



## Stephen Pugh

November 9, 1951 - April 9, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the death of Stephen "Steve" J. Pugh, age 74, of Richview IL passed away at his home on Thursday, April 9, 2026. He was born in Marion County on November 9, 1951, to Joseph Harold and Helen (Lukaseck) Pugh. He married LuAnn Kaney on December 14, 1981, and she survives him.

Along with his wife of 44 years, he leaves behind his family, sons Roger Allen Pugh (wife Tina) of Huntington WV and Harold Anthony Pugh "HAP" (wife Mishell) of Centralia, cherished granddaughter Elena Mishell Pugh, brother David Pugh (husband David) of Marietta GA, Mary Barr (husband Mike) of Centralia, Debbie Hugel (husband Gary) of Collinsville, Terri Dobbs (husband Brad) of Centralia and numerous nieces & nephews, and beloved pets Dasie, Hickory, Shadow and BB.

He was preceded in death by his parents, mother & father-in-law, and a grandson Emry Michael Pugh.

Steve was a member of St. Mary's Church in Centralia and attended St. Mary Grade School, CHS and Kaskaskia Jr. College. In 1972 he joined the US Air Force as a chapel management specialist and received an honorable discharge at the end of his service in 1976.

Steve loved his career at the Centralia Post Office where he was a letter carrier for 30 years before retiring in 2008 due to bad health. He always found time to stop and talk to his patrons and enjoy a laugh. He will be remembered as an avid fisherman, golfer, mushroom hunter, super joke teller but most importantly a loving husband, father and "Papa" to Elena.

The family would like to give a special thanks and appreciation to Breeze Hospice ( Alli, Kari, Emmy and Shay) and to special friends, Brenda Hubbs and Essa Watson for all your help and support.

Per Steve's wishes, cremation rites will be accorded and a family gathering to honor his memory will be planned for a later date. Online Condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) and the Funeral Home Facebook page. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Humane Society or Donor's Choice and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home located at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Steve's Family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Stephen Pugh*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - May 21 at 05:01 PM



“ *Luann and family, I am sorry to hear this news. May you find comfort in your many wonderful memories.*  
*Susan Schmidt Minor*

susan schmidt minor - April 20 at 06:42 PM



“ *Our condolences to the family and friends of a "good guy."*



Linda Czerwinski - April 15 at 10:12 PM



“ *Hap-and-family-we-are-so-sorry.---Our-thoughts-are-wth-all-of-you.*

*Bobby-and-Donna*

Donna Rapp - April 13 at 03:07 PM

CW

“ Dear Luann, Hap and family. I am so sorry for your loss. I will never forget when you guys got me back to where Butch was to meet me for our anniversary while he was working on the golf tour. I hope that he and Butch are up there joking around and having fun like they did years ago.

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**Cathy Williams** - April 11 at 08:45 PM

LM

“ So sorry to hear this. Steve and I were classmate in grade school and highschool. Great school years together, Condolences and prayers for LuAnn and all the family.

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**Linda Moergen** - April 11 at 10:15 AM

RJ

“ Very sorry to hear about Steve. Played many enjoyable rounds with him. He always lit up the room when he walked into the clubhouse at Colonial.

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**Ron Johnston** - April 11 at 10:02 AM

PB

“ I'm so sorry for Steve's passing! My thoughts and Prayers to LuAnn and HAP, and all the family! Godspeed. 🙏💔😇. And, sorry for loss of another 1969 classmate.

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**Peggy Myers Beal** - April 10 at 10:20 PM

JW

“ Mushroom hunter and outstanding golfer. We had so many discussions and hunts. Played many rounds of golf. Wonderful guy! God bless Steve and his family.

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**Jim Wiedman** - April 10 at 09:51 PM

MW

*I was a classmate of Steve's grade school & high school. Then when I worked for health dept he would always stop in to deliver the mail & a joke or two! Enjoyed that he brought some happier times when he visited. Sure missed him when he retired. Sympathy & prayers to LuAnn & his sons & grand daughter & other family. May he RIP. 🙏🙏*

Melinda Williams - April 11 at 02:00 PM

RR

*“ Terri, Brad, Mary, Mike and the rest of your family our deepest condolences on your loss.*

Ruth Rinne - April 10 at 08:45 PM



*“ Many a good time shared with this guy, worked and bowled, played golf and fished with him, always a great friend and a great guy, so sorry LuAnn, he will be missed*

Kevin Altenbaumer - April 10 at 08:31 PM

CP

*“ Chuck & Cindy Pugh  
Thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. Sorry for your loss and our loss of Steve he will be missed more than we know.*

Chuck & Cindy Pugh - April 10 at 07:41 PM

DP

*“ Sorry to hear of Steve's passing. Our condolences to his family and friends. Praying for comfort and strength during this difficult time.*

Debbie & Mike Pugh - April 10 at 07:12 PM

KD

“ *I hate to hear this. He was a great guy ! My deepest condolences to everyone. Very sorry.*

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**Kevin Draege** - April 10 at 06:06 PM

WH

“ *We shared a lot of laughs and played many rounds of golf! Great friend and co-worker for many years! Sending prayers for/with family and friends!*

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**Wayne Houser** - April 10 at 04:57 PM