



## Steven D. Prepelica

June 28, 1954 - August 13, 2021

Steven D. Prepelica, 67, passed away on Friday, August 13, 2021 at Northwestern Community Hospital in Arlington Heights, IL. He was born June 28, 1954 in Waukegan, IL and had been a longtime resident of the Buffalo Grove and Arlington Heights area. Steve received his bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University and his master's degree from University of Illinois – Urbana. He was a retired account executive for United Health Group and enjoyed traveling, visiting Door County, fine arts and the Chicago Botanic Gardens.

Surviving are his 4 siblings, Thomas (Kyong) Prepelica, Michael (Roseann) Prepelica, Susan (Gary) Hendrickson and Judy (Jack) Machak and also by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Dolores Prepelica. Private services and interment will be held at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville, IL. In lieu of flowers, contributions would be appreciated to the Chicago Botanic Gardens in Glencoe. Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Tribute Wall

ML

“ Happy Birthday Steve .... hope you are celebrating in style.

ML - June 28, 2022 at 05:49 PM

JL

“ We had many great times together with Steve, Marilyn & Kevin !  
Prayers to the family 🙏

Julie Leahy - December 31, 2021 at 01:19 PM

MP

“ You are a dear friend and you will be missed.  
I have great memories of all the years we  
spent together from Art class to Quebec! RIP.



Marilyn W Parrish - December 31, 2021 at 11:50 AM

RR

“ Roberta Rose lit a candle in memory of  
Steven D. Prepelica



Roberta Rose - December 17, 2021 at 11:11 PM

MW

“ *Even in the quietest moments...  
Good bye my friend, and thank you for all the  
memories of time spent with you. I will see  
you again.  
Love,ML*



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**Mary Walker** - October 14, 2021 at 01:23 PM

RR

*So sad Marylou! I am very sorry to have lost touch with both of you! He  
was so young and such a great person*

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**Roberta Rose** - December 17, 2021 at 06:55 PM



“ *Steve was a big part of my life. We were friends since teenagers and  
we experience life together it was a wonderful time and as we grow  
older we travel together and I was hoping that would go on for quite  
some time I still miss him very much and still hard for me to believe  
That he is gone. I got a call from the doctor at 3 AM that morning  
that he died of course I didn't get the message but I got it the next  
day and then unfortunately he had already passed when I called  
them I think that that was his way of saying goodbye*

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**Dianne Yoggerst** - September 02, 2021 at 03:32 PM

KF

“ I've known Steve since way back in Waukegan, Illinois. My sister Dianne met him at Waukegan High School. Over the years they became very close and often traveled together. Some of those travels included me. I live in Goodyear, Arizona and Steve loved the area. I always thought that he would get a place in Scottsdale when he retired and Winter here becoming what is known as a "snowbird".

One of our travels took us to Utah and Zion National Park during Halloween. I brought my Ouija Board with and my sister and I asked if there were any spirits near by. We got the name of Esther. Steve started pacing up and down as the name meant nothing to us he said it was the name of his dead grandmother.

In the area there are rock formations known as "Hoodooos". Steve was very struck with them so as a gift I painted a picture of them and sent them to him. He sent back a thank you card that ended "Happy trails to you until we meet again."

Happy trails Steve, love and miss you forever.

Karen Freund (Yoggerst)

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Karen Freund - September 02, 2021 at 01:10 PM

MR

“ Steve was my co-worker and every time we saw each other, he would make me laugh. He was that person that you sought out when we had our conferences. I just loved his sense of humor and we'd always chuckle behind the scenes. I met him for the first time while meeting with a local Chicago client (I live in Ohio) back in early 2002, and he went out of his way to take us to lunch and show us around. Anytime I was on a call and Steve asked a question, I would listen carefully as he thought of all the good questions. I will miss him dearly. I am praying for all his family and friends and I'm so sorry for your loss. ~ Mary Renner

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**Mary Renner** - August 23, 2021 at 03:03 PM

MD

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Marcee Dane** - August 20, 2021 at 03:49 PM

AV

“ Ana Vasallo lit a candle in memory of Steven D. Prepelica



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**Ana Vasallo** - August 18, 2021 at 11:34 AM

AV

“ *Family & Friends of Steve:*

*My prayers, thoughts and deepest sympathy are with you. I had the pleasure of working with Steve for the past 4 years. I am the clinical manager for one of the accounts that he supported. What an amazing person ! friendly, great wit and always ready to help. I remember fondly our weekly partnership meetings. I am a fellow Chicagoan(transplanted to Georgia now) and Steve and I would always talk about Chicago, the Cubs and White Sox and of course the weather ! He will surely be missed. May the Lord bring you peace in knowing that he was well loved, respected and admired amongst his peers. When the Lord calls our loved ones home, he leaves the gift of memories in exchange. May the peace of the Lord that surpasses all understanding be with you during this most difficult time.*

*Ana Vasallo*

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**Ana Vasallo** - August 18, 2021 at 11:34 AM

JS

“ My prayers and sympathy go out to all of Steve's family and friends. While Steve and I both have been with the company many years, I only had the privilege of working with Steve on the team for a short time. You could always count on Steve to add humor to any meeting and lighten the mood. And Steve was the first to share knowledge and feedback with the team and leadership, eager to improve the experience for his clients and improve the process for his team. Steve's retirement was bittersweet, he was so missed but everyone was so excited for him in his new journey. Once his retirement was announced we'd start of Mondays with "I wonder what Steve is doing?". Steve is missed everyday and his passing is a loss we grapple with. Just like in retirement, Steve may be gone but never forgotten, he left a legacy imprint on everyone he knew. Rest in peace Steve, you are in the ultimate retirement in the kingdom of our Lord!

*Joni Strickland*

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**Joni Strickland** - August 18, 2021 at 09:35 AM

KB

“ *Family & Friends of Steve:*

*My prayers, thoughts and deepest sympathy are with you. I am a colleague - Steve reported to me for the last several years, and it was a great honor to be afforded that opportunity. I say he reported to me, because that is how it appeared on paper, however anyone who knows Steve knows he didn't really report to anyone! He always took charge and just made things happen. In our time together, I know I learned more from him than he did from me.*

*We all know Steve was his own person and created his own path - and did it in style! From his crazy socks to his preppy attire – his love for art, and of course his quick wit and humor. You don't get a better package than that! He was one of a kind!*

*His Pod team had coined the phrase, "What Would Steve Do?" that will forever remain a part of our team and spirit. To boot, Steve's humor again shined through when he recently sent his Pod team a gift package that included T-shirts with the words printed, "What Would Steve Do?" Just picturing Steve ordering those shirts, chuckling to himself and anxiously awaiting to hear from his former colleagues, makes me smile.*

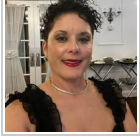
*I hope as we all grieve this great loss, we celebrate the amazing man he was and remember the many times he made us laugh and smile with his unfiltered and witty approach.*

*Steve – I can only imagine your blessed reunion with your mom as you met her in heaven. May your spirit shine on through all of us who had the privilege to be a part of your life and legacy.*

*Kim Burkhart*

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**Kimberly Burkhart** - August 17, 2021 at 08:01 PM



“ To the family of Steve, my prayers and deepfelt sorrows in this time. I too was a coworker and team mate of Steve and had the pleasure of supporting him and his clients years ago. Steve was always making everyone laugh. His infectious “go to attitude” with a side of sarcasm and wit always got me going. He never missed a beat. One fond memory we were at at company conference in MN and my heel broke. He quickly got a napkin box and made me put it on so I didn’t have to walk around barefoot. (of course there is a pic somewhere of that). That was such a hilarious day. You couldn’t leave a meeting without his humorous spirit. Many of times he talked me down from a bad day. He touched so many and I will always remember those memories close to heart. Steve you will forever be missed. Rest in heaven my friend. Gisel Gonzalez-Arroyo

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**Gisel Gonzalez-Arroyo** - August 16, 2021 at 08:17 PM

BW

“ To the family and friends of Steve, I am so sorry for the loss of such a bright, intelligent, and absolutely hilarious soul. Steve touched people and his imprint remained. Not many have that gift and we were all honored to have witnessed his specialness. I had the distinct pleasure to work with Steve as a colleague and team mate for years but was most important was our friendship. He ALWAYS lifted my spirits. I will carry all of you in my prayers for Steve’s reflection through our Lord’s light. Steve may you rest in peace and know YOU will be missed dearly by many. Beth Ann Walp

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**Beth Ann Walp** - August 16, 2021 at 04:50 PM

MJ

“ Steve was a coworker and a friend. While our work world was rather virtual he brought our team meetings to life with his sense of humor, his observations and his reminders to go out and live our lives. In fact, his upbeat attitude toward work and life became a team motto, "WWSD - what would Steve do." We all knew what that meant; smile, remind yourself that sometimes, that is just life and keep moving forward.

*Steve will be missed by so many.*

*Sending his family and friends love and light.*

*God bless you all.*

*Mindy Jones*

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**Mindy Jones** - August 16, 2021 at 01:42 PM