



Steven Robert Hankey

August 28, 1953 - October 18, 2016

Steven Robert Hankey, 63, of Bellevue, MI, died peacefully surrounded by his family at his home on Tuesday, October 18, 2016. Steve was born August 28, 1953, in Battle Creek, the son of George Walter and Beulah Marie (Fisher) Hankey. He graduated from Harper Creek High School and earned his certificate from Kellogg Community College as a welder. Steve worked as a jack of all trades for nearly 30 years for the Bill Knapps commissary before its closing. He then briefly worked for Menards, installing all lighting in the Battle Creek store. Steve then took a position within the engineering department of Hayes Green Beach Hospital in Charlotte, where he worked nearly 20 years. The hospital recently honored his service and work ethic with its highest accolade, the Fulton Award.

Steve loved his family and friends, and felt loved in return. He cherished time spent with his grandchildren, especially in the outdoors. He enjoyed living on the farm with his wife, Arlene, and deer hunting on their property. Steve and Arlene also spent time at Circle B Campground in Indiana, where they established many friendships. He will be missed by his family and a great many friends.

Steve is survived by his wife of 43 years, Arlene (Decker) Hankey; son, Shawn (Leslee) Hankey; daughter, Carrie Hankey; 4 grandchildren, Abigail and Gabriel Hankey, Aaliyah Miller, and Tristan Hankey; mother, Beulah

Hankey; brother, Mike (JoAnn) Hankey; and several extended family members and friends. He is predeceased by his father, George Hankey.

A memorial service will take place Thursday, October 27, 2016, 11 a.m. at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte with Rev. Patricia Weatherwax officiating. Visitation will be from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at the funeral home. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to a Scholarship Fund to be established for his grandchildren. Friends and family are encouraged to visit Steve's tribute page at www.prayfuneral.com to share memories and condolences. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Steven Robert Hankey*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 26, 2016 at 09:30 AM

MB

What a beautiful tribute to Steve. My heart absolutely aches for you, Arlene, Shawn, Carrie, Beulah and Mike. May you find comfort in the arms of our Savior Jesus Christ, and in knowing how much Steve deeply loved each and every one of you. If only everyone could be blessed by the love your family shared.

Meredith Kaplan Burns

Meredith Kaplan Burns - November 07, 2016 at 02:26 PM

SP

“ *May you rest in peace, Your family has our deepest sympathy in these trying times.*
Stuart and Bonnie Peck and family.

Stuart Peck - January 17, 2017 at 06:08 PM



“ 81 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 26, 2016 at 09:24 AM

MD

“ *Mike Downing purchased the Sympathy Fruits Abound for the family of Steven Robert Hankey .*



Mike Downing - October 25, 2016 at 10:59 AM

MD

“ *I wish to extend my deepest sympathies and condolences to the family of Steve Hankey, especially to Beulah and Mike Hankey. May he rest in peace with God and his father George. God bless, Mike Downing from the old Wattles Park neighborhood.*

Michael Downing - October 25, 2016 at 09:45 AM

AH

Thank you Mike for your kindness.

Arlene Hankey - October 26, 2016 at 09:09 AM



“ *One of my favorite moments with Steve and the Engineering guys. I got to be one of the guys on this Halloween. Steve was always up for a good, clean joke or prank!*



Kristine Sowles - October 25, 2016 at 08:37 AM

AH

Love the outfit. Bet you all had fun with that.

Arlene Hankey - October 26, 2016 at 08:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steven Robert Hankey .*



October 24, 2016 at 03:34 PM

LF

“ *Arlene, Shawn, and Carrie our thoughts and prayers are with you! I have such fond memories of us as kids together with Grandma Hankey! Steve will be greatly missed!!!*

Ron and Lois Fields

Lois Fields - October 21, 2016 at 08:14 AM

AH

Thank you Lois and Ron.

Arlene Hankey - October 26, 2016 at 08:59 AM

JE

“ Steve Hankey is a very old friend. We grew up together on Wattles Road. We were best friends from elementary school thru high school. I don' t have just one memory - I might have a thousand. I will always have a smile in my heart for my old friend.

Joey Edwards

Joey Edwards - October 20, 2016 at 08:09 PM

AH

I have heard many stories about the fun you two had growing up. Thank you for sharing Joey.

Arlene Hankey - October 26, 2016 at 09:01 AM

JJ

“ When Steve came in to work part-time for us at Bellevue Hardware, we found a jewel we never wanted to leave us! He knew what he was doing, could guide our customers through the project they were working on, and was an all-around great person! I loved the stories he would tell about his children and grandchildren! But he always had that twinkle in his eye when he talked about Arlene. Even after leaving us, Steve would always come in with a smile and a story! He will dearly be missed!

Julie Jordan - October 20, 2016 at 03:21 PM

AH

Thank you for such beautiful words. Steve felt very comforted when he looked up and saw Mark.

Arlene Hankey - October 26, 2016 at 08:56 AM

JB

“ Steve had a tremendous impact on the lives of everyone at HGB including staff, patients, and visitors. His work was meaningful and he made a positive difference every day. Steve was kind, compassionate, funny, and he made so many great connections with people. Steve was a true gem and will be sorely missed. I am honored to have known and worked with him. Sending prayers of comfort and support to his family.

Jennifer Bucienki - October 20, 2016 at 12:26 PM

AH

Steve loved working at the Beach! So many friends..... Thank you.

Arlene Hankey - October 26, 2016 at 08:58 AM

WK

“ Fun times at the B



Wayne an Donna Koch - October 20, 2016 at 12:14 PM

AH

Thanks for the pictures and memories.

Arlene Hankey - October 26, 2016 at 08:51 AM

WK

“ Steve you will be missed dearly.. We had a amazing Gatlinburg Tn vacation together.. You used a whole can of hair spray to kill a scorpion in your bedroom. Lots of memories from our trip an the campground.. RIP our friend.. Prayers to his family..XOXO



Wayne an Donna Koch - October 20, 2016 at 11:41 AM

SW

“ SHELLY WISER-ROUSH lit a candle in memory of Steven Robert Hankey



SHELLY WISER-ROUSH - October 20, 2016 at 07:20 AM

SW

I WILL MISS YOU DEARLY MY FRIEND R.I.P

SHELLY WISER-ROUSH - October 20, 2016 at 07:21 AM

KO

“ Wonderful man. Always had a smile on his face and always like to make a joke to put a smile on mine. He will be greatly missed.

Katie Olds - October 20, 2016 at 05:57 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven Robert Hankey .*



October 19, 2016 at 09:20 PM



“ *I worked with Steve at "The Beach". He made me smile everyday I got to talk to him. He would always share stories about his grandkids, one of my favorites was when his grandson got in the tub with the dog. We would talk about his dog. He made me laugh with all of his stories. I would affectionately call him Mr. Hankey, and he would always tell me when i thanked him for helping do things for our surgery department that it was all part of his 17 star service plan. Lol. I have missed seeing him everyday and will continue to do so. My condolences to you for your loss. But know he is within you all and will never be forgotten.*

Lisa Sanborn-Smith - October 19, 2016 at 08:17 PM

AH

Thank you for sharing some of your special times with Steve.

Arlene Hankey - October 26, 2016 at 09:08 AM



“ *Sending love and strength to the entire Hankey family!! Steve was an awesome person!! I am so happy I had the chance to know him!! You will be missed dearly by all those lifes you have touched!! God bless...*

Stacey Andrews - October 19, 2016 at 07:50 PM

KT

“ Each morning we would meet in the Engineering room for what Steve called "guidance" . He would snap rubber bands at me and we would have a good laugh . He was always smiling and had the best outlook on life of anyone I have ever known. When God made Steve he made a very special Dad Husband and Friend . He will missed

kelly thrush - October 19, 2016 at 07:39 PM

PS

When the words "Hospitals' here" are called out at the Post Office each morning, I realize things will never be the same again. We will miss his joking and teasing us! He was a wonderful man and will be sorely missed.

Pam Savala - October 19, 2016 at 08:20 PM

AH

Thank you Pam. He always talked about going to the Post Office.

Arlene Hankey - October 26, 2016 at 08:48 AM

AH

Kelly, he was always telling me about the adventures of working with you. Hugs for being such a great friend.

Arlene Hankey - October 26, 2016 at 09:04 AM

SA

“ I use to work with Steve at Hayes Green Beach! He was an awesome person, he and I would sit and talk about anything! Especially his grandkids who meant the world to him :-)
Steve you were an amazing person you will be missed dearly by everyone who knew you! R.I.H.



Stacey Andrews - October 19, 2016 at 07:38 PM

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Stacey Andrews - October 19, 2016 at 07:37 PM

BR

“ Steve was a great neighbor and an even better friend at the "B" he will be sorley missed.
Bill Ryan

Bill Ryan - October 19, 2016 at 07:01 PM

RE

“ I will miss Steve... each morning Steve always had a smile and a Good Morning for me as I arrived to my office. He did several repairs in our office and always asked is there anything else I can help you with... no matter how small he was there to lend a hand and a smile. I work in a office without windows to the outside world and 1 day Steve and I were joking around about putting a skylight in my office.... next thing I know I had a picture of a window that Steve had drawn and stuck it along side my computer screen.... it always made me smile and think of him when I looked at it. Thank you Steve for my window.... I will always think of you when I look at it.... My prayers are with this family during this time... Ruth Ergen, Medical Records... Hayes Green Beach

Ruth Ergen - October 19, 2016 at 06:50 PM

AH

Enjoy that window. Thank you for sharing.

Arlene Hankey - October 26, 2016 at 09:06 AM