



Steven J. Baird

April 24, 2022

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Steven Jay Baird on April 24, 2022, at age 69. Steve was the son of Betty Baird (Slechta) and John (Jack) K. Baird. He spent his childhood relocating across the country, to places including Japan and Taiwan, in a military family lifestyle. Upon graduating from high school, he joined the Marines in 1970, following closely in his father's footsteps. When he completed bootcamp, he was sent directly to fight in Vietnam, where he unbelievably ran into his dad in Saigon where they saw Vietnam duty as father and son at the same time.

After his stint with the Marine Corps, Steve did odd jobs around the country until settling down in Wheeling, IL and securing a job with the US Postal service. After retirement from the postal service, he then went to live with his sister Lindy and niece Rachel in Colorado, but always retained his Cubs devotion. Steve loved and enjoyed watching all sports. He was a quiet man with a big heart and loved kids, so he easily fell into the role of beloved surrogate father to his niece, Rachel, while living with his sister in Ft. Collins. Steve was a central figure in most of her life, and later, he was blessed to also become "Grandpa" to Rachel's daughter, Jersey. He brought his easygoing mindset and playful antics to the delight of baby Jersey and loved teaching her all about his favorite sports.

He was preceded in death by his parents and will be so deeply missed by his

four siblings, nieces and nephew—Brenda Baird; Teresa (Mike) Milewski and their children Karie (Eric) and Doug; Lindy Westcott and daughter Rachel and grandniece Jersey; Doug (Kim) Baird and daughter Helena, and their recently connected half-sister Marjan, and family.

Tribute Wall



“ Steven J. Baird

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences to the Baird family. Oddly, I personally did not know Steve, but I believe we went to the same High School (Glenbrook South, Glenview, IL). Steve was a few years older but through a mutual friend, Pam, several of us started to write letters to Steve when he went to Viet Nam. I found those letters about 10 years ago. My niece used them for a class assignment she did in high school regarding the war. She did a beautiful job. Fast forward to last year. She came across her report and the letters. We decided to look for Steve so we could return the letters and give him the binder report. In memory of Steve and his service to his country, I would be honored to pass along these letters to his family.

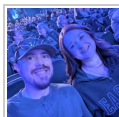
Jodie jd7799@aol.com

Jodie Dinelli - May 15, 2022 at 04:47 PM



What a beautiful tribute! You brought tears to my eyes. We would be honored to read anything, to, from, or about Steve. Bless you. I can be reached at lwestcott419@comcast.net

Lindy Westcott - May 20, 2022 at 10:53 PM



Jodie,
I'm Steve's niece and he was the closest thing I've ever had to a dad. I'd love to read these letters if you still have them! ❤️

Rachel Victoria - May 20, 2022 at 11:08 PM

BB

Hi Jodie, I'm Brenda Baird... Steve's sister; we were 2 years apart in age; haven't seen him much in the last several years; mostly cuz I live in California & he moved to Colorado from Illinois to live w/our sister Lindy. I would LOVE LOVE LOVE to see those letters, especially anything he wrote. Thank you dear! ❤️

Brenda Baird - December 06, 2022 at 04:56 PM

JO

*Hi Lindy, Rachel and Brenda.
I still have Steve's letters and report binder. I have, again, reached out to Lindy via her email for an address. I would be so happy to pass this package along to family. My email is JD7799@AOL.COM
Hope you all are doing well. Jodie*

JodieDinelli - January 23, 2023 at 10:01 PM

ND

“ Thank you for making our Christmases extra special while growing up. Milewski clan will forever miss you!

Nephew Doug - May 13, 2022 at 04:46 PM

TE

“ Steve, the memories are overwhelming. You were an awesome brother. You are always going to be part of me. I am missing you so much, it breaks my heart.

Teresa - May 13, 2022 at 12:31 AM



“ *Stevie-Weevie, I will miss not being able to reminisce about early life with you, dear! You were a kind-hearted man and all who knew you loved you. Big HUG! ❤️❤️*



Brenda Baird - May 07, 2022 at 03:55 PM

LW

“ *I will always love you big brother. You were one of a kind! Rest in peace.*

Lindy Westcott - May 05, 2022 at 09:45 PM