



## Stephan "Steve" Czapla

February 20, 1963 - August 11, 2021

Stephan (Steve) Czapla, of DeMotte, a proud Father and Grandfather who loved his family, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at the age of 58. Steve is survived by his parents, Stanley & Karen Czapla; his 3 daughters: Amanda, Megan, & Melanie (Arie); his 2 granddaughters, Elena & Alexa; fiancé, Molly Schneider and her children: Kendall (Logan), Corey (Tabitha), & Garrett; his 3 siblings Ronald (Karen) Czapla, Kristine (Zane) Feitshans, Cynthia Czapla (Dave MacDonald); many nieces & nephews; and his critter companions: Mister Kitty, Princess, Jinx, Snickers, Emily, and granddog, Zoe.

Steve was born to Stanley & Karen (nee Sampson) Czapla in Hammond, Indiana on February 20, 1963. He graduated from Crown Point High School in 1981 and then joined the pipefitter's apprenticeship as the youngest member at 18 years old and was the first pipefitter to be fired by his Father (but also rehired). Steve was an avid music lover, primarily loving the classic rock genre, and a musician, playing the bass in his church band at Grace Fellowship. He loved to fish, the Chicago White Sox, peanut buster parfaits, terrorizing Stan & Karen's pup Gretel, sitting on his front porch watching birds with Princess, and getting eye level with any of his nieces or nephews to play. Steve is best known for his infectious laughter, the joy he brought his family, and his warped sense of humor.

A celebration of life is scheduled for 3:00 – 5:00 pm on Friday, August 20, 2021 at Grace Fellowship Church, located at 1424 8th St SE, DeMotte, IN 46310. Donations can be made in memoriam to [secure.prisonfellowship.org](https://secure.prisonfellowship.org) or [stjudes.org](https://stjudes.org).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG **20**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Grace Fellowship Church  
1424 8th St SE  
De Motte, IN 46310-9058  
(219) 987-7763

# Tribute Wall



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephan "Steve" Czapla.*



August 19, 2021 at 10:59 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Stephan "Steve" Czapla.*



August 18, 2021 at 06:14 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephan "Steve" Czapla.*



August 18, 2021 at 04:40 PM



“ *Molly, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.*

**Brandi Hulse** - August 18, 2021 at 02:07 PM

JK

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, Melanie. I enjoyed seeing his contagious smile in the pictures shared here. I hope you find peace in the many wonderful memories you must have with him. Thinking of you and your family.

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**Jami Kong** - August 18, 2021 at 11:49 AM

ZS

“ I never met Steve, but he sounds like a fun and wonderful human being. I enjoyed reading about him and all the things he loved. May he live on in your memories forever. So sorry for your loss.

-Zach Skidmore

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**Zach Skidmore** - August 18, 2021 at 09:07 AM

CW

“ Very sorry for your loss, Melanie.

Chuck White

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**Chuck White** - August 18, 2021 at 08:36 AM

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We are keeping all of the family in our prayers. Steve will truly be missed, everyone loved his smile.  
Mike and Linda Yozman

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**Linda Yozman** - August 19, 2021 at 07:03 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of Stephan "Steve" Czapl.



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August 18, 2021 at 08:26 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Stephan "Steve" Czapl.



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August 17, 2021 at 10:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Stephan "Steve" Czapl.



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August 17, 2021 at 09:22 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant* was purchased for the family of Stephan "Steve" Czapl.



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August 17, 2021 at 09:00 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephan "Steve" Czapl.*



August 17, 2021 at 07:51 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephan "Steve" Czapl.*



August 17, 2021 at 06:47 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephan "Steve" Czapl.*



August 17, 2021 at 03:08 PM



“ *on the 4th you sat down next to me and said talk to me cousin, we talked about work, Tristan cats lol. had I had known ghat was the last time I heard your voice and laugh I would never let the conversation end. love you cuz*

**bill czapla** - August 17, 2021 at 01:48 PM



“ 8 files added to the album Tribute Wall 2



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**Ronald Czaplá** - August 17, 2021 at 12:54 PM

CA

“ Steve had the biggest smile whenever we saw him. Such a wonderful person and I'm thankful and blessed to have had him in our family. Say hi to my Mom (Pat Breitweiser) up there for me Steve. ❤️🙏 God bless you and your loving family. Cathy Breitweiser-Hurst

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**Cathy** - August 17, 2021 at 12:43 PM

BC

“ Barb Chess lit a candle in memory of Stephan "Steve" Czaplá



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**Barb Chess** - August 17, 2021 at 10:49 AM

BC

“ I remember babysitting little "Stevie" when he was just a little guy. His dad, my 1st cousin, and Karen lived across the street from my parents back in "the day" Steve was always so full of energy, smiles and orneriness which is what makes him "Stevie"! He had an infectious smile and gave the best hugs. My heart breaks for the whole family, especially his parents. There is a hole that will never heal.. God takes the "best" at a young age, and that Steve certainly was! Rest in Heaven dear cuz!

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**Barb Chess** - August 17, 2021 at 10:47 AM

MP

“ With all the rest of the family Mark & I are at a loss for words. Steve was such a bright light in our family. Always there with a smile and a huge hug whenever we needed one or even if we didn't. We will miss that. Thank you Steve for living your life so fully and loving us all. We will truly miss you. God bless you and your loving family as well as all of us in the extended families. You were truly one of a kind!!!

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**Mark & Peggy** - August 17, 2021 at 10:18 AM