

Stephen Gerald Cain

October 19, 1947 - October 24, 2018

Stephen Gerald Cain, 71, passed away on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 after battling bone cancer.

Steve was born on October 19, 1947 in Seattle, WA. He was the oldest child of Robert Arthur (Tod) Cain and Julia Kathryn Jones (Hermosa Beach, CA). Nearly a year later, Steve's little sister, Candi, was born and their family was complete. Steve's parents divorced when he was young and he moved to Bishop, CA with his mom and sister.

As a youth, Steve participated in baseball, basketball, and track. He graduated from Bishop High School in 1965. Steve then attended two separate community colleges before being drafted into the Vietnam War. Steve completed a tour of duty with the US army 25th Infantry from February 1969 until his honorable discharge in January 1971. Steve was awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, and other awards during his military service.

In September 1972, Steve met his sweetheart, Michele Bernice Hall. They were married in Carson City, Nevada on June 16, 1973. Then, on April 26, 1978, Steve and Michele were sealed for time and all eternity in the Manti, Utah temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Together, Steve and Michele had four children: Isaac, Jeanné, Samuel, and Anah.

Steve worked as a laborer for Union Carbide cleaning filters that were used in a tungsten mine. After a few years, Steve transferred into the lab and began work as a chemical lab technician. When the tungsten mine shut down, Steve accepted a similar position at Union Carbide's polysilicon plant in Moses Lake, WA. Steve and his family moved to Moses Lake in 1984. Steve retired from ASIMI in 2004.

Steve cherished his membership in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served in many capacities in the church, but his favorite was as a counselor in the bishopric of the Young Single Adult ward from 2000 to 2004. Another highlight was serving a full-time mission with Michele in Window Rock, Arizona from September 2009 to September 2011. Steve and Michele grew to love the Navajo people and particularly enjoyed teaching about self-reliance through gardening.

Steve enjoyed hiking, gardening, family history, and watching baseball. Steve was an avid Seattle Mariners fan. He also enjoyed cheesecake, a good book by John Grisham, and spending time with family. His family will miss his dry wit, his listening ear, and his one line emails.

Steve is survived by his wife of 45 years, Michele, his children Isaac (Heidi), Jeanné (R. Bryant) Condie, Samuel (Stefi), Anah (Terry) Wilcox, and fourteen grandchildren. Steve is also survived by his sister, Candice Ann Cain, and cousins in San Diego and Seattle.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 2pm at the Grape Drive chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Interment will follow at Guarding Angels Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Guarding Angels Cemetery

2595 Road L N.E.
Moses Lake, WA 98837
(509) 765-7848

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **30**. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Grape Drive Chapel
925 N. Grape Dr.
Moses Lake, WA

Service

OCT **30**. 2:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

LB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Steve’s family. He was a great co worker and friend! So many happy and fun memories of working with Steve. RIP kind man!!*

laurie Barker - October 30, 2018 at 11:07 AM

CA

“ *Michele and family,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow. We remember Steve and your family when our sons played soccer together. We will always cherish those happy memories on the sidelines. Douglas also sends his condolences.

Love to all,

Eduardo (Eddie) and Cheryl Aguilar

Cheryl Aguilar - October 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM

TB

Michele, my condolences and prayers are with you and your family. I was so saddened to here of Steve’s passing. I was in Moses Lake just a month ago and walked past your old house on stone road and was going to try and come see you guys. So sad that I didn’t. I have a lot of great memories working with Steve in the lab. He will never be forgotten.

Prayers, Tom Barker

tom barker - October 29, 2018 at 08:51 PM

PL

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Michele & family.*

*David & Pat Ledbetter
Moses Lake, Wa.*


Patricia Ledbetter - October 29, 2018 at 03:51 PM

RK

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Ronda Kayser - October 26, 2018 at 10:35 AM


Michelle
Caudle

“ *Brother Cain was such a good listener. He always seemed genuinely interested in what I had to say even when I was just a young woman. He was a gentle Spirit and I'm thankful to have known him when I was younger.*

Michelle Caudle - October 26, 2018 at 08:42 AM

TP

“ *I remember his huge smile and the way he always left people feeling so happy. He will be missed.*

Tami McConkie Perrin - October 25, 2018 at 07:56 PM

JZ

“ *Where to start. I have so many fond memories of my uncle Steve. My dad left me and my brother when I was 7. Steve was the first positive role model of what a father could/should be that I can remember. I spent some of the best summers I can remember with Steve, Michele, and the every growing number of cousins.*

First in Bishop and then in Chalfant Valley. So many great memories of fishing (watching him catch grasshoppers with his cap to use as bait), hiking (and his ever optimistic estimates of how far it was to the top), watching baseball in the park (from him I have my love of the Dodgers), and I could go on and on. I have Steve to thank for my love of sports , and probably also sweets (the man loved him some honey). I remember fondly the stories of when he was younger, seeing Bob Dylan and meeting Sandy Koufax.

There were of course lots of lessons, a few of the hard kind, along the way as well. I used to complain about not being able to watch TV, but now I love to read. I would complain about having to go to church, but now have my own sense of faith, albeit different from Steve's. But I also learned that discipline did not have to be physical.

He taught me so much about responsibility, patience, and compassion. And whether he intended it or not, he set such a great example of how we get to choose our own paths in life. That we don't have to be defined by where we start.

He will be truly missed, but never forgotten.

Joe Zucco - October 25, 2018 at 06:27 PM

JZ

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Joe Zucco - October 25, 2018 at 05:31 PM