



Steven John Dempsey

May 8, 1954 - April 30, 2020

Steve J Dempsey age 65 of Amboy died Thursday April 30, 2020 at his home. He was born May 8, 1954 in Amboy the son of William and Regina (Finn) Dempsey. Steve was a lifelong farmer and a proud member of Labor's Local 727.

He was a member of St Mary Catholic Church in Walton and the Lee County Farm Bureau.

He was preceded in death by his mother Regina and a brother Mitchell Dempsey.

Steve is survived by his only son, Sean Dempsey, of Marana, AZ, his father William of Dixon, two sisters Lisa Magnafici of Dixon and Tosca (Rocky) Schultz of Amboy; nieces and nephews Paul (Sara) Magnafici, Jaime (Bryan) Monk, Tess Magnafici, Hayli (Justin Shippert) Schultz, Whitney Schultz and Nick Schultz.

Steve was a student of history, who was especially passionate and knowledgeable about WWII and the American Mafia. He was a dedicated, supportive father, a good friend, a lifelong Green Bay Packer fan, and a master of the Irish goodbye.

A private family Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St Mary Catholic Church in Walton. Burial will follow in St Patrick Cemetery in Amboy.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy

816 Rockyford Rd
Amboy, IL 61310

Tribute Wall



“ *Steven John Dempsey*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Steven John Dempsey*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Sending my sympathies to Steve's family. I worked for Ohio Grain Company for many years and have alot of memories of working with Steve. Gary Christensen, Ohio, IL*

GARY CHRISTENSEN - May 11, 2020 at 03:54 PM



“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy on your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time. Jane Reuter and Family*

Jane Reuter - May 07, 2020 at 10:07 PM

CW

“ We are sending love and peace and prayers for strength for the Dempsey family. Steve was the consummate nice guy. He would always stop to visit and always had a smile. We would run into him in Ladd or Nelson, all of us happy to be having another yummy chicken dinner. His roots are strong in this area and he will always be remembered fondly by all who knew him. A guy who personified the song, Humble and Kind.

Bill and Cheri Wolfe 🙏

Cheri Wolfe - May 06, 2020 at 09:56 AM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Steven John Dempsey.*



May 06, 2020 at 09:45 AM

EL

“ *Going to miss Steve and how he hated text messages. (I did it just to make him mad and he would always call me back and say Liz you know I do not know how to text).My response was always I know Steve. To Bill, Lisa, and Tosca and your families you have my deepest sympathy.*

Rest in Peace dear friend.

Elizabeth Bontz

elizabeth - May 06, 2020 at 09:27 AM

BM

“ While home on leave from the Airforce, I would always stop in Harmon/Walton to catch up with old friends. Steve always had a smile on his face and usually a funny story to share. He was a very likeable guy.

Butch Morrissey - May 06, 2020 at 08:21 AM

LB

“ So sorry for your loss, I shed a tear with you. I worked with Steve on quite a few jobs and I always thought he was a great guy. He worked hard and got along with everyone. My deepest sympathy to all his family.

Larry "Bummy" Baumgartner

Larry Baumgartner - May 06, 2020 at 01:41 AM

HC

“ So sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers

Hugh Cass

Hugh Cass - May 05, 2020 at 11:38 AM

RB

“ Condolences to the family , we seen Steve about 3 years ago. Always enjoyed reminiscing with him. Prayers. Sincerely Ron and Doreen Bontz

Ron and Doreen Bontz - May 05, 2020 at 09:48 AM

GG

“ Although I haven't seen Steve in quite a few years, many years ago(in our younger days) Tom & I would see and talk to Steve at Harmon or Walton. I think the first encounter to meet Steve was when Bill & Tom worked at the Il State Highway Dept. and we got to meet the family. Steve was always a lot of fun to be around and we had some good times! Steve will live on in our hearts! Prayers for all! 🙏

Gracie Grove - May 04, 2020 at 11:48 AM

LM

“ Enjoyed seeing this funny guy over the years, so sorry for your loss. Marty & Lynn Montavon



lynn montavon - May 04, 2020 at 08:52 AM

RK

“ Dear Sean, Bill, Lisa, Tosca and Family,

I cannot find adequate words to express the deepest sadness I felt when I learned about Steve's passing this last week. Steve has been a friend of mine since the time when I arrived as Pastor of Harmon and Walton back in 1978. He was always someone who would stop to say hello and we would catch up on stuff that had happened along the way. The last times I can recall visiting with Steve ---this past Christmas season I covered several Saturday night Masses in Walton and after those Masses, Steve and I had the chance to visit and share some memories and such. He was always at my Masses there. Then sometime in January or February, I had the chance to see him briefly when I had dinner at the Walton Tap and he had come for his own dinner there. I always would glance at Steve's home when I passed it on my way to Walton or Amboy on Sterling Road. Usually I would see his car and some farming machinery there. Occasionally, Steve would be there as well and give me a wave as I passed by. When I heard of Steve's passing last week, I offered a Mass for him in my Chapel that day. I will continue to pray for him and for all of you in the family as you mourn his passing and celebrate his life. I will ask our Lord to give you each the graces needed to come through this time of loss. My heart goes out to each of you! Father Richard R. Kramer

Rev. Richard Kramer - May 04, 2020 at 08:35 AM

MB

“ Marilyn Braidà lit a candle in memory of Steven John Dempsey



marilyn braidà - May 03, 2020 at 09:20 PM

MF

“ Marilyn Braid And Family lit a candle in memory of Steven John Dempsey



marilyn braida and family - May 03, 2020 at 09:18 PM

JD

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Dempsey family. Steve farmed my grandparents, Vincent and Mary Ranken's farm, when they decided to quit farming. Whenever he came into the yard my Grandma would always say "Stevie darling is here" they thought a lot of him, his family and the Finn's. Steve was a nice guy no other way to put it.

Joyce Morris Dale - May 03, 2020 at 04:50 PM

CP

“ Steve will be missed. Attended Walton GS with Steve. Always a good guy. Many fond memories of my classmates. So sorry for your loss.
Cathie McCabe Phillips

Catherine McCabe Phillips - May 03, 2020 at 03:09 PM

KK

“ Kay & Jerry Karlson lit a candle in memory of Steven John Dempsey



Kay & Jerry Karlson - May 03, 2020 at 11:21 AM

SH

“ So very sorry for your loss. Lots of great memories of Steve from highschool and over passing years. He was a very kind, caring guy. Haven't seen him in many years, but he's a person that always stuck in my memory.

Sharon - May 03, 2020 at 09:49 AM

LB

“ So very sorry. Steve was a classmate of mine.

Laura Gibson Brooks - May 02, 2020 at 09:23 PM

RA

“ Ron And Tami Ackert lit a candle in memory of Steven John Dempsey



Ron and Tami Ackert - May 02, 2020 at 08:30 PM

JH

“ Prayers for your family. Very sorry for your loss.

Janece ross hanks - May 02, 2020 at 08:19 PM

AD

“ It has been a long long time but I still remember our family reunions and the fun we had as kids. Rest In Peace Steve and my thoughts are with all of you at this time. Ann Dempsey

Ann Dempsey - May 02, 2020 at 06:19 PM