



Steven E. Brenegan

February 20, 1946 - May 6, 2020

Dateline: Godfrey

Steven E. Brenegan, 74 died at 8:23 a.m. Wednesday May 6, 2020 at OSF St. Anthony's Health Care in Alton. Born February 20, 1946 in LaCrosse WI, he was the son of Allan and Betty (Jefson) Brenegan. On June 1, 1966, he married the love of his life, Diane Hauge in Belmond, Iowa. She survives. Steve has two daughters, Tori Bunse of Godfrey and Heather Corbitt (David) of Swansea, IL, three grandchildren, Teryn Brenegan, Nicholas Brenegan, and Claire Bunse, two great grandchildren, Carter Brenegan, and Kamdyn Brenegan, a brother, Michael Brenegan (Gail) of Apple Valley, MN and sister, Debra Sieger (Robert) of Madison, WI. Steve also has multiple nieces and nephews all over the country. Steve was an avid golfer and said he was mistaken for Jack Nicholas on occasion. He enjoyed numerous Cardinal Baseball Games including a World Series win! Steve tended a beautiful flower garden at the instruction of wife Diane, and won the Pride Award one year. Steve had a love for working with individuals with disabilities devoting 50 years to his profession. He was the Senior VP of Sales and Marketing for Challenge Unlimited in Alton. He was faithful member of The River Church. Steve never met a stranger. It was not uncommon on a family vacation for Steve to run into an old friend or make a new one. In lieu of flowers, friends of Steve may donate to the Dream Center at The River Church, Alton IL. On Wednesday, May 13, 2020 from 5:00-7:00 p.m., friends are invited to a drive-

thru visitation at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. On Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. immediate family will gather for a graveside service at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Friends are invited to line their cars alongside the gravesite. This fall, the family is planning a golf outing in celebration of Steve's life. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memorial Park

2308 W. Delmar Ave.
Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Steven E. Brenegan*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Steven E. Brenegan*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Although it has been over thirty years since I had business dealings with Steve, I still remember him as a good guy and a real advocate for the challenged. We kept some contact over the years and Steve and I always had some good conversation. I will miss him. Kevin Rust*

Kevin Rust - May 31, 2020 at 02:28 PM



“ *Heather- I was saddened to hear of the death of your father. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy for your loss. You and your loved ones are in my prayers.*



Sincerely

Debbie Kotras

Deborah Kotras - May 20, 2020 at 12:48 PM

DI

“ Diane - I wish we could give you a big hug. We loved Steve. The two of you were amazing together... such an example of true love. You are in our prayers. Steve was a great man who will be missed by so many.

Love,
Denise and Ed

Denise Ingram - May 13, 2020 at 04:16 PM

LR

“ Steve was one of my true Friends in life. We spent many enjoyable hours playing golf on the weekend's, starting many wonderful years ago in the Henry Saenz and Pat Kane group at Rolling Hills G/C. We also played in many tournaments as teammates and enjoyed numerous golf trips together, that I will remember for ever.


Steve was also a passionate competitor. The time I will remember for ever; our group was playing at Emerald Greens G/C. Playing hole #17 a par (3); I hit first and my ball came with end (2) feet on the hole. The majority of the time good enough to win any closes to the pin competition. Then Steve steps up a hits his ball within one foot on the hole and wins all the money.

We truly enjoyed our visits with Steve and Diane in Branson Mo. and special family gathering. I will always have many fond memories and we will miss him. We send all our love and sympathy to his family.

Larry and Barb

Larry G REA - May 13, 2020 at 02:37 PM

TA

“ Diane and family - you are in my prayers. Steve was my touchstone for many years. Work will never be the same. He touched so many lives! May God bless you during this difficult time. Steve will ALWAYS hold a special place in my 
Tami Anstedt

Tami Anstedt - May 12, 2020 at 07:18 PM

KK

“ Steve and I played many rounds of golf over the past 30 years. He and I had plans to play soon after "this thing turns the corner". Sadly that won't happen but I cherish the many great times we've had on and off the golf course. I fondly remember one such time at Augusta National many years ago when Steve provided the tickets to join him and his friends at the Masters. What a treat! And what a kind and gracious man that will be greatly missed. My heart goes out to Diane, the girls, and the entire family.

Rest in peace my dear friend.

Keith Kovacik

Keith Kovacik - May 12, 2020 at 01:24 PM

MW

“ Hi, my name is Mildred Walker, I met Steve back in 1990 and we hit it off right away. He always had a smile on his face when we talked about the individuals we served. It was a blessing to have crossed paths with Steve. My sincere condolences to the family of Steve. We will miss him greatly at Challenge Unlimited. May God bless you and keep you in this time.

Mildred Walker - May 12, 2020 at 11:10 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Steven E. Brenegan.*



May 11, 2020 at 08:10 PM



“ *Stunned to hear the news. Steve, my friend for 39 years and the guy who first made me aware of working dedicated people with "dis"abilities, I'll miss you but always have fond memories of ball games, golfing together, and going out to "have a little sandwich" for lunch. Thanks for everything.*

Rest well my friend, and remember, they "play in up" in Heaven.

-Rob



Rob Libera - May 11, 2020 at 03:53 PM

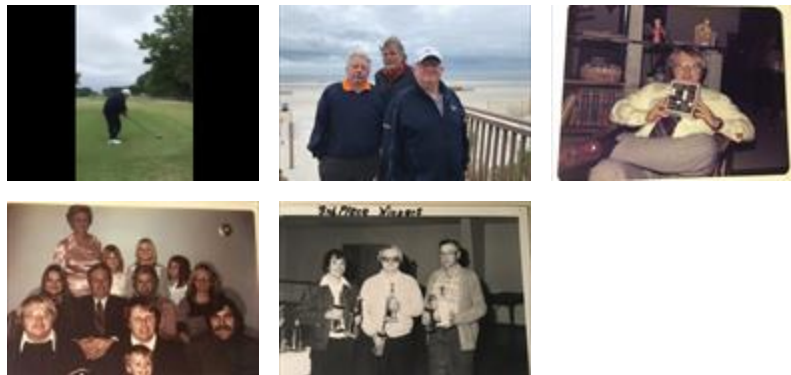
LP

“ Steve was such a nice person and a pleasure to work with and I will miss him. Steve regularly had a smile on his face when we talked and a positive perspective. Steve was loved by our clients and provided meaningful work for thousands of people with disabilities at Challenge over the years and was so good at getting work that he provided overflow work for other agencies at times, as well. Steve would tease and remind me about how we were “working in the trenches” together as he would call it, especially when we worked more closely during the Alpha Industries era. Steve was a good influence on us all. My condolences to Diane and all of the family.

Leo Poettker - May 11, 2020 at 12:36 PM

HC

“ 18 files added to the album Memories Album



Heather Corbitt - May 11, 2020 at 11:54 AM

JG

“ Steve was always kind and had a smile for everyone. He will be greatly missed by those who worked with him.

Janet Gentry - May 11, 2020 at 11:44 AM

PC

“ Heather and Tori, I'm holding you both close in my thoughts and prayers at this heartbreaking time. Hoping you find comfort in the love people are sending your way and in the love your dad gave you. Peace to you and your families, Polly Chase

Polly Chase - May 11, 2020 at 09:43 AM

MK

“ So sorry to hear of Steve's passing. When I was little his dad....my uncle...would share his cool clothes with me when Steve was tired of them 😊 they were always the best.

Mike King - May 10, 2020 at 08:44 AM

DW

“ Steve and I played many games of golf together. It was a pleasure to know Steve and his unwavering love for his wife Diane was always obvious. He was always concerned about other people and was considerate of everyone around him. I am sorry for the loss to Diane and the entire family

Dan Wickenhauser

Dan Wickenhauser - May 09, 2020 at 09:58 PM

DP

*Dear Mike & Gail,
I am so sorry to hear about Steve. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Dianne 🙏*

Dianne Pintar - May 10, 2020 at 09:58 AM

TO

Sad to read about the passing of my childhood friend Steve. We grew up together on Hyde Avenue as next door neighbors. Played football together as kids, and against each other in high school. Maybe even did a few things I can't write about?? Many fond memories with Steve! RIP my friend

Tom Ostlund - May 10, 2020 at 11:00 AM

TM

Steve was one of the finest people I know and had the privilege to work with. He will be deeply missed by Diane and his family as well as his work family.

He was a true champion to the disabled. His optimism and his attitude "that we can do this" was a driving force that motivated all around him.

We are all better people for having known him and I personally wii deeply miss him.

Steve has left us a legacy of hope and service to others that will be hard to match.

Tom Moehn

tom moehn - May 10, 2020 at 03:24 PM



So sorry to read of Steve's passing - my late husband, Dave Gregory, had such wonderful memories and stories of growing up along side Steve. Sending special thoughts to Diane and all the family. Dian Gregory, La Crosse WI

Dian Gregory - May 11, 2020 at 09:51 AM

CK

I send my heartfelt condolences to Steve's family. I am so very sorry for your loss. In the short time we have worked together Steve has become very endearing to me. I already miss his presence in my days. His legacy and spirit will continue at Challenge Unlimited. I am a better person for having known him.

Catherine Klostermann

Catherine Klostermann - May 11, 2020 at 10:56 AM

JE

I am so sorry for your loss. Steve and I became friends at Challenge Unlimited over this last year and his enthusiasm and love for his job will be missed. He always had great stories to share and always had a bit of wisdom and insight that he would love to pass along!

Jon E

Jon Edgar - May 11, 2020 at 11:32 AM

TM

I am sorry for your loss. I knew Steve from Challenge Unlimited and he was very dedicated to his job. The clients always enjoyed seeing him. He will be greatly missed.

Tammy Marsh

Tammy Marsh - May 11, 2020 at 11:41 AM

GB

It is 10 am on May 14th. We sit here and reflect on our memories of Steve and send you Diane Tori Heather and families hugs as you go thru this day. I think of the time when I first met Steve at Waldorf and I was able to ride back and forth with Steve and Paul from school to home. He sure knew how to make a person feel good about themselves. The best memory is when we got a surprise visit from the two of you in Branson. Hugs to your family. May your faith and your friends and family surround you today and all the tomorrows. Love Gail and John

Gail Box - May 13, 2020 at 11:48 AM