



Robert Stephen

March 23, 1967 - December 12, 2016

Robert “Bobby” Stephen, 49, of Davenport and formerly of Oskaloosa passed away Monday morning, December 12, 2016, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa.

Robert Lee Stephen, son of Kenneth Robert Stephen and Joan “Joanie” Ann (Howard) Hughes, was born March 23, 1967, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. He was a 1985 graduate of Oskaloosa High School and then continued his education in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he attended welding school. After completing his education, he returned to Oskaloosa and was hired by Vermeer Manufacturing in Pella as a welder in 1987. Bobby married Teresa McNulty, June 3, 1989, at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Ottumwa. They made their home in Oskaloosa and later divorced. After nine years with Vermeer, Bobby was hired in 1996, as a welder by Tri City Fabricating and Welding Company in Davenport. He remained with Tri City until being hired at John Deere as a welder in 2004. He was employed with John Deere until the time of his death.

While living in Oskaloosa, he drove race cars at the Southern Iowa Speedway; he loved NASCAR with Jeff Gordon being his favorite driver. He also enjoyed bass fishing, hunting, golfing and camping. He was an avid football fan and never missed a Kansas City Chiefs or an Iowa Hawkeye game. His family was important to him, and he loved family get-togethers and picnics.

His family includes his sister, Tammy (Bob Laverenz) Newcomb of Davenport; his step-father, Jim Hughes of Beacon; nephew, Ricky (Stuart Blom) Newcomb of Manitou Springs, CO; niece, Candace (Jon) Hull of Davenport; great nephew and great niece, Kyler and Kaylin Hull of Davenport; aunts: Sheryl (Ron) McCain, Debbie Stephen, and Carol Beason, all of Oskaloosa and Madelyn Walker of Eddyville; uncle, Robert Rodwell of Givin; and his fur-babies: Josie, Lilly, K.C. and Gravy.

In addition to his parents, Bobby was preceded in death by his grandparents and several aunts and uncles.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday morning, December 17, 2016, at Garland-Van Arkel-Langkamp Funeral Chapel in Oskaloosa with Pastor Alvern Boetsma of the Good News Chapel officiating. Burial will be in Forest Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m., Friday, at the funeral chapel; family will greet visitors from 4-6 p.m. Memorials may be made to Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Stephen*

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“ *Bobby you were the biggest Jeff Gordon fan..... I will always treasure the moments of you at the race track! Those were good times! You were welcomed by God and by your lovely parents! Rest easy my old friend!*

Shauna Schwab - December 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *You truly have a heart of gold Bobby. You will be sorely missed. Rest in peace dear friend.*

Michael Easterday - December 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rest in peace Bob you were such a sweet man and will missed by all.*

Rhonda Gillespie - December 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our hearts and Prayers go out to your family and friends.. Bob rest in peace, you will be missed by many including us.. Seth Bailey-Hodge*

Candi Bailey - December 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

Garland - December 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Bobby you will missed by all who knew youi remember the ornery little guy that lived down the street from Ruth and David much love Pat McCain (muggor)

Patricia McCain - December 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Bobby, Your boisterous, larger than life presence will be missed. You brought so much love and humor to our family. Your family misses you. Please watch over them from Heaven.

Christy Stephen - December 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ You will forever be missed Bobby!!!

Jeannie Sparks - December 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ You were a great uncle. You were always so loving and playful and funny. Thank you knuckle head! We're going to miss you so much

Ricky Newcomb - December 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM