



## Steven Eric Schafer

February 16, 1953 - June 29, 2025

Memorial services for STEVEN ERIC SCHAFER, 72, will be held at 2pm Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at the Goshen County Fairgrounds Rendezvous Center with Pastor Scott Mathis officiating. Steve was called to his eternal home on Sunday, June 29, 2025, and cremation has taken place. Memorials may be made to Goshen County Fairgrounds Foundation or the Southeast Booster Club. Arrangements are by the Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com) Steve was born to Dick and Lois Ann (Dickson) Schafer in Riverton, WY on February 16, 1953. He was the second of five children. Though his three brothers towered over him he was every bit as tough as them, yet as tenderhearted as his sweet sister. He attended elementary and junior high school in Cheyenne. In 1967 the family relocated to Crystal Lake, Illinois. Steve excelled in both athletics and academics. He received state honors in both football as a quarterback, and wrestling. He was a member of the coveted Coach Mac's Crystal Lake Highschool Heavy Hitters Club. Following high school graduation in 1971, Steve attended the University of Wyoming on a football scholarship, graduating in 1975 with a Bachelor's degree in Wildlife Management. He spent the next 39 years with the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission as a Wildlife Biologist Superintendent. Steve retired in 2015 as a longtime, well-respected and valued employee. In 1984 Steve met his forever love Lori Peterson through mutual friends. They were married on September 7, 1985, on Bear Creek. Their home for the next 30 years was at the Downer Bird Farm near Yoder. Steve and Lori welcomed

Seth Michael and Callie Jean who completed their family. In recent years, the source of his greatest joy were his grandchildren Oakley Ruth Ann and Payson Lyle. Faith and family were the priorities in his life. He was a 4-H leader for over 15 years, softball and youth basketball coach, and his kids' biggest fan on the football field, the basketball court, and in the rodeo arena. Even after his kids graduated, Steve enjoyed following and attending Cyclone sports events and was honored to be awarded the Southeast Booster Club Fan of the Year. He was a gifted and well-respected horseman, "below average" golfer, avid hunter and outdoorsman, sports enthusiast, cribbage king, student of Scripture and a true patriot. He loved music, dogs and Wyoming. Steve was a man of faith and a man of patience; he was kind and selfless - a friend and neighbor you could always count on. Steve is survived by his wife Lori of Veteran; son Seth (Ashley) Schafer, Comanche, TX; daughter Callie Schafer, Veteran; granddaughter Oakley; grandson Payson; step-mother Diane Schafer, Cheyenne, WY; brothers Greg (Louise), Pahrump, NV; Kurt (Lisa) Madison, WI; Mike (Patty) of Muncie, IN; sister Kirsten (Christopher), Marengo, IL; mother-in-law Mary Peterson, Modale, IA; sisters-in-law Lanette Grimes, Spirit Lake, IA; Lorraine (Barry) Thomas, Modale, IA; Louanne (Al) Dietrich, Blue Eye, MO; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Steve was preceded in death by his parents Dick and Lois Schafer; father-in-law Jim Peterson; brothers-in-law Lonny Peterson, Steve Grimes, and Rex Johnsen.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

Rendezvous Center  
4740 US-26 #85  
Torrington, WY 82240

# Tribute Wall

BK

“ *Bob and Tina Klinkosh purchased the Savory Farmhouse Gift Box for the family of Steven Eric Schafer.*



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**Bob and Tina Klinkosh** - July 10, 2025 at 05:14 PM

BK

“ *When Steve was first working at the Big Horn Bird Farm, he would come to our house many evenings to sit and watch tv and drink coca cola! He also helped with many of Bob's family's brandings. He was always welcome!*

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**Bob and Tina Klinkosh** - July 10, 2025 at 04:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steven Eric Schafer.*



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July 07, 2025 at 10:34 AM

LS

“ I worked for Steve at the bird farm for one season. He was a great boss and an even better friend to me and my family. We lost touch but we will always remember him. It is hard for me to think he has passed. We competed and worked each other into the ground every day. But while I went home exhausted, he changed clothes and still went for a several mile run most days. I thought he was immortal! The world just lost an exceptional man and friend.

Lewis and Mary Jane Stahl - July 06, 2025 at 09:00 PM

MM

So sorry to hear about Steve. He was a good neighbor and Rick and I enjoyed seeing him when he worked at Bomgaars for a time. He was always so friendly no matter where you saw him. Many condolences to Lori, Seth, Callie and families. Marla and Rick McNees.

Marla McNees - July 08, 2025 at 10:02 AM

AD

“ Andy & Cheryl Dixon purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Steven Eric Schafer.



Andy & Cheryl Dixon - July 05, 2025 at 11:33 AM

DB

“ Steve was a Cowboy teammate and friend. May he rest in peace.



Dan Borkowski - July 04, 2025 at 01:12 PM

LS

“ Love - Jim, Anne, and Max Schafer purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Steven Eric Schafer.



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**Love - Jim, Anne, and Max Schafer** - July 04, 2025 at 12:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Steven Eric Schafer.

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July 03, 2025 at 05:52 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Steven Eric Schafer.



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July 03, 2025 at 05:52 AM



“ Ginger Barthel lit a candle in memory of Steven Eric Schafer



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**Ginger Barthel** - July 02, 2025 at 02:02 PM

GF

“ Steve was a good person to know and to work with. He will be missed.

Grant Frost - July 02, 2025 at 11:57 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Steven Eric Schafer.

July 02, 2025 at 10:42 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven Eric Schafer.



July 02, 2025 at 10:42 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Steven Eric Schafer.

July 01, 2025 at 08:48 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Steven Eric Schafer.



July 01, 2025 at 08:48 PM

TJ

“ Our prayers are with Steve’s family. He was a very good man. Always a great pleasure to visit with him. Tracy & Dave Johnson & family



Tracy & Dave Johnson - July 01, 2025 at 06:02 PM

KR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Lori and all of your family. Words are hard to come by right now. Look to our Lord and Father for peace and comfort. He will carry you through. Kerri & John Rose

Kerri Rose - July 01, 2025 at 04:43 PM

MF

“ Melanie, Stewy and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Eric Schafer.

Melanie, Stewy and family - July 01, 2025 at 07:48 AM

MF

“ Melanie, Stewy and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Steven Eric Schafer.



Melanie, Stewy and family - July 01, 2025 at 07:48 AM

MW

“ What a great loss of a class act and gentleman !

Mark willoughby - July 01, 2025 at 07:06 AM

MM

“ *Marilyn Mehling lit a candle in memory of Steven Schafer*



Marilyn Mehling - June 30, 2025 at 05:56 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven Eric Schafer.*



June 30, 2025 at 03:09 PM