



Steven "Steve" Vincent Heeter

August 13, 1953 - April 9, 2021

Steven "Steve" Vincent Heeter, age 67, of Joplin, MO passed away on Friday, April 9, 2021 at his home in Joplin, MO. Steve was born in Monett, MO on Thursday, August 13, 1953; the son of Charles and Teresa (Nolan) Heeter. Steve attended St. Mary's Catholic School and graduated from Pierce City High School in 1971. Steve played in the Pierce City band during high school. He immediately joined the Army National Guard. Steve was married to Lori Loyd on Saturday, December 9, 2000 in Joplin, MO. He was an avid Kansas City Chiefs fan. He was a cab driver many years, worked as a paramedic and worked in telemetry at Mercy. Steve enjoyed cooking and entertaining. He loved visiting with others. Steve spent many hours with family and enjoyed watching his grandsons grow up. Steve was a legend in his own mind. He enjoyed life and loved his family. Steve never met a stranger. He told jokes and brought candy to co-workers at Mercy. To know him was to love him!

Steve is survived by the following: his wife, Lori of the home; two daughters, Erica Martin of Granby, MO and Nicole Watson of Joplin, MO; his mother, Teresa Heeter of Pierce City, MO; three brothers, Mike Velten of Neosho, MO, Charles Heeter of Bella Vista, AR, and Tom Heeter of Neosho, MO; five sisters, Teri England of Pierce City, MO, Janine King of Pierce City, MO, Mari Heeter of Joplin, MO, Carrie Sanders of Monett, MO, and Amy Barnes of Joplin, MO; four grandchildren; and many other nieces and nephews.

Steve was preceded in death by his father, Charles Heeter in 2004 and a son, Chad Heeter in 1995.

Memorial Mass will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pierce City, MO on Thursday, April 15, 2021 beginning at 10:00 AM with Father Paul Pudhota officiating. Steve was cremated at his request. Burial will be at a later date. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

APR **15**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
200 Front Street
Pierce City, MO 65723
(417) 476-2827

Tribute Wall



“ Steven "Steve" Vincent Heeter

October 09, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ i was in his cab twice the first time was in maybof 96 when I came to Joplin for a job orientation, long story short I was told I would get a free ride from the bus station to the hotel. Before I got to a pay phone to call the number they gave me the clerk told me he would call me a ride. It was Steve he gave me tour of Joplin after a little tornado went through. The problem was I didn't have any money and I thought the company would pay for the ride. I owed him \$5 for that ride he never got 😞😞😞. Tyatvwas my very first ride vintage taxi. The second time was a year later I was on a date and he gave me the 411 on the girl I was with (Christina Childers) I dint like what he had to say about her but he was right. 🙌🙌🙌



Steven Griffith - June 06, 2022 at 08:34 AM



“ Steve was a really great guy and classmate. He always had a smile for everyone and enjoyed life. He will be greatly missed by those who knew him.

Kelly (O'Hara) Gray - April 16, 2021 at 01:11 PM

MK

“ *Mike & Jill Kaiser lit a candle in memory of
Steven "Steve" Vincent Heeter*



Mike & Jill Kaiser - April 14, 2021 at 08:45 PM

MN

“ Steve, among others, I have a vivid memory of your birth date.



At age 15, I was spending the summer with relatives, (Brown Family) in Joplin playing league baseball. I was abruptly awakened in the early morning by Aunt Martha who announced in an "joyous manner", that I was now Uncle Mike! It was a proud moment as you were the first born into the Nolan/Velten family.

Aunt Jacki and I have fond memories of you growing up, cute, smart, kind, reserved and much more.

There are several positive blanks, that could be filled in with memories of you. Kiddingly, in years gone by, I had reminded you, that I had the "privilege" of changing your diaper a few times. Only when no-one was available!

You visited with us during your honeymoon spent in Kansas City. We enjoyed having you as over night guests. In appreciation, you surprised us with a gift us from Crown Center.

A little history, your father "Hank" was like a big brother to me. Lot of fond memories of him within the short period of time knowing him before his accidental death in 1954. He was a proud father! He chose and engineered me having my first car at age 16 with a sales pitch to our beloved "Granny Gorman."

Afterwards, You, Mike and family were fortunate when "Charles" came into your lives. He was one-of-a-kind, responsible, loving and a happy go lucky father. One of the very best and unforgettable!

You will be sorely missed, may you rest in peace Steve.

*Love,
Uncle Mike and Aunt Jacki*

Mike Nolan - April 13, 2021 at 01:39 PM

CJ

“ I knew Steve thur health care, I would come to his house twice a week, help around the house, cooking with Steve was also included, he was a very nice guy, he talk about his family and how he loved them,,, including Lore!!!! Prayers for the family



cindy johnson - April 12, 2021 at 11:45 PM

KM

“ Rest In Peace, Steve. I so enjoyed your posts on Facebook. Bob and Kathy Bourscheski Merritt. To the family: we are so sorry for your loss.

kathy and Bob Merritt - April 11, 2021 at 03:16 PM

DE

“ Steven was the nicest guy!! We used to chat when he drove the Mercy Shuttle Bus. He would buy a bag of penny candy and give everyone treat. Steve never knew a stranger... once you met him, you had a friend for life. Prayers to his family. We were blessed to have known him.



Dawn Eden - April 11, 2021 at 10:14 AM

GM

“ I will miss everything about you my dear friend..May you rest in peace heaven bound...love your next door lady



Gretchen Morris - April 11, 2021 at 08:23 AM

AJ

“ Arorothy Jones lit a candle in memory of Steven "Steve" Vincent Heeter



arorothy Jones - April 10, 2021 at 06:51 PM

PS

“ Pam Schoen lit a candle in memory of Steven "Steve" Vincent Heeter



Pam Schoen - April 10, 2021 at 03:57 PM

JB

Boonie & all, know I am thinking of you @ this time. RIP, sir Steve..

Juliana M Barnes - April 14, 2021 at 11:40 PM