



Steven Michael Ehlers

March 29, 1948 - February 6, 2026

Steven M. Ehlers, 77 yrs of Eureka IL, formally of Washburn IL, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 6th, 2026, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria IL surrounded by his family.

Steve was born March 29th, 1948, in Washington IL, to Elmer and Elsie (Monk) Ehlers.

Steve graduated from Low Point Washburn High School in 1966, where he was an All-State basketball player. He attended Lincoln Junior College on a basketball scholarship until 1969. He proceeded to play in a Semi Pro Basketball league in Granville IL, and then continued to play in a league for Caterpillar basketball.

Steve was in the US Army Reserves Specialist Four from 1969-1975. He was a member of Benson IL American Legion.

He married Sally K. Quiram on December 20th, 1969, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Washburn. Their home was blessed with two children, Jennifer and Ryan. He was so proud of his three grandchildren, Olivia, Chase and Hannah.

Steve worked at Caterpillar in Peoria, retiring after 32 years. Steve was a

member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Benson and St. John's Lutheran Church in Washburn.

Steve served as President and Secretary of Caterpillar Bowling league, where he scored a 300 game. He was President and Secretary of Caterpillar Golf league. He coached little league for his son's baseball team and umpired various leagues throughout the county.

Steve is survived by his wife, Sally, daughter Jennifer (Tony) Horinek of Metamora and son Ryan (Lynn) Ehlers of Metamora; his grandchildren whom he was so proud of, Olivia (Brody) Atherton, Chase Ehlers and Hannah Horinek. His sister Treva Hinkle. He is preceded in death by his parents Elmer and Elsie Ehlers.

His retirement involved the love of fishing. He enjoyed fishing with his granddaughter Hannah every weekend.

Per Steve's request, cremation has been arranged, and there will be no services.

"Go Rest High on That Mountain." We will miss you.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dave and Leanna purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Steven Michael Ehlers.



Dave and Leanna - February 10 at 10:10 PM

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“ Dave and Leanna planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Michael Ehlers.

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“ Oh Steve! Hope you're up in heaven with Gerry causin' trouble like the good ol days!! You'll be missed by many!! 😞

Tara Hattan - February 10 at 12:24 PM

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Grampa Steve, Kelsie will miss seeing you at dialysis and so will I. Always in our hearts.
Kelsie and Laurie Greider

Laura Ann Greider - February 23 at 08:11 PM