



Steven Edward Ley Jr.

October 3, 2020

Steven Edward Ley, Jr. burst on to the scene at 10 lbs and 6 oz on February 25, 1978 in Greeley, Colorado. As he was a surprise several years after his sisters, he was enthusiastically welcomed and adored by his parents Kathleen (Jaynes) Ley and Steven Edward Ley, Sr. and his sisters Wendy and Marnie. He was the king of the castle and our lives, so much so that his grandparents nicknamed him "The Heir Apparent". As a child Stevie had a fondness for Star Wars, Voltron, GI Joe, Knight Rider, Dukes of Hazard, and his Big Wheel. He was known to ride his Big Wheel off of the back of his dad's pickup shouting, "Yee Haw!". He was the center of our world and he knew it.

The Ley family moved to Aurora, Colorado in 1986 and Stevie relished riding his bike, playing football, watching the Broncos, camping, fly fishing, playing video games and funny innocent pranks. In 1991, his niece Taylor was born. He doted on her and was her favorite babysitter. Taylor and Stevie shared a special bond and as adults became buddies and roommates. Steve's parents divorced during this time and his father remarried Linda (Sorenson) Ley in 1992. This brought him several stepsiblings: Michelle, Jennifer, Rebecca, and Richard. It was during this time he discovered his passion for reading. Stevie read voraciously and sought books on nature, the universe, world history, Star Wars, and humor. Being an only son, Stevie admired, and relished time spent with his brothers-in-law Matthew and Buck. Video games were often played or discussed in their time together. At Colorado's Finest High School, he met his

best friend and brother in all things, Dan Phillips. They were and continued to be like Han and Chewie. He graduated in 1998 earning the Presidential Excellence Award and the Englewood Educator's Scholarship and shortly after moved to California for a new adventure.

In California, Steve worked as a bartender at the Sky Room in Long Beach and The Balboa Bay Club in Newport Beach. He met lifelong friends whom he treasured and brought him so much delight and stimulating adventures. Through them he found a fondness of Pho, triathlon racing, going to the horse races and more. Additional nieces and nephews arrived on the scene who loved to climb all over and play with their Uncle Stevie. Harrison Thomas, Reagan Dame, Pierce Thomas and Maddie Dame all remember the Christmas Uncle Stevie caught a picture of Santa going up the chimney while they slept. They remember his tight hugs where he would pick them up and shake them around so they would "feel" his love. Steve also taught himself how to cook and became the best chef in the family. His butternut squash spaetzle was a fan favorite and no holiday was complete without it. Steve really loved triathlon racing. He began with sprints and moved to Olympic length and eventually completed an Iron Man. The look of relief, joy and accomplishment reflected on his face when he crossed the finish line and heard the announcement, "Steven Ley, you are an Iron-Man!" will be a source of pride for his family forever.

In 2012 Steve met the love of his life, Julia Calvert. They shared a passion for nature, movies, SNL, hiking, and sarcasm. They were married in a beautiful backyard ceremony in Sacramento on October 20, 2013. They enjoyed living near the beach in Redondo and Long Beach and all that California had to offer. Eventually, Steve's yen for the mountains of Colorado became too strong and they moved to Northern Colorado in 2015. In Colorado Steve and Julia were able to spend more time hiking and camping and communing with nature. Steve continued to come up with more recipes and even started

manipulating Julia's Italian family recipes. This could have ended in cement shoes for him. Luckily, Steve was a very good cook and received the highly sought-after stamp of approval from Julia's mom, Nancy. While in Northern Colorado, Steve worked at Noosa Yoghurt in production and then at J.M. Smucker's as a Team Leader. As he did everywhere he went, Steve made so many friends that he cherished and enjoyed the time spent together.

Steve was a rapacious reader and had an amazing breadth of knowledge that spanned anything you can imagine. Steve was devoted to his wife, loved his family, and treasured his friends. He was a true weissenheimer and always kept everyone entertained. He was loyal, funny, witty, sincere and gave the best hugs.

Alas, Steve suffered from AFib for a number of years and after many treatments his sweet, kind heart wore out. Steve passed away on October 3, 2020. His death leaves a huge hole in our family and in our hearts.

Steve is survived by his wife, Julia Calvert, his mother, Kathleen (Jaynes) Ley, his father, Steven Ley Sr., Stepmother, Linda (Sorensen) Ley, his sisters, Wendy Thomas (Buck) and Marnie Dame (Matthew), nieces, Taylor Ley-Leddy (Matthew Evans), Reagan and Madeline Dame, nephews, Harrison and Pierce Thomas. His step siblings, Jennifer Rowe (David), Rebecca Million (Jeff), Richard Thompson and their children along with the children of Michelle Thompson, who passed away in 2018, profoundly feel his loss as well.

A Celebration of Steven's Life will be held 2:00 pm on Monday, October 12, 2020 at Windsong Estate Event Center. The service will also be available to stream online through zoom. Here is the Zoom information for those who wish to attend this way:

Topic: Steven Ley Memorial Service

Time: Oct 12, 2020 02:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **12**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Windsong Estate Event Center
2901 Saddler Blvd.
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Tribute Wall



“ Steven Edward Ley Jr.

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *"I've come to understand that some people are suns who pull others into their orbit." Dear, sweet Steven, those of us fortunate to be in your orbit will love and miss you forever.*

Nancy Calvert - October 18, 2020 at 11:57 AM



“ *Steven and I worked together at the Balboa Bay club and he really made an impact on me. Once when we had been dealing some sort of calamity he said “do not trust to logic, it has forsaken this place.” If you worked in Dukes this will ring very true. One night we were all but done and ready to close on what had been a disappointing night. A guy popped his head into our empty bar and asked if he could still get a drink, we all said yes even though we didn't want to Steve, Larry and I had been glued to the TV because ESPN was running a segment on “John Elway's Drive” an epic feat that football fans are familiar with. So the guy walks in and just behind him is none other than JOHN ELWAY! Steve almost hit the floor - it was as if Jesus had walked into our bar. For the next hour or so we had a play by play, “this is what I was trying to do” intimate discussion with one of Steve's heroes and he was Smiling ear to ear and so dialed in It was just neat to be there. Steven was such a good guy and was always quick to help a friend, he was a great man and I know I'm better for having known him.*

Robert Redaelli - October 12, 2020 at 06:32 PM

SH

“ Steven was the nicest and kindest person I have ever known.
It was obvious how much he loved Julia.
I will always miss him.



Sue Huddle - October 12, 2020 at 11:51 AM

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“ Steven was the nicest person I ever knew and he was a joy to be around.
It was obvious how much he loved Julia.



Sue E Huddle - October 12, 2020 at 11:35 AM

DM

“ This overview of his life is so beautiful. I am deeply saddened by this news, and my heartfelt prayers and condolences go to everyone in the family and all those who he touched. He was truly kind, and so great with the kids when we saw him during his time visiting Buck, Wendy & Kathy in Long Beach and working at the Balboa Club. May he Rest in Eternal Peace.



Dana Moler - October 11, 2020 at 07:42 PM



“ Steven always found away to make me laugh. He had the biggest heart and he will definitely be missed

Sarah Dowdy - October 11, 2020 at 06:30 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Steven Edward Ley Jr..



October 10, 2020 at 06:01 PM



“ Steven was just about the kindest and most gentle man I've known. He and Julia came back here to Julia's home town in Maryland for their formal engagement. Before he asked her, he showed me, her Dad, the ring and asked my permission to marry her. Of course I was delighted and as they walked around the lake later that afternoon where Julia grew up, she and Steven got engaged. I'll always miss him.

Mike Calvert - October 10, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ I feel grateful to have had Steve as a brother-in-law for the too-short time that I did. He was a wonderful husband to my sister and an all-around delightful person.



Jeremy Calvert - October 09, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ Grandma Calvert purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Steven Edward Ley Jr..



Grandma Calvert - October 09, 2020 at 03:18 PM

JU

“ Steve made me happier than I ever thought I could be. He was the love of my life



julia - October 08, 2020 at 04:32 PM

JR

“ Truly, the GREATEST of ALL GIFTS is LOVE. Steven had that in ABUNDANCE in his life, from his family, his friends, and his LOVING FATHER, whom he is now with, spending his eternity, doing all those wonderful activities* that he enjoyed so much. Love never fails.

* The beautiful tribute/obituary is such a reflection of a beautiful life well-lived.



Jean Marie Rencher - October 08, 2020 at 01:26 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven Edward Ley Jr..



October 08, 2020 at 11:49 AM