

Steve Doerner

February 14, 1959 - November 27, 2020

Steve Doerner

Loving father of Jim (Kristin) Doerner, Christina (Andrew) Covert and Nick (Laura) Doerner; cherished grandfather of Cole, Riley, Violet, Lincoln, Kaitlynn and Molly; beloved boyfriend of Liz Anderson; devoted son of Stephen and Barbara Doerner; fond brother of Barb (Mike) Hemme, Bill (Karen) Doerner and Ed (Laurie) Doerner.

Steve T Doerner was born on Valentine's Day in 1959 to Stephen and Barbara Doerner, despite the fact that the delivering doctor who had dinner plans that evening had politely hoped he would wait to be born. This became the theme of Steve's life. It didn't matter what plans anyone had in mind for him. He lived life on his own terms.

He was born in Chicago and raised in Elk Grove. As Steve grew it became apparent that he was a tinkerer, a fixer, and unbelievably good at all things mechanical. His grandfather had been like that and throughout life Steve would revel in his grandfather's creations and inventions. His grandfather, his Dad and his Uncle started a business together called Doerner and Sons in 1957 and when Steve was in his 20's he joined on as third generation. Alongside his father they grew to be one of the top appliance repair companies in all of Chicagoland.

Steve married in his early twenties and had 3 kids that he devoted his whole life to. From carrying baby bottles in his back pocket to building refrigerator box forts, his love and ambition for his kids was unmatched. By nature, he was a teacher and took every opportunity to teach his kids all that he knew. He was a "get your hands dirty and get in there" kind of guy. He was the kind of Dad that went to every school event, hung every picture, and proudly displayed every handmade memento from his kids. His kids were everything to him and he never hesitated to sacrifice whatever necessary to provide for them.

Steve's heart was so big that it not only had room for all the love he had for his kids and family but also room for loving everyone he met. He was a Scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts and created the highest enrollment this region would ever see. He was a leader at Redmon's Towing where he worked weekends and had a lot of fun learning about towing, problem solving the various ways cars would end up, and teaching the other drivers that he knew and cared for. He took a mission trip to Guatemala with his brother, volunteered for the local Jacee's, donated to all kinds of charities, went on numerous motorcycle rides to benefit a multitude of non-profit organizations. He had various friends and friends of his kids who would stay at his house when they fell on hard times. His endless wisdom was given to all who needed his advice and he was always available to lend an ear or his mechanical hands to someone who needed a friend.

When he met his girlfriend Liz, she brought a new perspective to his life and he started trying things he never thought he would. He became a foodie of sorts and enjoyed cooking with her. He got into unexpected hobbies like jewelry making and sewing. They went on various adventures together like excavating at a diamond mine or going on a motorcycle ride to protest school bullying. Liz became his best friend and he loved her dearly.

The true beauty of Steve's life came when his grandkids were born. Each of his 6 grandkids had their own unique bonds with their "Papa Pops" and he spent the last years of his life loving them, spoiling them, taking them on adventures, and teaching them how to fearlessly live life on their own terms like he had.

Steve was unique and deeply loved by all who mattered to him. He was a father unmatched in this world with love and devotion. He was the greatest Papa to his grandkids. He was honest, ambitious, smart, fun, and most of all he was the pure embodiment of unconditional love.

He was our rock, our moral compass, and the heart of our family. He will be deeply missed until our family chain is linked again someday. We love you Dad. Rest easy, Pop.

Visitation and service will be private for family only. The visitation and service will be livestreamed though our website under the media/pictures and videos tab for those of you wishing to participate. The visitation will be held on Thursday, December 3rd from 3:00 P.M. till time of service at 6:30 P.M.

** Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, everyone is asked to be patient and abide by the number of visitors allowed inside the funeral home. Everyone is welcomed, but we ask that you keep your visit short so that all who wish to pay their respects will be able to do so. Please note that all visitors are required to wear face masks to enter the funeral home. **

In lieu of flowers help Steve bring Christmas to kids in need by donating to Toys for Tots (<http://www.toysfortots.org/donate/Default.aspx>) .

For further information please contact the Morizzo Funeral Home and
Cremation Services at 847.752.6444.

The family has created a Life Tributes page; at MorizzoFuneralHome.com to
share memories, photos and videos.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 3. 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM.

Private

Tribute Wall



“ *Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Steve Doerner*

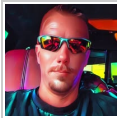


Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services - December 03, 2020 at 11:53 AM



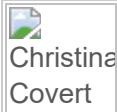
RIP friend... You will be missed.

Matt Zorn - December 03, 2020 at 06:54 PM



Hi everyone, we are having difficulty with the video and are working on it. If it doesn't work at the end of the services the video will be there as a recording to view. We are sorry about this.

Nick Doerner - December 03, 2020 at 07:02 PM



I'm so sorry they were having trouble with the stream. The full recording will be up later today.

Christina Covert - December 04, 2020 at 07:53 AM



“ *Steve Doerner*

November 04, 2022 at 06:54 PM

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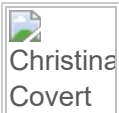
“ I met Steve years ago when my daughter krystle was friends with Tina&Jimmy. Then later he became my friend and hero.i called him to look at my 35 plus year old washer. Anyone else would have said get rid of it. He told me"these old ones are good. The new ones are all junk! I'm willing to keep it running as long as we can get parts". He did that many times&always with a smile. He was a really good dad to his kids. Krystle always loved"pops" too! Rest in peace! My thoughts and prayers to everyone

Lucy smolinski - December 10, 2020 at 09:42 AM



“ Pops, you were my family from before I can remember and will forever be like a dad to me. I will miss you immensely. I will miss your sense of humor, your willingness to care about things so completely, your ability to help others see things from another perspective, the way you would randomly decide to jump head first, all in, into a project or a cause, the way you always remembered to call me or text me on my birthday, your open arms in every situation, the way you could so easily fall asleep... and so so much more. I love you. Rest in peace Pops.

Sally Riccardi - December 03, 2020 at 07:11 PM



Love you Sally

Christina Covert - December 04, 2020 at 07:55 AM

NI

“ I'm so thankful for all the years I worked in the office with him. Steve was a great guy, boss and like another father to me. He will be missed by so many. Thinking of all of you and sending my love.

Nicole - December 03, 2020 at 04:48 PM

CR

“ I already feel the loss as I'm sure many others do, Steve. Although I met you later in your life, I always wished I had known you long before. There isn't a way anyone couldn't love you with the care and kindness you never hesitated to share. You made people feel like family after just meeting them and you have left an unmatched mark on this world. I will miss you dearly but I will make it a point to live each day emulating your care and kindness with the world so I too can leave a mark. Thank you for loving me and allowing me to love you throughout the years.
You will never be forgotten. Rest in peace, Steve.

Christina Royal - December 03, 2020 at 11:09 AM

LI

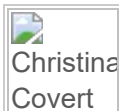
He loved you and Stephen so much!
We BOTH do.
We were lucky to know him, and I'm so glad I have you to remember with.
I am so lucky.
Love you. ❤️

Liz - December 03, 2020 at 11:43 AM

CM

“ I feel very blessed to have had the opportunity to know Steve. I always looked forward to seeing his smiling face during my visits to the business. The banter between Steve Jnr and Senior was always amusing and the mutual love so very apparent. As honest as the day is long and as hard a worker as you will ever meet.
Humba Gashle Steve.

Clive Maclean - December 02, 2020 at 09:17 PM

 Christina Covert

Thanks Clive <3

Christina Covert - December 03, 2020 at 02:43 AM



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Kristin Doerner - December 02, 2020 at 06:30 PM

LI

So cute ❤️

Liz - December 02, 2020 at 08:52 PM



“ Kristin Doerner lit a candle in memory of Steve Doerner



Kristin Doerner - December 02, 2020 at 06:30 PM

LI

So cute ❤️

Liz - December 02, 2020 at 08:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Steve Doerner.



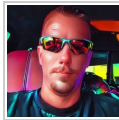
December 02, 2020 at 10:51 AM

RU

“ I knew Steve for 28 years as his CPA and might I say friend. He loved his kids and grandkids as well as his whole family and always spoke about them with such love and pride. Steve will be missed. God Bless.

Russell

Russell - December 02, 2020 at 09:13 AM



Thank you Russell.


Nick Doerner - December 02, 2020 at 09:38 AM

MW

“ Mike White lit a candle in memory of Steve Doerner



Mike White - December 02, 2020 at 08:56 AM


Christina
Covert

“ Love you, Dad. I'm so happy we had an extra 11 years with you after the first heart attack. I'm forever grateful for you being here and able to walk me down the aisle, to be with my babies after they were born and to work alongside you at the business all these years. You were the greatest Dad and our bond is eternal. There really is so much I can say. I love you, I'll miss you always ❤️




Christina Covert - December 02, 2020 at 07:03 AM

LO

“ We shall always have a memory of him posing with his beloved Harley, but the best memory we shall never forget is dancing with Tina on her wedding day.
Forever loved, never forgotten.
Uncle Guy and Aunt Louise

Louise Osborn - December 02, 2020 at 04:13 AM


Christina
Covert

Love you

Christina Covert - December 02, 2020 at 06:29 AM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Steve Doerner.*



December 02, 2020 at 04:03 AM



“ *Our condolences to the Family on your loss. Pray your memories give you some peace.*

Michael & Linda Rogers - December 01, 2020 at 05:33 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Liz - December 01, 2020 at 01:35 PM



Perfect share, Liz! This was a true testament of the type of person Steve was. ❤️

Christina Royal - December 03, 2020 at 11:11 AM



*Yeah, that was a great day.
Great memory.*

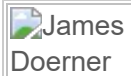
Liz - December 03, 2020 at 11:17 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Steve Doerner.



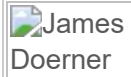
December 01, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



James Doerner - December 01, 2020 at 09:36 AM



“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



James Doerner - December 01, 2020 at 09:29 AM

CM

“ Nick, Laura, Kaitlyn, and Molly. I didn't know your father at all. However, by all I am reading and the pictures that were shared on FB, he was full of life and love. What a tremendous loss for your family. More so during this really hard time we are all facing, that you should go this alone without the support of your friends and extended family. Know that we love you, support you, and will be thinking and praying for you daily. Saving big hugs for when we see you again. Dave and Carol Mills

Carol F Mills - December 01, 2020 at 08:23 AM

RM

“ My wing man. I felt so safe riding between you and Jeff. On our trip to Tennessee years ago, when we found ourselves on a gravel road, and no where to go but down on that mountain. I was petrified riding my sportster down, but, you were right there behind me. And then, on a highway that was under construction and we had to change lanes to make an exit. The road was uneven and we were traveling at 55-60 mph. I was afraid the uneven road would bring me down because of my front skinny tire and I wasn't changing lanes. You knew, you knew I was afraid to make that lane change. You rode up next to me and hand gestered the move I had to make. (which I knew I had to do to make that exit) You slowed down to make room for me to change lanes and so you'd be behind me again. The early morning coffee chats when we sat on the deck. The late night laughs when all of us were back from riding. There are so many memories. On the FB thread leading up to our last ride on November 9th, 2020. You had posted: (quote) Everytime I say yes, something happens that I can't make it, so this time I'm not going to say (it) and let's see what happens." I'm so glad it worked! It was so good to see you! It was a perfect beautiful November day. We're going to sorely miss you Pops. Rest In Peace my friend.

Robin Murtaugh - December 01, 2020 at 06:22 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steve Doerner.*



November 30, 2020 at 10:16 PM



“ *Steve
Rest In Peace my friend. I want come up there and pay my respect
and see your family and friends. The Situation we are in won't allow
that to happen. I'll never forget what we had, it made us who we
are.*

Your friend Dudley Jones

Dudley Jones - November 30, 2020 at 08:55 PM



*Thank you uncle Dudley. We wish this was under different
circumstances. Pop would have loved for all of us to be able to see
each other.*

Jim Doerner - November 30, 2020 at 09:55 PM

LI

“ Steve, I don't know how I'm gonna do this without you...
I keep wanting to ask you for advice, but I can't.
You'd probably tell me to just figure it out and relax.
I'll never forget the first time I met you.
There was just something about you.
Then, you showed up in tow gear, holding a baby carrier and selling
girl scout cookies.
I was intrigued 😊
Only later did I learn you did it on purpose.
And, I liked that even better.
We were opposites in so many ways, but somehow it just worked.
I think it's because we just loved each other.
I remember telling you I could never break up with you, because I'd
miss you too much.
And you said you felt the same way.
I wish I could've gotten you to take better care of yourself.
For you.
But, mostly because I need you.
You weren't perfect, but you were close enough, and the best man I
ever knew.
I love you.

Liz - November 30, 2020 at 08:09 PM

CR

*You were both so beautiful and perfect together. I love you both,
always!*

Christina Royal - December 03, 2020 at 11:13 AM

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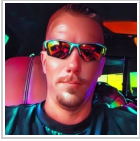


Liz - December 03, 2020 at 12:07 PM

LI

Forever, my friend.

Liz - December 03, 2020 at 12:11 PM



“ To my father, you have been there in ways you can't imagine and the memories that I now get to think about daily and bring joy to my life even more, as I have my own children and think to myself now I know what dad meant wait til you have kid's.

I remember at the shop on randall in Elk Grove,IL. You were driving the blazer at the time and showed me how to change the brakes on one tire and then asked me to change the other three tires. Which I did change and you expected me to be tied up for about 30 mins to an hour, but low and behold I walked back in after 15mins and you said to me did you forget something or did you run into a problem and I said I'm all done. We then walked out and took it for a test drive which I know you were scared about because I was only 9 or 10 years old and we drove away down the street and you were shocked that it all came out perfect.

For you dad you were everyone's teacher and I will never forget that moment in my life. Thank you for showing me many things. I will miss having you by my side working on things but I know if I do mess something up you will make sure to say your missing this or doing something wrong and making sure to sit in your chair and bark orders at me. Love you pops!



Nick Doerner - November 30, 2020 at 07:27 PM

LI

You were only 9 or 10???
Only your Dad would do that!
Of course he fell asleep on a moving motorcycle, so he wasn't worried about four wheels and a steel cage.
And you know what he'd tell anyone who tried to tell him something he didn't want to hear...
"I did it just to..." You know.💎💎💎💎

Liz - November 30, 2020 at 08:08 PM

TH

“ *Teresa,Bill,and Gillian Hemme purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Steve Doerner.*



Teresa,Bill,and Gillian Hemme - November 30, 2020 at 12:46 PM