



Steven Paul Chorak

October 9, 1953 - July 13, 2024

Below is the link to remotely watch the funeral service for Steve Chorak on Saturday at 10am:

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Steven Paul Chorak, 70, passed away surrounded by his family on July 13, 2024, following complications from emergency brain surgery.

Steve was born October 9, 1953, in Visalia, California to Stephen Paul Chorak and Jo Ellen Lowery Chorak. As a child, Steve loved practical jokes especially teasing his mother. He moved to Moraga, California during high school and graduated from Campolindo High School in 1970. During high school, he met the love of his life, D'Ann Woolley in a computer science class. Steve continued his education at University of California at Berkeley, graduating in 1976 with a BS in electrical engineering.

Steve and D'Ann were married February 13, 1976, during their senior year of college. After college, they moved to Mesa, Arizona for a year, then in 1978 to Fort Collins, Colorado, which became their forever home. Steve then spent a total of 36 years working in the microprocessor industry in Fort Collins.

Steve was a man of faith. He joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which would become an integral part of his life, in December of 1975. He served the Lord faithfully in many positions in the Church.

Steve was a loyal friend, liked to laugh, and had a big heart in loving his friends, family, and others. Steve enjoyed numerous hobbies during his lifetime. Steve had an engineer's mind and enjoyed problem solving. He studied construction and got a contractor's license to manage the building of their 2nd home in Fort Collins. He enjoyed target shooting, woodworking, remote control planes, and launching rockets and fireworks. Steve enjoyed playing games throughout his life, first playing cribbage with D'Ann as teenagers and young adults. As their children and family grew, they enjoyed family time games together. He loved to read. After retirement, Steve and D'Ann would check books out of the library and read them out loud to each other. Favorites included mysteries, science fiction, and classics.

Steve was preceded in death by his father Stephen Paul Chorak and his mother Jo Ellen Lowery Chorak. He is survived by his wife D'Ann Woolley, and their five children: son Adam Chorak and wife Marie of Casper, WY with their children Weston and Whitney, daughter Erin Chorak of Colorado Springs, CO, daughter Laura Milroy and husband Tyler of Fort Collins, CO, daughter Katie Sadovskis and husband Vitali of Riga, Latvia with their daughter Stella D'Ann, and son John Chorak and wife Erin of Beaver Creek, OH with sons James and Henry.

A Visitation will be held from 7 - 8:30pm on Friday, July 19 at Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, July 20 at 10am at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (600 E Swallow Rd, Fort Collins, CO).

Please share your fondest memories and tributes to help honor the life Steve lived.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **19**. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Funeral Service

JUL **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Swallow)
600 East Swallow Road
Fort Collins, CO 80525-2223

Tribute Wall

RG

“ Like many others, I had the pleasure of working several years alongside Steve and, at times, reporting directly to him. I recall chatting with him at the old HP Sportsman's shooting range that is now part of the town of Windsor. Steve had a way about him - he had a very good sense of humor the he delivered with a twinkle in his eye. I knew him to be fair and reasonable in his dealings with co-workers and direct reports at work. To his family - you have my sympathy.

-R Greer

Rick Greer - July 25, 2024 at 09:25 AM

DC

Thank you for sharing your memories of Steve! It really means a lot to our family! Your condolences are gratefully appreciated.

Best wishes,
D'Ann Chorak

D'Ann Chorak - September 23, 2024 at 12:04 AM

DC

P.S. The Sandberg's were our next door neighbors

D'Ann Chorak - September 23, 2024 at 12:36 AM

DC

Ha ha the joke's on me - I really meant my Sandberg comment to go to Louise, below!

D'Ann Chorak - September 23, 2024 at 12:46 AM

LK

“ Steve was my manager for several years at HP. He was always one to take a practical joke with good humor, and then turn right around and give as good as he got! He was a great boss and engineer. My condolences to the family.

Louise Koss - July 20, 2024 at 02:05 PM

DC

Louise,
Our sincere thanks for sharing your memories of Steve. I have to add that he always took and gave out those pranks at work and at home - I've had my fair share of them - like the time he convinced me that he had purchased a Cadillac for our family car and of course it was an HP rental car- after we drove around in it and took our family and the Ken Sandberg family for a great ride - ha ha...
Take Care, D'Ann and family Chorak

D'Ann Chorak - September 23, 2024 at 12:12 AM

SM

“ I was always grateful for Steve's fun personality. I felt like he watched over me and gave me excellent counsel. I will miss his laugh! Our condolences to the Chorak family. We sure love and appreciate you.

Sean Morris - July 20, 2024 at 11:18 AM

DC

Sean,
You and your family have been a a great support to our family over the years! We've had a lot of laughs together and oh so many opportunities to learn and be taught together as we tried to figure out what we were doing with our responsibilities at church. Much love and gratitude to you and your dear family. With gratitude, D'Ann

D'Ann Chorak - September 23, 2024 at 12:19 AM

BA

“ I worked with Steve several times throughout the years. He put passion and drive into everything he did. He was fun to be around and as Mark implied working alongside him was always an adventure with lots of energy and emotions applied to each and every task. We won't talk about the webcam incident, although I still smile about it to this day. I haven't seen him in a few years, yet I will miss his him greatly.

Byron Alcorn - July 18, 2024 at 04:53 PM

MC

“ When I think about Steve, my mind is filled with images of boxes full of popcorn pellets, desktops covered with tempting Butterfinger candy bars, and a sky full of illegal fireworks.

I see alternating images of smiles, frowns, uncontrollable laughter and threats of retaliation which were well deserved and almost always carried out!

A certain genius. A great father. A loyal husband. A welcome mentor. A friend I will miss.

mark coleman - July 18, 2024 at 12:28 PM

DC

*Mark,
Your memories of Steve are so right on!
Over the years that have gone by since the last time we saw you, Steve and I have talked about about our fond memories of you and Jeanette (sp?) and I kept telling him we should get in touch. Well, too late now, but that doesn't erase our fond memories of you two!!!
Thanks for being a friend to Steve, I greatly appreciate your kind words said in behalf of Steve's memory.
God bless you, D'Ann*

D'Ann Chorak - September 23, 2024 at 12:42 AM

CB

“ I shared this on Katie’s page-but will share again and more. We have always loved serving with Steve and D’Ann, Clint has know Steve longer then me and worked more closely with him at church. We moved by them in 2009 and they have always been great neighbors. Steve would hire Colton to do yard for him and if he didn’t have a tool or liked ours better he would tell Colton, next time bring your mom’s tool. We would shovel their driveway in the winter and he would come watch us and tell us the best way to shovel. He knew how he liked things to be done but was always so grateful we were there!! I think Clint’s favorite line from Steve was, D’Ann let’s do an experiment or I have an experiment. Something along those lines. But it pretty much meant he was up to no good! Haha

Clint and Natalie Brown - July 18, 2024 at 10:31 AM

DB

“ Like many here, I too worked with Steve at HP and Intel. He was the consummate engineer & manager who injected fun & humor into often hectic and sometimes stressful projects. A good man. My condolences to D’Ann and Steve’s children & grandchildren.

Doug Bartlett - July 17, 2024 at 09:44 PM



“ I worked with Steve for many years in the HP Graphics lab. He was a great manager and friend, and loved by his engineers as well. He was one of many that made HP a fun place to work. Pragmatic, open, easy to work with, and you could talk to Steve about anything, anytime. He was unique, in a good way.

Andy Goris - July 17, 2024 at 06:38 PM

JR

“ Haven't seen Steve since I left HP in '86. But always liked working with him in those days. He was a good guy! My condolences to the family!!

jon rubinstein - July 17, 2024 at 04:13 PM

DC

“ Steve and I were not only work colleagues at HP and Intel but we also shared a common diagnosis of thyroid cancer nearly 20 years ago. When I was first diagnosed with thyroid cancer, Steve was very compassionate and reassuring to me during this difficult time. Sharing his experience made it much easier to go through "the process" myself. I know Steve will be greatly missed by his friends and especially his family. My thoughts are with you during this difficult time.
Doug Cutter

D Cutter - July 17, 2024 at 12:55 PM

KB

“ I had the pleasure of working with Steve at HP/Intel for many years. I enjoyed his stories and his laughter down the hall. He enjoyed himself at work and made it a fun environment. We're praying for your comfort during this time of loss. Kyle & Liz Berry

Kyle Berry - July 17, 2024 at 11:52 AM

HA

“ It was a pleasure to be friends with Steve. Anytime, my little boy and I had the opportunity to visit the conversation was fun and Steve made us feel special and important. He never hesitated for one minute to help my daughter or myself if we needed anything. He is selfless with a heart of Gold and a passion for serving others. He was so helpful to me in my times of need and arranged Priesthood blessing for me after my daughter passed away suddenly last July. I am a better person for having known Steve. He will be missed. My deepest condolences to D'Ann and family as I know losing Steve is absolutely heart breaking and leaves a void that will never be filled. Sending Love.

Holly Amero - July 17, 2024 at 10:28 AM

AK

“ Steve will certainly be missed. The HP graphics days were better because of his presence. Many practical jokes were “enjoyed” by Steve. I hope there is a bottomless box of styrofoam peanuts awaiting him.

alan k - July 17, 2024 at 08:34 AM

PK

“ I worked with Steve for many years. I remember he was funny and incredibly committed to the work we did. He always had stories to share from his many years of experience, and he had the generous heart of a teacher. He loved talking about his family (especially his wife), and I am very sorry for your family's unexpected loss.

Patty K. - July 16, 2024 at 01:30 PM

CW

“ Steve and I sat next to each other at work. He was fun and funny, yet serious about his job and the teams he led. We often chatted about the 70's and work-related topics. He was a good guy. I'm sorry for your loss.

Connie Wilson - July 16, 2024 at 12:32 PM

CI

“ Our sincere condolences to your entire family, Cindi and David Way

Cindi - July 15, 2024 at 08:07 PM

RC

For several years, I was Steve's home teacher with a couple other people at different times and then Steve and Diane became my home teacher with my wife Nina. We always look forward to them coming over. They were going to be around. They had parties at their house with church type activities that was always fun. We certainly are going to miss him. Our condolences to the family and Nina Curry

Robert Curry and Nina Curry - July 18, 2024 at 05:29 PM