



Stephen Craig Briski

March 18, 1965 - April 20, 2010

Stephen Craig Briski, 45, of Dearborn Heights, passed away on April 20, 2010 at the home of his parents in Garden City, after a brief battle with cancer. Steve was born March 18, 1965 in Detroit, the son of Paul and Gloria (Lassila) Briski. Steve grew up in Detroit and Westland, where he attended the Wayne Westland schools and graduated from Wayne Memorial High School in 1983. Throughout his childhood he loved sports and played on many local baseball teams. For the past several years, Steve has shared his life with his girl friend Crystal Coffey and her son Jacob, living in Dearborn Heights. Steve worked for many years at Color Tile, F. B. Wright and Heartland grocery. Most recently, he was employed by Walmart, where he worked as a stockperson. Steve liked to bowl and play golf, and was passionate about all sports, in particular loving the Detroit Red Wings and the Michigan State Spartans. He also thoroughly enjoyed being a doting uncle to his beloved nieces and nephew, and loved being a dad to Jacob. Steve continually held concern for others, most often before any concern for himself, and he always tried to help those who crossed his path in life wherever he could. He was always a friend to anyone in need. Steve was preceded in death by his grandparents, Wilbert Lassila and Elaine (Lampinen) Lassila Maatta; his grandfather, Anton Briski, Jr.; an aunt, Rose (Lassila) Perala; and most recently, his brother Duane, in 2008. In addition to Crystal and Jacob, Steve is survived by his parents, Paul and Gloria Briski of Garden City; two brothers, David Briski of Garden City and Brian (Gina) Briski of Westland; his grandmother, Lucille Briski of Garden City;

three nieces, Jessica Briski of Belding, and Katie & Angelina Briski, both of Westland; a nephew, Brandon Briski of Belding; an aunt, Patricia (Dick) Yates of Lacey, Washington; three uncles, John (Joyce) Lassila of Las Vegas, Anthony (Kay) Briski of Janesville, Wisconsin, and Curt Briski of Pontiac; an uncle-in-law, Peter Perala of Twin Lakes; two great-aunts, Evelyn Kuopus of Hancock and Mary Lou Howard of Jonesville; a sister-in-law, Cheryl Sepanak of Belding; and numerous cousins, friends and co-workers. Following cremation, a memorial service for Steve will be held on Sunday, April 25, 2010 at 7:00PM at the Vermeulen Funeral Home 980 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland. Family and friends may call at the funeral home from 5-9:00PM. To share a memory with the family, please use the view and send condolences link on this page.

Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen Craig Briski*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Stephen you were a great nephew who took care of me at your Grandmothers funeral and made sure I did not get to tired. Thank you for being such a caring person.*

Dick and Pat Yates - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM



“ *Dearest Steve, It's so difficult for us to find the words right now to express how we feel. It's been so hard to watch you struggle these past months, and we wish that we could have helped you more. We tried to do the best that we could for you, and we hope that we made things just a little bit easier and more comforting. We know that it wasn't enough, but it just wasn't meant to be more. We were there with you when you came into our lives, and we were there with you when you left us. And we've loved you throughout all the years between. You & Duane are together now, and we know that you will be there for each other ~ knowing this provides us comfort and we hope it gives you peace. We will always love you ~ and you will always be such an important part of our lives. All of our love, Mom & Dad*

Mom & Dad - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

CH

“ Dear Gloria, Paul & Family, Our deepest thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. We know that you have had a hard battle the last couple of years and no parents should have had to go through what you both did. May God bless and take care of both of you. With Love, Carol and Steve.

Carol & Steve Hupert - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

CB

“ Dear Steve, You made me an uncle before I was 3 years old. Over the years, I've had to explain so many times how I had a nephew almost as old as me, how I became an uncle when I was still 2. If I had a dollar for every time I've told that story..... I recall so much about you, but two things stand out ~ your sensitivity and your laughter. It seems like just yesterday that I remember you crying your heart out as a little boy when it was time to leave up north and go back home. I remember how you did that every time ~ you always hated to say goodbye ~ but it was just a sign of how caring and generous you would be when you grew up. You proved that by being the good person and friend you were to so many. And I remember Poopsey the Clown, our coloring book character that made you laugh every time he was ever mentioned. I don't think that I know why he made you laugh, but I know that the mere mention of him always broke you up. And no matter how much our lives changed or we went in different directions, Poopsey the Clown always grounded us back to a common point in time ~ a time long ago, almost 40 years ago ~ but a time that we always kept with us. I'm really going to miss hearing you laugh about Poopsey, and I will never forget it. I love you Steve. I always have, and I always will.
Uncle Curt

Curt Briski - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

BP

“ *It breaks my heart to see another good man gone, may god be with him and his family, he will be missed, but never forgotten,*

Barbara Patrick - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

MP

“ *steve i miss you so much. we have had some really good times,funny jokes and our funny bickers back n forth,your home was like my second home to me and im going to miss that so much ...last summer was probably the greatest summer when we all went camping and ive been thinking about how happy everyone was that weekend ..youve been my neighbor and friend for many years and it isnt fair that your gone, you were a good hearted person always helped everyone else first no matter what it was.. you were just a all around good person and your going to be greatly missed by alot of friends and love ones... Bubba*

Michael Patrick - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

BT

“ *Miss you already!! no more pain.. that's the good thing about all this u don't have to hurt noo more..hugs n kisses Steve ty for being such a good guy. even when me, Alex,A.J., Jacob were drivin you nut's you still were sweet love u Steve!! you will be missed alot by many. can still here your voice. wow soo soon..god was tired of u going through so much pain. just wish he would have found a way to get rid of it while you were still here so we can enjoy you more.. selfish i know.. rest in peace Steve..*

Brittney Turner - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

SD

“ I don't even know what to write we have been friend's for soo long soo many laughs soo many hugs soo soo many talk's u have been a great friend. i can't even think of u being gone from this world. I see your pic. and it's like a big hoaks someone is tring to play on me.I can't believe it i don't want to believe it. I'm going to miss u alot. I still have message's on my phone from you; this is soo unfair... But i do know one thing for certian you are in heaven. all the blessings you earned in life from being so sweet to everyone.You know I love you Steve. You n Eric be good up there. we will all see you soon enough. Stupid Cancer!!!! why???? PLEASE someone find a cure this isn't right at ALL...Bye Steve love u bunches.. GOING TO MISS YOUR HUGS MOST OF ALL. when the bell's chime i will know you got your wing's and how beautiful they will be (just like u) Dear God please watch over this one for me, very dear to me. Amen... Love always Shela

Shela Drawe - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

RM

“ Steve, You will be truely missed by everyone you ever touched. My thoughts and prayers are with you, your family and many friends.

Randy McCoy - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

CJ

“ Steve, It is lonely and confusing without you here. Me and Jacob miss you so much. But we no your in a better place and your with Duane. Oh how I will never forget how many great years we shared together. Our time together just flew by and now your gone. I know someday we will be together again all of us. Jacobs so confused and mixed up without you here. But with everyone else around to help we will be ok. Jacob said hi and he loves and misses you so much. **BABE, I LOVE YOU**

Crystal & Jacob - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

CH

“ Steve was an angel a man who cared about everyone no matter what. He always tried to see the good in everything. Steve I will remember you always and all the great times we had. You have reminded us all how short life can be and how great freinds like you come around very rarely. I'm glad I could be there in the time you needed me the most. And I will make sure Crystal & Jacob will be taken care of. She misses you so much and Jacob misses his dad. Briski Family, You all are in my heart and prayers Call me anytime you want. Love You All.

Christina - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

KY

“ Sometimes a friend is always there and sometimes a friend is far away I cant believe that I found one of the best friends i have had and he was gone so fast but I know that we will be friends forever I'll always have you in my thoughts and in my heart.I know the pain and suffering of this world is gone and you have gone to a better place.I will always laugh when i think of you. (Rest easy my friend we will all miss you but in time we will all be together again. Peace, Love ,and Grace be yours forever!!!

Kyle - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

JR

“ To the Brinski Family, My prayers are with you and your family. May God give you strength and love.

Janel Riggs - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

KK

“ Sending you my sympathy and prayers at this time of your loss. I was very saddened to hear of his passing. I will be thinking of all of you and keep you in my prayers. Take Care. Kay

Kay (Lahti) Kerttu - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

PM

“ My friend Steve. We haven't spoken in a while, but I have so many dear memories of you. And the common denominator of most every memory I have of you is that you made me laugh. And you had such a very kind heart and helped anyone who ever needed it. You are in God's hands now. I know your brilliant smile and easy going personality will be missed by so many. And to those who are left missing you, always remember something very important: "Life is not a dress rehearsal". Peace to all.

Paula Merollis - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

JT

“ Our prayers are with your family now and always. We are so sorry for your loss. Love you and miss you.

Jerry, Tonya and Taylor - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

DL

“ steve, we hAVE ALWAYS CONSIDERED YOU ONE OF OUR KIDS. MANY MEMORIES GO WITH THAT. REST IN THE HANDS OF OUR LORD JESUS. ALL OUR LOVE TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

dave & sherry Lindholm - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

CK

“ We will miss you so much Steve you was a great freind. We will never forget you. Everything you did touched our hearts and you will be there forever and ever. You always be the crazy silly guy I have non for 11 years. Say Hi to Eric. Love you always. Chrissy & Kyu

Christina & Kyle - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

PK

“ Steve... we met back in elementary school; you would walk with me to Adams Jr High; were "one of my dates" for Junior Prom and an usher at my Wedding. Nicole & Lauren knew you as "Big Uncle Steve". We shared many good times and a few losses. You will always be my big brother! Love Chris The Kaske Family: Phil, Chris, Nicole & Lauren

Phil & Chris (Gorshek) Kaske - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

DB

“ I told you that we have to go thru hell to get to heaven. Now you can be free to do every thing that you all ways dreamed of. Hope that your at peace and we will never forget how big of a heart you have and we were blessed to have you in our life we miss you bro.

Dave Briski - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

JK

“ Dear family of Steve, We are so deeply deeply sorry to find out that Steve passed away. We went to Wayne Memorial with him. One thing is for certain, he was always the kindest friend we knew. God bless Steve as his suffering is over and his journey is complete. God bless you all. Love in Christ~ James & Sandra Kukalis

Jim & Sandy Kukalis - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

JG

“ Steve was a true, loyal friend. He came in my life eight years ago and would of done anything for me. He was a great person, who always said "When I win the lotto, I am going to make sure you will never have to struggle and we are going to an island to relax and live it up." He was a great person and I will always miss him. He would give the shirt off his back for you, I could go on and on. Thanks, Steve for being a wonderful, loyal and true friend.

Jennifer Grzymala - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

BK

“ There are so many memories. You touched so many lives with your thoughtfulness, kindness and unselfish nature. You were there when I needed somebody to talk to; you listened. I'll never forget our conversations. The definition of friend should read - "Steve Briski". I will never forget you. I am truly honored that I can call you a friend. I saw you during the good times and unfortunately saw you suffer. Your pain is now erased. Rest in Peace my friend, I will miss you.

Bill Kashawlic - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

MF

“ I will always remember the great times we had growing up across the street from each other. Spending summer nights playing catch over the street light with you, Dave, Trembley and my sister or playing Uno in your backyard and all the other fun things the "Fairchild" crew did. You were the big brother to us all, Steve and you will never be forgotten. I know you are no longer suffering and you are with Duane now. Rest in peace, my friend.

Missy Fulton - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

SP

“ Steve ~You are truly going to be missed. You will always remain in our hearts for the great person that you were to all of us. So at the next birthday party make sure you pop a balloon for me! Can't wait to see you with your new wings in heaven. Miss you and love you always Uncle Steve - where's the mountain dew? I am going to miss you

Stacey & Alyssa Pare - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

CS

“ Steve, to a wonderful caring human being. You had so much compassion for others. You never forgot a face you met and always made people feel comfortable in your presense. Although we did not keep in touch after high school, I would ask about you through your mom. You will fondly be remembered. To Paul, Gloria, Dave, and Brian. Have comfort in knowing that Steve is in a better place and that he will be waiting with open arms for all of us to to meet up with him again. RIP Steve. With much love, Carol Struppa

Carol Struppa - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

KB

“ Uncle Steve, We love you so very much and we will miss all the fun things you used to with us!!

Katie & Angelina Briski - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

BB

“ Steve, Thank you for being such a great brother and friend. I know that you are now at peace and your pain is over. I will miss you and I love you.

Brian Briski - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

EL

“ Steve was a truly caring and loving person. Always treated Amy and I like a sister. He would always go out of his way to make us laugh. When he did something that would make us laugh really hard he would keep doing it over and over to keep us laughing. We are all Saddened that you are gone. But, knowing that you're in heaven with Duane by your side brings such comfort to our hearts. We love you Steve, and you will be forever missed, and forever our Brother. WE LOVE YOU!!!!!!

Elena - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

CW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Briski family. Steve was a wonderful friend to all and I'm proud to have known him.*

Cris (Kashawlic) Winner - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

TS

“ *Remembering Steve with love, laughter, and fun times. Please know that we are praying for your family at this difficult time.*

Tim & Kathy Sloan - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

KP

“ *I know that there are no words that can take away the pain that you both are going through. But only time will heal. God saw he was getting tired a cure was not to be, so he put his arms around him and whispered "Come with Me". God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best. May God bless you and your family.*

Karen Ponce & Charlie Peterson - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM

MS

“ *Steve you will always be a great memory in my life. We had so much fun in High School and hanging out in the summer. You will be sorely missed by so many people. I wish the old gang had stayed in touch more but take solice in knowing that you had so many people who called you friend. Heaven just got a little brighter because you crossed the pearly gates. God Bless you and your family in thier time of sorrow. You may be gone but you will never be forgotten. Your Friend Marty*

Marty Smith - December 12, 2014 at 10:16 AM