



## Stephen "Steve" W. Sunde

July 9, 1954 - December 31, 2024

Stephen "Steve" Warren Sunde, 70-year-old resident of Cushing, MN, passed away Tuesday, December 31st, 2024 at his home surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle with cancer. Funeral service will be held on Friday, January 10, 2025 at 11:00 A.M. at the Motley United Methodist in Motley, MN, (847 3rd Ave. S – Motley, MN 56466) with Pastor Greg Leslie officiating. Visitation will be held from 9-11:00 A.M. on Friday, January 10, 2025 at the Motley United Methodist. Caring for Stephen and his family is the LeMieur Funeral Home in Little Falls, MN.

Steve Sunde was born on July 9th, 1954 in Grand Forks, ND to Warren and Genevieve (Papenfuss) Sunde. Steve grew up with his family in Dilworth, MN where he graduated high school in 1974. He worked various jobs until his graduation from St. Mary's Junior College in 1984 with his associate's degree in Physical Therapy. Steve worked for St. Gabriel's Hospital, including St. Otto's Care Center and Little Falls Orthopedics, as a Physical Therapy Assistant for over 35 years until his retirement in 2022. Steve married Alice Coenen on September 14th, 1991 in Randall, MN. They were married for 33 wonderful years and loved traveling the world together. Steve also enjoyed golfing, fishing, and in his younger years, training and running marathons; he took immense pride in having completed eight marathons. Steve was a lover of all animals and had many pet dogs and cats throughout his life, and he cherished his time spent with his family and friends.

Steve is survived by his wife, Alice; his sister, Pat (Del) Palloch of Moorhead, MN; mother-in-law, Ardy Coenen of Little Falls, MN; numerous brothers and sisters-in-law, and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews, and his two beloved dogs, Cinder and Tinker.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Warren and Genevieve Sunde; brother, Dean Littlejohn; sister, Wendy Winter; infant brother, Warren Jr., and father-in-law, Odell Coenen.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Kindred Spirits Rescue, Lakewood Health System Cancer Center, and/or Lakewood Health System Hospice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 10. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Motley United Methodist Church  
847 3rd Ave. South  
Motley, MN 56466

## Memorial Service

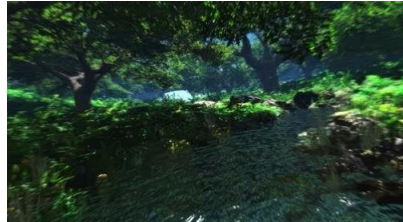
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Stephen "Steve" W. Sunde*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - January 08, 2025 at 07:42 PM

BB

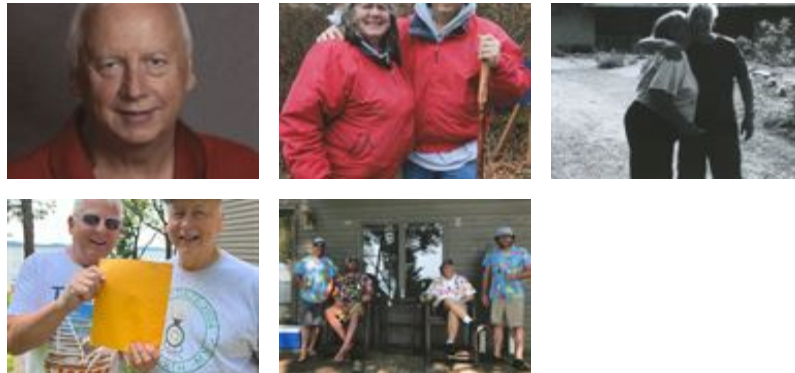
“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. I met Steve at the Orthopedics when he was my therapist for both hip and one knee replacements. He made me work hard but it didn't seem so bad because he'd talk to me and tell me stories while I worked out. I always had to let him know when we had freshly canned sauerkraut so he could get some. He was a very kind man and I'm so glad I had the chance to know him. Bonnie Bilharz*

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**Bonnie Bilharz** - January 09, 2025 at 02:59 PM



“ 69 files added to the album Life Tributes



Lemieur Funeral Homes - January 08, 2025 at 02:39 PM

SP

“ Our deepest sympathies  
Chris Sheila Andrew Ashley

Sheila Palloch - January 07, 2025 at 05:30 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the  
family of Stephen "Steve" W. Sunde.



January 04, 2025 at 06:32 AM

AB

“ Alice iam so sorry for your loss of steve I really enjoyed having him  
for my therapist je was a great man he will be missed

Allison Bartle - January 03, 2025 at 10:06 PM

TF

“ The Griffin Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Stephen "Steve" W. Sunde.



The Griffin Family - January 03, 2025 at 08:49 PM

TF

“ The Griffin Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen Warren Sunde.

The Griffin Family - January 03, 2025 at 08:49 PM

LL

“ Linda S LeBlanc lit a candle in memory of Stephen "Steve" W. Sunde



Linda S LeBlanc - January 03, 2025 at 07:26 PM

KH

“ Alice sorry to hear of Steve's passing. I have many memories of working with him and later of him being my therapist. He was a kind, compassionate man and will be missed.



Karen Haaland - January 03, 2025 at 12:10 PM

DC

“ Dan And Kim Czech lit a candle in memory of Stephen "Steve" W. Sunde



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**Dan and Kim Czech** - January 03, 2025 at 11:56 AM

SF

“ Steve's Little Falls Orthopedics Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen Warren Sunde.

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**Steve's Little Falls Orthopedics Family** - January 03, 2025 at 10:19 AM

SF

“ Steve's Little Falls Orthopedics Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Stephen "Steve" W. Sunde.



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**Steve's Little Falls Orthopedics Family** - January 03, 2025 at 10:19 AM

MM

“ Alice and family... I am so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. We have been praying for him in our kindergarten class every morning through Ella's intentions. He was so impactful for me through both of my knee surgeries... I know for a fact I wouldn't have recovered so well if it hadn't been for his kind but very thorough plan for me. He always spoke so loving of all the nieces and nephews who got to come to the lake and hang out with you.

*He will be missed. You are in my prayers.*

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**Margie Markkanen** - January 03, 2025 at 10:14 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Stephen Warren Sunde.

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January 03, 2025 at 10:11 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stephen "Steve" W. Sunde.



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January 03, 2025 at 10:11 AM

TB

“ Teri And Peter Brenny lit a candle in memory of Stephen "Steve" W. Sunde



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**Teri and Peter Brenny** - January 03, 2025 at 09:55 AM

SN

“ *Sandy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Stephen "Steve" W. Sunde*



Sandy Nelson - January 02, 2025 at 09:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Stephen Warren Sunde.

January 02, 2025 at 05:16 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Stephen "Steve" W. Sunde.*



January 02, 2025 at 05:16 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Stephen "Steve" W. Sunde.*



January 02, 2025 at 04:09 PM

LO

“ Alice my deepest sympathy. Steve sure will be missed.



Laurie Ochoa - January 02, 2025 at 03:43 PM

DC

“ Alice, my condolences. I am so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. Remembering both of you with fondness. Deb Salvog Colombe



Deb Colombe - January 02, 2025 at 03:33 PM

BJ

Alice, I am so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. I am remembering the years of working with him at St. Ottos with fondness. He will be missed. Rest in peace, Steve.

Betty Johnson - January 02, 2025 at 07:02 PM

ST

Sorry to read of Steve's passing. He was my therapist at the Ortho Clinic, he had a great personality making hard work almost enjoyable. Sheri Thome

Sheri Thome - January 04, 2025 at 09:46 PM

SB

I'm so sorry for your loss Alice..sending love and hugs to you. Rest in peace Steve.

Susan Brausen - January 07, 2025 at 11:00 AM