



Stephen "Steve" Konopka

October 15, 1937 - December 26, 2020

Stephen J. Konopka Jr.

WIND POINT-Stephen "Steve" J. Konopka Jr., 83, passed away at home on Saturday, December 26, 2020.

Steve was born in Racine on October 15, 1937, son of the late Stephen and LaVerne (nee: Kline) Konopka Sr.

He graduated from Park High School in 1955. Shortly thereafter, he married the love of his life, Susan Stauss on July 9, 1960.

Steve was employed as a lithographer with Western Publishing, and belonged to the Racine Zoological Society.

In his free time, Steve enjoyed motorcycle riding, camping, and fishing. In Steve's later years, he came to enjoy gardening, reading, playing on his computer, and he truly loved bird watching.

He will be missed by his wife, Susan; daughter, Lauren (Steve) Klein; his beloved kitty, Jack; his in laws, John (Helen) Stauss and Esther (Bill) Kratochvil.

Steve is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Judy Bennink; in-laws, Bud and Billie Stauss; and his brother-in-law, John Berard.

A private service at a future date will be held.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Racine Zoological Society in Stephen's name.

Tribute Wall

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“ Sue, and Families, My sincere sympathy In you're loss. I worked with you at Dumore, and remember you well. My wife Nina worked with Steve at Western Publ. She always said nice things about him. These day's will be difficult, but just remember the good times, and fond memories. My best to you In the future.

Michael T. Nelson

Michael T. Nelson - December 29, 2020 at 11:42 AM

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Our sincere sympathy in the passing of Mr. Konopka. My husband, Scott, knows Steve Klein, & wishes to extend sympathy to your family.

*Sincerely,
Scott & Barb Christiansen*

Barbara Christiansen - December 30, 2020 at 03:24 PM

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You are in my thoughts and prayers! I loved working with Steve at Western.

Scott Bull - January 01, 2021 at 09:32 AM