



## Steven V. Mainer

October 22, 1959 - June 15, 2016

Dateline: Belleville

Steven V. Mainer, 56, died at 9:22 a.m. Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Belleville. Born October 22, 1959 in St. Louis, MO, he was the son of Lowell V. and Dorothy (Lence) Mainer of Godfrey. He graduated from Alton Senior High School and S.I.U. Edwardsville with a degree in Mass Communication. Steve started his newspaper career early as a paper boy for the Alton Telegraph where he also did his internship. After college he worked as a reporter and copy editor for papers in Corpus Christie, Orange, and Beaumont, Texas. He later moved to Belleville to work for the Belleville News Democrat as an editor. He was an avid runner and swimmer. He loved to travel in his younger years especially to Maine and Florida. Steve was baptized at the Godfrey Church of Christ at an early age. Along with his parents he is survived by two brothers, Mark Mainer of Alton and Michael Mainer (Caron) of St. Peters, MO, four nephews and 2 nieces, and dear friend Donna Weeks. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ernest and Gladys Lence of Cobden, IL, Rosetta and Ralph Brown of Jonesboro, IL and a niece Kristen Mainer. Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, July 18, 2016 at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Alton. Reverend James Lampley will officiate. Memorials may be made to the Godfrey Church of Christ, American Heart Association, the 5A's Animal Shelter in Alton or a memorial of one's choice. 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

JUN 18. 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Joseph's Cemetery  
525 East 4th Street  
Alton, IL 62002

# Tribute Wall



“ Steven V. Mainer

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Steven V. Mainer

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ It is so sad when one's child passes before you, no matter the age. I don't think I met Steven but I am sure he was a fine young man and he being a Christian makes him my brother. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Bev Zagar

Bev Zagar - June 18, 2016 at 07:27 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Steven V. Mainer.



June 17, 2016 at 10:26 PM

PK

“ Steve was working on the copydesk when I arrived at the Belleville News-Democrat 32 years ago. He was so welcoming and friendly. Made me feel like I belonged there right away. He was a good editor, good co-worker and a great friend. He kidded me about working in Texas, being a Saluki and Willie Nelson. I will miss his smile, calming influence and sense of humor. I am a better person for knowing him.

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**Patrick Kuhl** - June 17, 2016 at 02:50 PM

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“ BND purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Steven V. Mainer.



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**BND** - June 17, 2016 at 02:02 PM

SB

“ To all of Steve's family, I want you to know how much I enjoyed working with him over the years at the paper. We would stop and chat in the hallway long after I moved to another department. He always said hello and asked how life was. I will miss seeing his smiling face. Turning a corner into the newsroom and not seeing him sitting at his desk saddens me. I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers.  
Suzanne Boyle

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**Suzanne Boyle** - June 17, 2016 at 12:43 PM