



Steven J. Stratton

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Steven J. Stratton died at his home in Waupaca, Wisconsin, on January 3. He was 62. Steve was born and raised in Elgin, Illinois, the youngest of three children. He graduated from Elgin High School and attended Western Illinois University and the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point. Steve pursued careers as a social worker and a building maintenance supervisor. Earlier, he worked as a baker on St. Croix and as a ranch hand in Montana. He painted houses, collected garbage, and drove a school bus. But music was his passion. This lifelong affair began at age 14 when he bought his first guitar for \$34. Steve formed a garage band, played trombone in junior high, and sang in the cappella choir in high school. After retiring in 2012, he devoted his efforts to converting the family summer cottage into his year-round home and to his ongoing work as a singer, songwriter, and guitarist. In early 2014, he released his first album, entitled "Endlessly." He was at work writing new songs at the time of his death.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Robertson Stratton, his sister Sharon Stratton, his sister, Sandra Stratton, his sister-in-law, Martha Carroll, four stepchildren, and four step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Roscoe S. Stratton, and his brother-in-law, Richard Thomas.

Donations in Steve's memory may be made to the Stratton Lake Property Owners Association c/o Paul Nulton, 2332 W. Wintergreen Dr., Appleton, WI 54914. They will be used for conservation of the lake, which was Steve's wish. A memorial gathering for Steve will be held at a later date. That information will be available from Holly Funeral Home in Waupaca.




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Cemetery Details

 **Holly Cremation Service**
Waupaca WI



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Chris Rogers posted:

Steve was not only my step-dad he was my friend and will be missed. It was such an odd situation when him and my mother parted ways because I never got to see him or say goodbye or anything like that. I have many fond memories of Steve in the years that he helped me become the man I am today. Playing football with people that lived on our street, doing doughnuts in the church parking lot and so many more. He was always down for a good talk and we had many of those, about life, girls, fun stuff, serious talks. Ill miss you Steve, Good byeEnjoy the ride that is what's ever next after life. Ill see you out there someday and we can have another chat.Chris Rogers

January 23 at 2:58 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Steven by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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