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In 1996, Steve began his first battle with cancer and battled various forms of cancer four more times in his life. On April 6, 2025, he entered Ava's House in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. On June 13, 2025, he returned to his home and spent the summer doing the things he loved including spending time with family and friends, campfires and watching a couple tractor pulls, where his favorite Esdon Lehn won with a "full pull". He returned to hospice on September 29, 2025. He passed away at Ava's House on Saturday, October 18, 2025 surrounded by the people who loved him and all of Ava's angels.

During his youth, Steve was active in FFA and 4-H. He loved to bowl, attend music concerts, listen to a wide range of music, watch tractor pulls and movies – one of his favorites was Dirty Harry and the quote "go ahead...make my day". He had an interest in firearms. During his free time, he liked target shooting and going to the gun club, being outside, bonfires and taking care of his flowers. Steve was a tough and resilient person. He learned a lot about life through his travels driving truck and seeing the country. One of the most important lessons he learned throughout the years was "life is short, so make sure and take time to enjoy it".

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Free to fly now!



*Cast aside your worldly cares,  
Sit a while with me.  
We will spend this time as one,  
This is what will be.  
Hold my hand now for a while,  
Say a word or two.  
It is such a comfort now,  
That I might comfort you.*

Morning Comes -  
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