



Steven Born

March 18, 1959 - December 21, 2023

Steven "Born" Born
Kankakee IL

He was born March 18, 1959, the son of Helen and Lionel.

Survived by one brother Douglas (Marcia) Born and numerous nephews.

Preceded in death by his parents, two sisters Patricia Hasemeyer, Christine Born, and one brother Thomas Born.

He is retired from the Kankakee Fire Department.

Cremation rites have been accorded. The service will be Friday, December 29 2023 from 4pm-7pm.

Memorials can be made to St. Judes Hospital.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
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Kankakee, IL 60901
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Tribute Wall

EG

“ *Eric Genshaw lit a candle in memory of Steven Born*



Eric Genshaw - December 02, 2025 at 06:21 PM

SE

“ *Never met a better friend when ever our paths crossed regardless of the years that passed he always had a smile a handshake and a pat on the back. One of the good guys for sure. RIP Steve.*

Scott Ellis - January 04, 2024 at 07:15 AM



“ *Mark Munsinger lit a candle in memory of Steven Born*



Mark Munsinger - December 31, 2023 at 12:28 AM

VD

“ *Vern & Carolynn Dumas lit a candle in memory of Steven Born*



Vern & Carolynn Dumas - December 29, 2023 at 05:21 AM

BB

“ R.I.P. Steve! I will always remember the Poker Parties at house! He made the best salsa! GOD BLESS! Your Friend Barry Bales



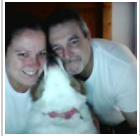
Barry Bales - December 27, 2023 at 07:55 PM

DL

“ In memory of Steve.



Debra Lambert - December 27, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“ Monte Schweizer lit a candle in memory of Steven Born



Monte Schweizer - December 27, 2023 at 11:14 AM

EB

“ So sorry for your loss. Rest in peace Steve, you will missed 🥹❤️🥹

Emiley Blair - December 26, 2023 at 08:08 PM

NR

“ Mike what a beautiful tribute ❤️
You said it perfectly he was a big kid with a
big heart.

One day before I moved out of state he
insisted I come to his home and he so proudly
gave me one of the CD's he made for my sister (Carolyn) and me.
The memories are so wonderful.
Steve, rest in peace forever your cousin.



Nancy (Hirt) Rodgers - December 26, 2023 at 07:51 PM

MH

Thanks Nancy! I hope u and ur family are well. Miss u

Mike Hasemeyer - December 26, 2023 at 08:46 PM

“ I wanted to share memories about my Uncle Steve (from his nephew Mike):

- Introduced me to Star Wars = helped develop my love of movies
- Mom always let him bring the best Xmas gifts (usually Star Wars-related) – always sent me gifts no matter what state I was living in □ later sent gifts for my wife & kids too!
- Use to like going up to his apartment when he lived above great grandma Mabel = back when he worked @ Jewel across the street; he had this spittoon by his recliner from when he was chewing tobacco that grossed us out
- Volunteered to coach basketball at St. Patrick’s Grade School for a year or two while we attended there – over the years, his former players still came up to him to say hi
- Let me use his house (Doris & Bob’s old house) after BBCHS Winterball Dance in fall of 1987 (sophomore year) to watch movie with my date & another couple while he was on duty at the station; neighbor came by & thought we were burglars (who come in and watch movies, ha!)
- He used to drive to Indiana to buy fireworks for the July 4th Born party; Memories of my grandpa Lionel (Dutch) using the roman candles and his burn barrel to dispose of all the trash from the fireworks while dozens of relatives/friends/neighbors sat in lawn chairs; Steve once showed me the destructive nature of an M80 firecracker during a day when we were visiting my grandparents. We went into the backyard & he lit one and put a large Maxwell House coffee can over it. When it went off, the can shot 50 feet into the air and when it landed, it was inside out.
- Firefighter/paramedic – watched him battle Panozzo’s fruit market fire on Rt 50 in 1980s; went with mom (Patricia Born Hasemeyer) to visit him at the station a bunch of times – showed me the firetrucks; while on duty, he rescued John in the 1990s from smoke inhalation when a call came in about smoke coming from my brother John’s apartment (Steve didn’t know it was John’s place); resuscitated a man who had been electrocuted & wasn’t breathing (man was transferred to the hospital & later died unfortunately); later gave me some of his uniform shirts

- *His dog Rebel – Golden Retriever; would leave him outside during winter when he was at station & mom would pack us in the van to go ‘rescue’ it & bring it to our house until his shift was over – used to piss Steve off! My mom Patricia kept telling him that he shouldn’t own a dog, lol*
 - *Let me take his 1985 Pontiac Grand prix to my Junior prom in spring of 1989; later in early-mid 90s, he sold me the car for \$500 – it was my 1st car*
 - *Always came to the house at least a few times a week in the morning to chat with mom for an hour or so – never knocked-just came right in; he’d bring us the latest issues of Maxim or Entertainment Weekly; sometimes he’d wake us up with water when we were teenagers (Used to piss us off but looking back, I think he wanted us to hang out with him)*
 - *Would bring over his famous salsa – would never tell us the recipe*
 - *1st to have me try a ghost pepper he grew – poked it with a toothpick, placed it on my tongue & WOW! Didn’t feel my tongue for a ½ hour*
 - *Use to bring us lake trout from his Lake Michigan fishing trips – 1st time I ever had trout*
 - *Used to go to his house to watch movies like Jurassic Park or The Fugitive on his latest sound systems & projector TVs – you could feel the floor vibrate when the T-rex roared*
 - *Gave me some of Grandpa Dutch’s relics from WW2, which I teach in my classroom still today*
 - *Gave me a copy of Born family videos from the 50s & 60s – he converted it to a DVD; I watched it & got to see my mother at a young age as well as other relatives like my grandma Helen; also made CD copy of my mom’s favorite Xmas album – The Partridge Family Christmas*
- Steve was a big kid in many ways & I am too because of him. I love you Steve! Thanks for always being there. Give mom, Helen, & the others a hug from me. - Mike Hasemeyer*

PB

Steve was a riot he always had come back ! he will be missed a lot and thanks to his nephew for the phone call - Phil and Cathy Boehm

P BOEHM - December 27, 2023 at 08:23 AM