



Steven Ray Williams

August 2, 1961 - February 25, 2017

A very special person, Steven Ray Williams, 55, passed away Saturday, February 25th, 2017 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was born August 2nd, 1961 in Pocatello, Idaho; the second child of Ray R. William and Beverly Boyce Williams.

His father was an officer in the Navy and their family traveled and moved with each of his assignments. Steve spent his childhood in Benicia California, Hawaii, South Carolina, Virginia, back to Hawaii and back to San Diego California where Steve lived from 1972 to 1980.

In 1980, Steve left to serve a 2 year LDS mission in the Raleigh, North Carolina Mission. Steve had a very strong testimony of Jesus Christ and was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He served in two bishoprics and in several young men organization positions, both at the ward and stake level.

Steve met his sweetheart, LeAnn Nielsen, at Utah State University in Logan Utah in 1984. They became close friends lining each other up with their friends, sharing their love of snow skiing and taking college classes together. Then Steve moved to Irvine California to pursue an internship opportunity. At Christmas time in 1985, he came back to Utah to visit LeAnn. The two of them spent their time skiing and realized their friendship had turned into love. They were engaged on Valentine's Day and were married on May 2nd, 1986 in the Logan Utah LDS temple.

Steve and LeAnn graduated together May of 1989, both receiving their Bachelor's Degree in Business from Utah State University.

Steve worked for FedEx Services for 24 years and received numerous honors and awards, including the highest recognition of Presidents Award four times. In one of his awards, the Vice President of International Sales said "Clearly based upon your success, you've been able to draw on the resources necessary to turn the ordinary into extraordinary."

Steve retired from FedEx and started his “2nd career” at Yamato America as Senior Sales Manager.

Steve loved spending his time with his family. His best friend and playmate was his wife, LeAnn. They did everything together. They continued their love of snow skiing and taught all of their kids to ski at young ages. It was their family tradition to all ski together on Christmas Day.

He loved golfing, playing tennis, paddle boarding and scheming and carrying out pranks on their friends, neighbors and sometimes unsuspecting casual acquaintances. Everyone was a potential target for one of Steve’s mischievous, playful pranks. People were more important to him than tasks, success or wealth. He was fiercely loyal.

His heart and his longing were for the San Diego Coastline where he spent his teenage years. Every year in August, for his birthday, the family would make a trip to San Diego so that Steve could get his time in the ocean where he truly felt at home. He loved his feet in the sand and the smell of the ocean. It was his sanctuary.

Steve is survived by his best friend and soul mate of 30 years, LeAnn; his three children RiliAnne Williams(Trevin Jared), Ben Williams and Taggart Williams. His mother Beverly Williams; sister Serena(Jay) Jesperson; brothers David(Angela) Williams, Travis(Tiana) Williams and Brannon(Tammy) Williams. He was preceded in death by his father Ray R. Williams who passed away on September 16th, 2016.

To his children, Steve was Peter Pan... ever playful... ever childlike.

“You know that place between sleep and awake, the place where you can still remember dreaming? That’s where I’ll always love you. That’s where I’ll be waiting...” –Peter Pan

Funeral services will be held at noon, Monday, March 6, 2017 in the Heber North Stake Center, 550 East 500 North in Heber City, Utah with Bishop Thomas Low conducting. There will be a viewing held on Sunday from 6:00-8:00pm and Monday from 10:00-11:30am at the stake center.

Condolences may be extended to the family online by visiting probstfamilyfunerals.com

Events

MAR 5 **Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

Heber North Stake Center
521 E. 500 N., Heber City, UT, US, 84032

MAR 6 **Viewing** 10:00AM - 11:30AM

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MAR 6 **Service** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ Dear LeAnn and family - we wanted to express our condolences in hearing the news of Steve's passing. Jim really enjoyed getting to know Steve some years back as a ski host. I always enjoyed him as a co-worker back in the FedEx days, and again at Balance. We send our sympathies to you in the loss of such a wonderful guy, husband, father and friend. ---Marty and Jim Harger

Marty Harger - March 12, 2017 at 03:57 PM



“ Steve was one of the very first people I remember seeing when I went to Utah State. He was working at Robintino's as a host. I later saw him on campus and just thought he looked like someone I would like to be friends with. Friends we were! We had many long talks together, we doubled on dates together, we laughed together and I was even the brunt of many of his pranks. Steve worked for a Meat packing company and one day he put some pig eyes on all of the bedside tables in our apartment and then added a note "Here's looking at you!" He later hung a skinned pig's head outside our kitchen window. We would like to think we got him back when our home teacher visited us several months into the school year (and a few months after his delivery of the pig's head), and asked if there was anything he could for us. We promptly asked him to pretend to be a pizza delivery man and deliver the pig's head to Steve's apartment. Oh what fun we had!! My favorite prank on him was putting his car up for sale and quoting an extremely low price so that he got 100's of phone calls.

Steve was a great friend, husband, father, brother, son and all around great guy. There was no one that left being near Steve that didn't feel his love, see his smile or enjoy his laugh. Heaven is a lucky place to now have him. In the meantime, we all have some amazing memories to get us through the rough times. We will miss him now but think of all of the new people he has to prank!!!

Alison Carr - March 08, 2017 at 06:50 PM



“ This story of Alison's reminds me when Steve would borrow our food from the fridge. Tay and I wanted to know which of the three other room mates at USU were the guilty party. So Tay and I put water soluble fertilizer in our punch making the liquid look blue. Well Steve asked us why did the blueberry drink taste like SALT!!! Prank on Steve!

Ben - March 08, 2017 at 09:00 PM



“ Steve was truly a guy who would give you the shirt off his back. He was one of those rare people who easily made friends with everyone he met. I never heard him speak badly of anyone and he was always quick with a smile or a joke to brighten your day. Steve was instrumental in getting me an interview for my dream job. Fortunately, I got it and was more than happy to be the target of one of his infamous practical jokes. Within days of my interview, while I was anxiously waiting to hear of the outcome, I received a "letter" from Fred Smith, the founder of FedEx. It came via priority overnight on official FedEx letterhead. It was a rejection letter! I was devastated. He called me later that night to see if I had heard anything yet and as hard as he tried, could not keep up the joke any longer. We had a good laugh at my expense. I'll miss our golf outings and his perpetually cheerful disposition. Men like Steve make me want to strive to be better. Thank you Steve for your friendship, kindness, and goodness! You will be missed.

Leann, Ben, Rili, and Taggert...I pray that you will feel the Lord's love and peace in your hearts each day.

Sincerely,
David Wolfert

David Wolfert - March 06, 2017 at 08:07 PM



“ Dear LeeAnn and family,
Mary and I just learned of Steve's passing. I can still vividly see in my mind's eye his bright, smiling face in the meetinghouse, and I can hardly believe he is gone. We know you will miss him. The world will miss him. It was a better place with him in it. Now heaven has that blessing.
Please accept our sympathies and know of our prayers that you will feel the Savior's comforting influence, as He has promised.
Love,
Curt and Mary Taylor
California Rancho Cucamonga Mission

Curtis G Taylor - March 06, 2017 at 01:04 PM



“ Steve and I spent many years hosting together on the Park City Mountain - Steve always had a smile coupled with a mischievous upon being around him - There are many hosts that are reflecting in sadness today mourning the loss of such a wonderful friend - Steve was a great example and friend beyond the parameters of hosting and I'm sure as I continue to ski I will reflect fondly of Steve and his happy personality

Buz Richmond

Buz Richmond - March 05, 2017 at 04:47 PM



“ Steve was always wanting to connect with people. He was a one of our guys from the ward that we hung out with at all the youth activities. He always radiated a smile and was quick to give friends his listening ear and a hug. You will be missed Steve.

Sherrie Durkin Davidson - March 04, 2017 at 08:01 PM



“ I am so sorry for your families' loss. May peace and comfort be with you all at this time.

Garth and Clovis Carlson - March 05, 2017 at 10:41 AM



“ I met Steve in college at Utah State University he was one of my roommates. He was pulling pranks even back then. He was fun to be around and always made us laugh. Steve was a hard working, persevering man. Tay Omana my other room mate had lost contact with him but always thought of him. We are glad he had a successful, full and joyous life with his family.-Ben Hall

Ben Hall - March 04, 2017 at 02:53 PM



“ Also roommates with Clark Maybe, Chad Carr, do you remember that Ali Bear and the pig heads!!

Ben - March 04, 2017 at 07:02 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Steven Ray Williams.



March 04, 2017 at 04:28 AM



“ Your friends from Yamato Logistics Japan purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Steven Ray Williams.



Your friends from Yamato Logistics Japan - March 03, 2017 at 08:50 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven Ray Williams.



March 03, 2017 at 05:54 PM



“ Bryan K. purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Steven Ray Williams.



Bryan K. - March 03, 2017 at 03:42 PM



“ Tetsuya Ogawa, YAMATO TRANSPORT MEXICO purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Steven Ray Williams.



Tetsuya Ogawa, YAMATO TRANSPORT MEXICO - March 03, 2017 at 03:39 PM



“ David Champigny and staff from the Yamato Transport Hartford office would like to offer our sincere condolences to the entire Williams Family ! Steve was as solid as they come and would call me frequently to talk shop and strategy about customers, life and just stuff. His direction was clear " always positive" and his friendship will be missed dearly.

DAVID CHAMPIGNY - March 03, 2017 at 02:57 PM



“ and Families purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Steven Ray Williams.



and Families - March 03, 2017 at 01:49 PM



“ Deon & Chris would like to send prayers to your family at this time we are very sorry for your loss . My The Lord above heal you Love Deon Clifton (Atkinson) and Chris Neal

christine neal - March 03, 2017 at 10:49 AM



“ My deepest condolences to LeAnn, Riki, Taggart, and Ben. I'm deeply saddened by Steve's passing. He was a great friend, my golf buddy, and he always supported me. We golfed as much as we could together over the years. I feel I know each of you, because of how much Steve loved to tell me what each of you were up to while we were golfing. Steve pulled off the greatest prank I ever saw. He had bought some exploding golf balls and was itching to try them out. We were paired with an older gentleman who was giving us the business over how bad we were playing, and when he wasn't looking Steve switched out his ball with an exploding one. The older gentlemen hit the ball, and just stood there. He just couldn't believe that he hit his ball so hard that it would explode. We let him believe it for a few minutes and then Steve let him in on the joke. We laughed about that for a couple of holes. There will never be a time that I don't remember him when I step on a golf course. I was supposed to have had lunch with him on Tuesday, and it saddens me that I'll never have lunch with him again. I will always miss him and his sense of humor. He was great man.

Dan Paget - March 02, 2017 at 09:54 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Steven Ray Williams.



March 02, 2017 at 09:52 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Steven Ray Williams.



March 02, 2017 at 09:38 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Steven Ray Williams.



March 02, 2017 at 09:17 PM



“ Hello extended family. Steve was one of my older cousins. We hardly saw or knew one another, due to the age difference.
I remember staying with Aunt Beverly one time, as a young girl, I was "helping" Aunt Bev get ready for Serena's wedding reception gathering at Aunt Bev's house. I'm not sure how much I helped, I think Aunt Bev let me stay because I practically begged!
I remember Steve being an incorrigible tease, and I was a real thorn in his hide, being a bratty little girl. He teased relentlessly, I teased back, but he was bigger and older, and I do believe I ended up outside, with Steve holding me in front of the sprinklers!
He got as wet as I did, but he very much enjoyed besting his bratty little cousin.

My thoughts and prayers are with Steve's family. May God hold you and comfort you as only He can.

Much love.
Annetta Johansen

Annetta Johansen - March 02, 2017 at 08:58 PM



“ LEANN JUDY AND I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER OUR CONDOLENCES TO YOUR LOSS
LESTER

LESTER NIELSEN - March 03, 2017 at 11:58 AM



“ We at FedEx have missed his sense of humor since he has been gone from our facility. He always made work so much fun. I remember him propping a cup of water against the door of a co-worker's locker so that when the door was opened the water fell out.....that is just one of many, many tricks and funny experiences I had the pleasure of seeing during his tenure with us here. We are truly sorry for your loss. We will pray for your comfort during these difficult times. FedEx OGDA

C Hill - March 03, 2017 at 12:10 PM



“ We want to express our deepest condolences to the Williams family. Even though Steve did not work at Yamato Transport very long, we felt as if we had known him for decades....Kind, caring, smart, informative, true friend to all of us. We will truly miss Steve. Yamato Transport U.S.A. Southwest Region Sales Team

Mark Tajiri - March 03, 2017 at 02:20 PM



“ I would like to offer my deepest condolences to the whole family of Steven Ray Williams. I have encouraged always with his experience, expertise as a professional career in our logistics business. He was a great man and it was my pleasure to have worked with Steve.

Paul T. Masuda / Yamato Transport U.S.A. - March 03, 2017 at 05:22 PM