



## Steven A. Mortensen

September 22, 1946 - December 29, 2021

Steven A. Mortensen, 75, passed away on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at his home in Grayslake, IL. He was born on September 22, 1946 in Chicago and had been a longtime resident of Mundelein & Libertyville, recently living in Grayslake, IL. Steve graduated with a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL and was a dedicated and active member of the Serenity House for over 40 years in Libertyville. He enjoyed music, especially playing guitar and was a sports enthusiast and an avid White Sox Fan.

Surviving is his sister, Beverly (Bill) Flood; brother, Gary (Susan Chrysler) Mortensen; nieces & nephews, Meghan (Mike) Konicki, Michael (Kiki) Flood, Katie (Mike) Murrie, Andrew Mortensen & Daniel (Angharad) Mortensen and great nieces & nephews, Callie, Hannah, Christopher, Andrew, Will, Ramona and Felix.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert & Suzanne Mortensen.

A visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by a service at 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 6, 2022 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave.

in Libertyville. A private interment will be at Mount Emblem Cemetery in

Elmhurst, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials would be appreciated to the

Shriners Hospital in Chicago. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at w

ww.burnettdane.com.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home  
120 West Park Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
(847) 362-3009

## Funeral Service

JAN 6. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

LM

“ Steve was a classmate of mine at Mundelein HS. He was in my class of 64. He was alot of fun. Kind witty and a nice guy. We had alit of fun times ,crazy times in our group He was very kind to my Brother Charlie who proceeded Steve in death by 3 months He will be missed by all of us who loved him. RIP my Friend. Libby Macaluso

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**Libby Macaluso** - January 08, 2022 at 12:12 AM

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“ I soaked up lessons from Stevie my entire life. Whether it was watching him and my dad interact like an old comedy team (at the expense of each other), competing with each other on the tennis court or ping pong table, lamenting the decrease in fighting in today's NHL or just enjoying the music and bands he introduced to me throughout our friendship. He helped shaped my musical tastes in a way that will be a part of me for the rest of my life. Some of my proudest moments were turning The Cruz Master onto music or a musician that he truly fell in love with. The most profound lesson he imparted to me was in the strength and grace in which he carried his physical cross to bear. He was one of my favorite people I've ever known.

*Todd Lackie*

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**Todd Lackie** - January 05, 2022 at 03:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steven A. Mortensen.*



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January 04, 2022 at 06:08 PM



“ *When our mothers met at work 64 years ago, they set up a play date for their sons. Since then Steve has been my buddy, college roommate, best man at my wedding, guitar teacher, and one of my favorite people in my life. We've made so many great memories together. He was an extraordinary person. He never let his physical issues limit him. He was so talented at every sport we played. He was a terrific musician who taught me so much. And one of the most funny, clever guys I ever met. He kept me laughing for 64 years. I'm really going to miss this guy.*

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**Ron Riddehough** - January 04, 2022 at 10:07 AM



“ *I knew Steve from Highschool then we lost touch for a number of years. later he lived on my mail route in Libertyville I often ran across Steve when he was leaving or coming from his apartment... I cannot ever remember him without a smile on his face. I moved away a number of years ago but I never moved on from remembering the smile. Steve gave me a aluminum fly holding box, it never improved my fishing and I told Steve so, guess what,, he just smiled.*

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**Larry May** - January 03, 2022 at 05:52 PM

RG

“ I knew Stevie for more than 60 years, and without question he’s the toughest guy I’ve ever met. He dealt with pain and hardship every day, but there were no complaints. He handled it all with grit and grace.

Stevie was always competitive. In his youth he played baseball on his neighborhood team, where I occasionally was a fill in. In the 8th grade he played basketball on the Carl Sandburg team where we called him “Captain Hook” for his very accurate hook shot which he’d bank off the backboard from the left side of the key. In college in North Dakota no one at the student union could touch him in table tennis, a skill he continued to practice well into his 50’s. And he played doubles tennis with his great friend Dennis for years.

Whenever I played against them their creative taunting and hilarious insults kept my partner and me laughing all the way to our defeat.

I’m privileged to call him a friend.

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**Ron Geiszler** - January 02, 2022 at 02:48 PM

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“ I talked to a friend, Steve had taught their son guitar and was reminded of another friend who’s daughter had learned guitar from Steve. And then another friend waiting during her son’s guitar lesson, the sounds of Americana emanating from her 10 year old, “don’t want my peaches don’t shake my tree, get out of my orchard let me peaches be”

We learned so much from Steve!

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**Steve** - January 01, 2022 at 03:11 PM

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“ Steve invited me to play tennis. He and his friend Dennis. Me, much younger, athletic, better looking. Them, one kinda skinny guy and the other kinda round. I decided I would be courteous and go easy on them since Steve had loaned me a racquet. I took one side of the net and looked across at them; Dennis, I think he just came from a backyard Barbecue, and Steve wearing, I think those are pajama pants and a long sleeve henley in the middle of summer. Well they proceeded to run me back and forth and front to back; drop shot, lob shot, cross court backhand, and the dreaded forehand smash up the line. Well I was outta gas and outta breath and they just thought that was the funniest thing ever! We went on to play tennis pretty regularly over time and he showed me what mental toughness, strength, and courage looks like.  
I want to be like him when I grow up!

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**Steve** - December 31, 2021 at 07:03 PM