale*



**Nikki Fiedler** - January 03, 2023 at 12:08 PM

FB

“ We are so very sorry to hear this sad news. Steve was such a kind, gentle man, we first met him when he worked with his dad in their business on Humbert Road. Jane, we send our love and healing prayers to you and all of your family. Frank and Donna Bemis

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**Frank and Donna Bemis** - January 02, 2023 at 01:17 PM

LM

“ Love, Jeff & Kim Maynard purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Stephen G. Saale.



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**Love, Jeff & Kim Maynard** - January 02, 2023 at 10:47 AM

NK

“ *Dear Jane and Family*

*I always will remember Steve as a gentle and quiet person, who accompanied his wife to so many IAPD venues, conferences, and golf-outings. He was always fun to be around at the social meetings. As my cousin Rudy also died of an aggressive brain tumor, I know what you went through the last months. It is so sad to see how somebody gets switched out so fast by such a ferocious illness. I am sorry that he and all his loved ones had to go through such a nightmare like this!*

*I also will never forget how you and Steve comforted me as my mother died in Austria during an IAPD convention in Charleston in Austria. Your hugs gave me much solace! So, I send a big hug to you and wish you strength, although in our believe a goodbye is only the beginning of the anticipation of seeing each other again. Today at t 5.pm my time in Kaprun and will say a prayer for Steve. The Klepsch Family and I express our deepest sympathy to you and your family!*

*Your  
Nick*

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**Nick W. Kraguljac** - January 02, 2023 at 10:38 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Stephen G. Saale.*



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January 02, 2023 at 10:11 AM

SM

“ *My deepest sympathies to Jane & family. So sorry for your loss.  
Sharon Manns*

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**Sharon Manns** - January 01, 2023 at 10:07 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Stephen G. Saale.*



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January 01, 2023 at 08:21 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen G. Saale.*



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December 31, 2022 at 03:36 PM



“ *Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Stephen G. Saale.*



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December 31, 2022 at 02:53 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen G. Saale.*



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December 31, 2022 at 12:58 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Stephen G. Saale.*



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December 30, 2022 at 08:11 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen G. Saale.*



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December 30, 2022 at 06:24 PM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Stephen G. Saale.*



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December 30, 2022 at 04:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Stephen G. Saale.*



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December 30, 2022 at 09:47 AM

BB

“ Our condolences to Jane and family. We are so sorry for your loss. Prayers going up.  
*Bev Bach and family*

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**Beverly Bach** - December 30, 2022 at 09:31 AM

LT

“ *Larry and I are sorry to hear about Steve passing. We send our deepest condolence to you and your family. Steve was a Wonderful guy. When we go down to the Ozark's Steve would go a day ahead of us pinochle girls and stock the beverages, snacks, and anything else that we needed . Steve was always so friendly to us. We are all going to miss Steve. Jane you did a wonderful job being by his side and keeping him in good spirits. He is at peace now. May God bless you and your family. We have you in our prayers.*

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**Larry and Judy Thompson** - December 30, 2022 at 12:21 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Stephen G. Saale.*



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December 29, 2022 at 11:20 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Stephen G. Saale.*



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December 29, 2022 at 10:54 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen G. Saale.* ”



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December 29, 2022 at 09:21 PM

TC

“ *The Weaver*

*by Grant Colfax Tullar (1869-1950)*

*My life is but a weaving  
Between my God and me.  
I cannot choose the colours  
He weaveth steadily.*

*Of't times He weaveth sorrow;  
And I in foolish pride  
Forget He sees the upper,  
And I the underside.*

*Not 'til the loom is silent  
And the shuttles cease to fly,  
Will God unroll the canvas  
And reveal the reason why.*

*The dark threads are as needful  
In the weaver's skillful hand,  
As the threads of gold and silver  
In the pattern He has planned.*

*He knows, He loves, He cares;  
Nothing this truth can dim.  
He gives the very best to those  
Who leave the choice to Him.*

*Sending our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Thomas Croxton** - December 29, 2022 at 08:05 PM



“ *Lord's Prayer 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Stephen G. Saale.*



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December 29, 2022 at 07:10 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to your family. Thanks for all the good memories cousin Steve. May god bless you in heaven. Michael & LaVerne Astroth Family*

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**MICHAEL ASTROTH** - December 29, 2022 at 06:32 PM



“ *My heart breaks for the family. He was a true warrior. He loved his family with his entire being. Heaven gained an angel but there will be a great void here on earth. Prayers and love.*

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**Margaret Freer** - December 29, 2022 at 05:24 PM