



Steven G. Faford

May 26, 1952 - March 19, 2012

Visitation for Steven G. "Steve" "Burrhead" Faford, 59, of Bourbonnais, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, March 23, at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. The motorcycle procession will leave the funeral home at 10:40 a.m. Saturday and proceed to St. George Catholic Church, where the funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. The Rev. Dan Belanger will officiate the Mass. Interment will follow at St. George Catholic Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children. He died Monday (March 19, 2012) at his home, in St. Anne.

He was born May 26, 1952, in Kankakee, the son of Paul and Norma MacKenzie Faford. He was a 1970 graduate of Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from Nov. 10, 1971, to Jan. 24, 1974. While in the service, he received the National Defense Service Medal. Later, he worked for Illinois Fabricators Inc. and attended Harley School in 1978. In 1980, he started his own business, High Gear Cycle Works. He was past president of the Kankakee Shrine Club. He was a member of the Valley Danville Scottish Rite, Kankakee Masonic Lodge 389, Medinah Shriners and the St. George VFW. He enjoyed making things and working on things including restoring tractors, sculpting metal and riding his motorcycle.

Surviving are his children, Lisa Reynolds, of Danville, and David Faford and

Danielle Faford, both of Bourbonnais; two grandchildren, Wyatt Wallen and Riley Wallen, both of Danville; his mother, of Bourbonnais; his life partner, Michele Potter, of St. Anne; one sister, Jane Keltner, of New Lenox; one brother and two sisters-in-law, Michael and Kay Faford, of Kankakee, and Linda Faford, of Canyon Lake, Texas; special friend and mother of his children, Cindi Faford, of Bourbonnais; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and his brother, Thomas Faford.

Cemetery Details

St. George Cemetery

5272 E. 5000 N. Rd.
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 929-6363

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

MAR 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. George Catholic Church
5272 E. 5000 N. Rd.
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 939-1851
<http://www.stgeorgeil.com>

Tribute Wall

RN

“ Years pass like a stroked sportster On a poker run..Just recently hearing of Steve's passing..Such an incredible man dedicated his life to his love of family and freedom..With as heavy a heart as I've ever had..my deepest condolences.So hoped to see you again ...and will ..not this side ..but the other...Your memory,Eternal. Peace



Robert L Nally - February 21, 2021 at 02:13 PM

CJ

“ Cathy Ann Jordan lit a candle in memory of Steven G. Faford



Cathy Ann Jordan - June 02, 2012 at 03:04 PM

LM

“ Lynnette Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Steven G. Faford



Lynnette Mitchell - March 29, 2012 at 04:22 PM

DM

“ *Dianna McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Steven G. Faford*



Dianna McDaniel - March 27, 2012 at 10:02 PM

DM

“ *What an awesome man you were Steve Faford! I will never forget how kind you always were when Paul and I visited your shop. I treasure the moments i had with you on face book, writing some silly crap about some silly crap.... You are one of the biggest lovers of people, and motorcycles and Life i have ever met! R.I.P. dear brother, until we all can ride together again.....God Bless your soul Steve.*

Dianna McDaniel - March 27, 2012 at 10:00 PM

SH

“ *Steve Harris lit a candle in memory of Steven G. Faford*



steve harris - March 27, 2012 at 04:30 PM

SM

“ Aunt Norma, Jane, and Michael...
What a send off for Steve! I will miss the phone calls with him and treasure our last conversation. I am so thankful I had the opportunity to pray with him before he passed.

Love and prayers to all,
Cousin Sharon Miller

Sharon Miller - March 25, 2012 at 01:56 PM

JC

“ Aunt Norma, Jane and Michael, Thinking about Steve and you all most of the day. My prayers are with all of you. Steve is already missed,

Jim Weakly

Jim Weakly, Steve's cousin - March 24, 2012 at 08:49 PM

AM

“ Thinking about all of you today. Your in my thoughts and prayers.
Al Miller

Al Miller - March 24, 2012 at 08:01 PM

TF

“ Aunt Norma and Jane,
You are in our hearts today as Steve has taken his last ride. We treasure the times spent with him and the ride we shared in Yellowstone Park. There is comfort knowing he is no longer in pain and finally in peace and surrounded by the rest of our family and loved ones. Sending God's blessings from Montana.
Dennis & Tracy Finn

Tracy Finn - March 24, 2012 at 07:07 PM

JR

“ Gonna miss you dearly Steve O, Glad i had the pleasure to get to know you over the past few years. Learned so much from you about working on motorcycles and life in general always a great friend.. You'll always have a place in my heart never gonna forget all you helped me with.. God bless you and your family. Well meet again one day, i know you will be watching over all of us helping us keep the rubber side down

Jim Reddington - March 24, 2012 at 04:11 PM

LB

“ Lavoy Bauer lit a candle in memory of Steven G. Faford



Lavoy Bauer - March 24, 2012 at 11:14 AM

ML

“ To Aunt Norma and Jane:
We'll be with you in spirit at Steve's Going Home Celebration. He is in the midst of all our family members who have been waiting for him. He is whole again. Sending prayers of comfort from Montana.
Mickey and Charles

Mickey and Charles Lapp - March 23, 2012 at 10:44 PM

JT

“ Joseph Trapani lit a candle in memory of Steven G. Faford



Joseph Trapani - March 23, 2012 at 04:01 PM

JT

“ Dear Sparky: I, for one, will miss you each and every day, more so every time I pick up my phone and realize that I just can't call no more. You have been my closest friend, my consolare and the person who has always given me straight advice, and pushed me forward. I miss you more each day. Until we meet again, Steve ... Love you forever, Joe

Joseph Trapani - March 23, 2012 at 04:00 PM

GY

“ he was the best mechanic i know i surely will miss him i still have the harly he worked on i hope his family is doing well i would come but iam disabled gerard

gerard e yuknis - March 23, 2012 at 03:44 PM

AR

“ We didn't know Steve but Chele is our mail carrier & she's spoken often about him...he was her world! Chele- we know this last year has been so difficult...we've been praying for you and will continue to as you begin a new "normal"... We're so sorry for your loss. Adam, Marci, Trey and Addison (from your postal route)

Adam/Marci Reynolds - March 22, 2012 at 08:05 PM

IS

“ Ike And Sheryl Sutherland lit a candle in memory of Steven G. Faford



Ike and Sheryl Sutherland - March 22, 2012 at 07:32 PM

MG

“ *Marsha Lank Gersky lit a candle in memory of Steven G. Faford*



Marsha Lank Gersky - March 22, 2012 at 08:27 AM

KG

“ *Ken Giroux lit a candle in memory of Steven G. Faford*



Ken Giroux - March 21, 2012 at 08:15 PM

KG

Jane, Sorry to read of the loss of your brother. My sincere condolences. Regards, Ken 815-954-4882

Ken Giroux - March 21, 2012 at 08:16 PM

JH

“ *Johnny & Jeannie Holt lit a candle in memory of Steven G. Faford*



Johnny & Jeannie Holt - March 21, 2012 at 06:01 PM

VD

The Officers and Members of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, 32° Masons, Valley of Danville wish to extend our sincere condolences.

Valley of Danville - March 23, 2012 at 03:55 PM

SG

“ *My Last Ride*

*My hands are clenched around chrome bars
the engine's rumble sounds so sweet.
I twist the throttle with my palm
and roar off down the street.*

*The slapping of my leathers
and raging winds on either side,
drum a beat of sweet contentment
as I ride this.....my last ride.*

*Alone on my tin pony,
to the heavens I've been called,
but fret not my dear loved ones,
I'm not lonely here at all.*

*The speedometer is just a blur
as tears blow from my eyes,
the bike and I roll forward
off into the calling skies.*

*I hope I touched your lives one day,
and left a treasured mark,
now I'll ride on to FOREVER,
with your memory in my heart.*

*In loving memory of
Steve G. Faford aka: 'Burrhead'
05/26/1952 - 03/19/2012*



sharon goble - March 21, 2012 at 09:49 AM

RR

“ My most heartfelt sympathy and condolences go out to all friends & family of Steve during this time and in the days ahead. Steve was a great man and a wonderful friend to my dad, Randy Ryan. It was very sad to hear of his passing, I only hope that the knowledge that he is now at peace and pain free this well help ease the pain of losing him. I know my dad welcomed him with open arms and they are now enjoying their eternal ride together. Ride On...
Richelle Ryan



Richelle Ryan - March 20, 2012 at 04:37 PM

TB

“ The kids and I will always remember the fun in the shop. Your fat pig, that you always told Brittany was going to be bacon. Your kind heart and the love you had for EVERYONE. Glad I was able to see you. R.I.P. Uncle Stevie you will always be missed. I love you , Tina Mansfield, Texas

Tina Boisvert - March 20, 2012 at 04:21 PM

CR

“ "Steve was a very good friend with my husband Randy and I when we were members in "Just Us" MC. He was a sweet guy and will be missed alot. My children, Richelle and Bryan and I send our thoughts and prayers to the Family.
God be with you, Steve

Ride Wild n Free!!!!



Carolyn A. Ryan - March 20, 2012 at 03:09 PM

DS

“ Donald & I were blessed enough to have meet Steve many years ago. what a great man and friend he was to so many people. He will truly be missed by many.

Our condolence to his Family & Friends.

Donald & Debbie Sims

Debbie Sims - March 20, 2012 at 12:40 PM



“ I only knew Steve by calling him "Stevie Wonder" , a nickname given to him by my husband, Duane. Seemed to fit him. He will be truly missed by all that knew him.

Joan Marschner

Joan Marschner - March 20, 2012 at 11:46 AM

IS

“ I went with Steve to the 50th Sturgis Aniversery and had a ball, and was friends with him ever since,he was a great guy,always tryed to do the right thing,everyone liked Steve,he will me missed by many,so long steve,see you down the road Revern Ike Sutherland



Ike Sutherland - March 20, 2012 at 11:35 AM

RO

*I met Steve in 1984 when he built my bike for me. Since then we became very good friends. He was a very kind hearted guy with the ability to disguise it with his smartass comments! But he'd be the first one there when hurt or in trouble. I struggle to find the words to describe how much I will miss him. He will be missed by many.
:(Randy O'Connor*

randy oconnor - March 20, 2012 at 08:49 PM