



Stephen "Steve" Arnold Wisdom

September 7, 1955 - September 18, 2021

Stephen "Steve" Arnold Wisdom was born September 7, 1955 in St. Louis, Missouri to Glen Warren and Ruth Louise (Botkin) Wisdom. He was a lifelong Dent County resident and graduated from Salem High School with the class of 1973.

Steve had a strong work ethic and his personality made him easy to work with. He started his working career selling insurance with his father at Wisdom, Your Insurance Man Inc., then traveled all over Missouri with the Highway Patrolman Magazine, before starting his career as a correctional officer. Steve was employed with the Jefferson City Correctional Center for several years and retired from the South Central Correction Center after twenty-two and half years of dedication. During his time there he was promoted to Tower Five two years before retirement.

Steve was a man of great faith, saved and baptized at a young age, and attended Salem Christian Church. He was always active doing something, and never wasted a moment of his life here on earth. Steve was an active member of the American Legion Post 99, Fraternal Order of Eagles Salem Aerie 3422, Masonic Lodge #225, and the South Central Shrine Club where he was known as "Wiz", a whiteface clown.

Steve devoted his life to entertaining and bringing smiles to faces of all ages

with the Salem Shrine Clowns. He was loved by his family, friends, and all who knew him. His greatest joy was simply connecting and talking to people he encountered. He never met a stranger and had a smile, charm, and wit that made a lasting impression on everyone he met.

Steve departed this life September 18, 2021 in Salem, Missouri at the age of sixty-six years. He leaves behind to cherish his memories, brother: Doug Wisdom and wife Linda of Salem, MO; nephew: Christopher Wisdom of Salem, MO; extended family and dear friends.

Preceding him in death, parents: Glen & Ruth Wisdom; sister: Jennifer Wisdom; and nephew: Nicholas Wisdom.

Steve was one of a kind, always friendly, kindhearted, and very helpful. He lived a full life and leaves behind a lasting legacy.

Celebration of Life for Stephen "Steve" Arnold Wisdom was held Saturday, October 23, 2021 in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Erik Herlofson officiating. A Masonic Service was held and Richard Ferranto and Scott Radford shared memories. Song selections played were "It Is Well With My Soul", "Go Rest High On That Mountain", and "Send In The Clowns". Burial will be in the Cedar Grove Cemetery. The Family was served by Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Steve Wisdom to the Shriners Hospital for Children and left at Wilson Mortuary.

Online Condolences may be entered at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Cedar Grove Cemetery

Salem, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.
Post Office Box 45
Salem, MO 65560
(573) 729-5555
<https://www.wilsonmortuary.com/>

Memorial Service

OCT **23**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

“ *The Wisdom Family has always been neighbors and friends of the Nash family. In fact, my grandparents, John and Ellen Nash were members of Arnold Wisdom's Full Gospel Church when they lived here in Salem. Georgia and Bernell Wisdom's friendship with our family began when Burnell taught my older brothers, Pat and Richard at the little country school in our old community of Crossville. Later I bowled with Georgia on two separate bowling teams years ago when Leo Grogan had Salem Bowl on Highway 19 north of Salem.*



I know that the very most meaningful friendship that our family has cherished over the years has been with Doug Wisdom, He has provided scholarships for members of my family to attend college. First, of course, my husband John and I appreciate so much the scholarship that our son Jonathan received to enable his first two years of attendance at the University of Missouri. Others of my family members who were both scholars and athletes to receive this award were my brother, Roger Nash, when he attended MU, my nephew Matthew Ruble, when he attended Southeast Missouri State University and my niece Morgan Ruble, when she attended Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar. These awards have meant so much to us and we are eternally grateful to Wisdom Insurance and Doug, in particular, for remembering the roots of his family's friendship throughout the years with the Nash family.

At this very sad occasion of the loss of Stephen "Steve" Wisdom, the entire Nash family, and in particular John, Veronica and Jonathan Hambacker wish to express to the Wisdom family our heartfelt sympathy and deepest condolences. May all the happy memories you have of Steve serve to console your broken hearts and bolster your sorrowful spirit as you deal with the untimely and unexpected death of Stephen. May you find solace to touch and warm your grieving hearts in the knowledge that countless relatives, friends and Wisdom Family acquaintances will mourn this too-soon passing of Steve.

Veronica and John Hambacker

Veronica Hambacker - October 23, 2021 at 04:28 PM

NN

My condolences to the family. I've been gone from Salem many years but remember the family.

Nancy Nelson-Stickels - October 30, 2021 at 05:36 PM



“ 123 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Wilson Mortuary - October 23, 2021 at 10:10 AM



“ *My condolence to the Wisdom family.*



Linda Sepac - October 14, 2021 at 09:18 AM

DI

“ Thoughts and prayers going out to all the family. May God be with you all in this time of need



Dennis Inman - September 22, 2021 at 05:49 PM

NM

“ Rest in peace dear classmate & friend. John told me about all of your childhood adventures that you, he and many more kids in the neighborhood shared. He also said that you could play baseball with one good arm better than most with two. You will be missed. Love in Christ. Nancy & John McClung

Nancy McClung - September 22, 2021 at 04:11 PM

RL

“ Rick & Debbie Land lit a candle in memory of Stephen "Steve" Arnold Wisdom



Rick & Debbie Land - September 21, 2021 at 12:23 PM

MH

“ Much Aloha, Jerry & Rena Hindman purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Stephen "Steve" Arnold Wisdom.



Much Aloha, Jerry & Rena Hindman - September 21, 2021 at 08:32 AM

RH

“ *Rena Hindman lit a candle in memory of Stephen "Steve" Arnold Wisdom*



Rena Hindman - September 21, 2021 at 08:05 AM

CL

“ *Salem Masonic Lodge #225, as does the South Central Shrine Club, send our deepest sympathies to the Wisdom family. We have lost another one of great Masonic Brothers/Shrine Nobles. Steve will be remember by our fraternity for many years to come. If we may help in any way please let us know.*

*Clay Lindsay, PM
Secretary
Salem Lodge #225
South Central Shrine Club*

Clay Lindsay - September 20, 2021 at 03:28 PM

GW

Sending our condolences to Steve's family was a dear friend

Garry Woods - September 20, 2021 at 10:47 PM



A good man, always a smile on his face, thanks Steve for the memories. RIP my friend.

JoEllen Taylor - September 21, 2021 at 01:03 PM

BH

“ *My dear sweet friend. The world will never be the same without you in it. My heart hurts . We had so many memories. You myself and Rob. I will always remember the great times we had. Give Rob a big hug for me. I will miss you until the end of time.*

Bobbi Hill - September 20, 2021 at 11:22 AM

HH

“ *Doug and Linda, I want to express my deepest sympathy to you for Steve's death. I remember him from our days growing up in Salem and how kind he always was. I know he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers will continue for you and your family.*

Harold Hamilton - September 20, 2021 at 11:10 AM

DI

My thoughts and prayers going out to all the family. May God be with you all in this time of need and comfort you in the days to come. Steve was a great guy and will be missed.

Dennis Inman - September 20, 2021 at 12:09 PM

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Dennis Inman - September 20, 2021 at 12:12 PM

VR

Doug, Lunda and Chris, we already miss him he drove through the old neighborhood every week and would often stop and visit and reminisce for a little while about all the escapades we all experienced as kids prayers for you all

vicki rowan - September 20, 2021 at 02:26 PM

MF

Doug. . So sorry to hear this. always a great fun guy. Lots of memories.

Mark Flora - September 20, 2021 at 04:02 PM

MT

Steve always had a smile and time to chat when I ran into him and always watched out for me after losing my husband. One of a kind gentleman that will be missed.

Mary Travis - September 27, 2021 at 06:56 PM