



Stephen "Steve" Wiest

March 22, 1959 - February 6, 2022

Stephen (Steve) Wiest lived a full life balancing family, friends, work, coaching and fishing. Steve was born in 1959 in Nelson, B.C., Canada. He spent his earliest years in a small community of Slocan Valley near Nelson, B.C. learning to play hockey on outdoor rinks. His family moved to Trail, B.C. when Steve was in second grade, and his parents still had the family home there until 2014. Steve made lifelong friends while in Trail and has returned to his home waters to fish with those friends often.

Steve met his wife of 42 years, Sharon (Reidy), while studying Civil Engineering at Gonzaga University. Sharon and Steve moved to Denver, CO following their graduation from Gonzaga. Steve worked at the Bureau of Reclamation until 1995, and after he left, continued the friendships he made there with annual golf tournaments and hunting trips. Steve and Sharon enjoyed raising their 4 sons during this time in Colorado. (The last two children came later). Steve spent many an afternoon and Saturday coaching his sons' soccer teams or playing soccer himself and then mountain biking with the boys.

In 1995, Steve moved the family to Wenatchee excited to have more waters to fish and for his work at the Chelan County PUD. He has loved the work and the friends he has made among the engineers, office staff, mechanics, wireman and technicians. He has worked downtown and at all 3 dams. The Wiest family made dear friends through their years particularly through their parish community at St. Joseph Church. Two of these friends have spent

at least a week each year navigating the length of the Columbia River in the mahogany kayaks they each made together. They got from the Canadian border down through the Tri-cities before illness interfered.

Steve also loved his buddies in the over-35 hockey league. With his brother Paul, he created an international invitational tournament in which the two over-35 teams played each other in Nelson, B.C (spring) and in Wenatchee (fall).

In the early 2000s Steve and Sharon had two more children. This added more adventures and fun to their lives. Because the youngest has Down Syndrome, Steve started a TOP SOCCER program for her and her special needs friends. A different kind of coaching, but probably the most rewarding.

Steve's long illness ended more abruptly than we expected. He spent his last days connecting with friends from Trail, Gonzaga, Bureau, church, hockey, Trail, the PUD, and extended family. His last week was spent with his 6 children and his wife.

Steve is survived by his wife Sharon, his six children: Dr. Stephen Wiest (Nikki), Christopher Wiest (Morgan), Brian Wiest (Erika), Daniel Wiest (Tereza), Michael Wiest, Shannon Wiest, and his seven grandchildren, Jude, Dylan, Sophia, Misha, Liliana, Owen, and Louis. He is also survived by his two brothers Robert Wiest (Barbara) and Paul Wiest (Brenda) and numerous in-laws, out-laws, nieces and nephews.

Steve is preceded in death by his father, Robert Wiest, mother, Mary Wiest, and sister Jean Wiest.

Rosary, 7 PM February 17th at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 625 S. Elliott, Wenatchee.

Mass of Christian Burial at Noon February 18th at St. Joseph Catholic Church

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to upper Valley Connection or St.

Joseph's Food Bank.

Cemetery Details

Wenatchee City Cemetery

1804 N. Western
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Previous Events

Rosary

FEB 17. 7:00 PM (PT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
625 S Elliott
Wenatchee, WA 98801
(509) 662-4569
<http://www.stjosephwen.org/>

Mass

FEB 18. 12:00 PM (PT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
625 S Elliott
Wenatchee, WA 98801
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Tribute Wall

LB

“ Steve and one of his sons took me on my first 4 wheel drive adventure. I had just gotten a new Pathfinder and he wanted me to go 4 wheeling. Steve’s vehicle had a water pump go out, or something, and Steve and his son piled in my Pathfinder to continue the adventure. At one point he pointed at a hill and said “put it in 4 wheel drive low and let’s go up it!” I thought he was crazy, but tried anyways. Steve was fun to be around and work with. We were all sad when Steve moved to Washington. Steve and Sharon kept in contact with us which was great.

Linda Bowles - February 18, 2022 at 12:43 PM

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john steighner - February 18, 2022 at 12:16 PM

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“ Steve hosted the first Floppy Shoe, an exclusive golf tournament characterized by extensive use of and rulemaking around the mulligan. If the stereotype is true, Steve was truly Canadian, affable and humble; but, we knew that when he took out his tooth, it was game time. In that group, I was leading the race to complete the circle of life. Steve finished far too soon.

John Steighner - February 18, 2022 at 11:19 AM

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“ Taking others under his care to teach was a normal part of Steve's life. He taught kids how to play sports, young engineers how to "engineer", and friends and family how to love baking. Steve lived a life of EXAMPLE to everyone he came in touch with. Care, loving, adventure, fishing, hunting and food! What a cook! Many friendships were started and continue because of his skills with the cast iron and campfires. His memories will always be with us as we continue to enjoy the forests, animals, water, fishing and so much more. I will miss a great friend when I walk through the pines.



Chris Duke - February 13, 2022 at 01:16 PM

SR

I couldn't agree more Chris. Steve was an amazing cook, someone that led by example and the guy that would give a complete stranger the shirt off his back. On a hunting trip in 2019 I was that complete stranger that Steve and Sharon fed every day. I am so grateful to have met Steve and experienced the best cast iron cooking.

Spencer Reynolds - February 18, 2022 at 02:19 PM

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Sharon - February 13, 2022 at 10:36 AM

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Bob Weisbeck - February 11, 2022 at 01:42 PM