



## Steven M. Warnke

April 22, 1952 - August 13, 2025

Steven Michael Warnke, age 73, of Port Sanilac, passed away Wednesday, August 13, 2025 in his home.

He was born April 22, 1952 in Bangor, Main, son of the late James and Dorothy J. (Safford) Warnke. Steven married Deborah J. Randall on September 9, 1972 in Detroit.

Steven was a Veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in Germany during the Vietnam Conflict. He was an awesome chef, who loved to cook for his family. He is survived by his loving wife, Deborah; son, Matt (Sarah); daughter, Sarah Williams; grandchildren, Taylor, Brooke, and Christian; and sister, Kathleen Drehmel.

Steven was preceded in death by his parents, and his son-in-law, Howard Williams.

Visitation will be from 1-4 PM Tuesday, at the Pomeroy Funeral Home, Lexington.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **19**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pomeroy Funeral Home - Lexington

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# Tribute Wall

SE

“ *Worked with Steve for 15 years at St. John.  
Always committed to giving great care and having a good time.  
Great sense of humor.  
My condolences to Deb and the family..... 🙏🙏🙏*

Sue Eggl - August 21, 2025 at 08:25 AM

BB

“ *Lotsa great times, the classic fishing trip, bus trips to the games, and senior baskets not to mention harassing the hell out of each other, all for the entertainment of the group. Goodbye my friends, we've shared some great moments. You will be missed RIP Buddy*



Bud and Beth - August 20, 2025 at 12:33 PM

EW

“ *Evelina W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven M. Warnke.*

Evelina W. - August 19, 2025 at 08:44 AM

DA

“ *Darlene A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven M. Warnke.*

Darlene A. - August 19, 2025 at 04:21 AM

DS

“ *David and Adam Schall purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Steven M. Warnke.*



David and Adam Schall - August 18, 2025 at 09:16 PM

DS

“ *David and Adam Schall planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven M. Warnke.*

David and Adam Schall - August 18, 2025 at 09:16 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven M. Warnke.*



August 17, 2025 at 11:59 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Taylor Szymanski - August 17, 2025 at 02:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Steven M. Warnke.



August 17, 2025 at 07:54 AM



“ Serafina Menzo lit a candle in memory of Steven M. Warnke



Serafina Menzo - August 16, 2025 at 10:14 AM



*Bob and I would have been there for you but unfortunately will be out of town . Our thoughts and prayers are always with you. Steve was such a great person. I remember how he was so sweet and reassuring when my mom had open heart surgery and would come out to talk to me . You both are special and I hope we can reconnect one day . Love Ina 🥹💔*

Serafina Menzo - August 16, 2025 at 10:19 AM

SM

“ *Serafina Menzo purchased the Footprints Tribute Blanket for the family of Steven M. Warnke.*



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**Serafina Menzo** - August 16, 2025 at 10:12 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Steven M. Warnke.*



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August 16, 2025 at 07:48 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Steven M. Warnke.*

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August 16, 2025 at 07:48 AM

JD

“ *John D. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Steven M. Warnke.*



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**John D.** - August 15, 2025 at 08:47 PM

DK

“ Steve was a wonderful coworker, and I valued his advice when it came to making important decisions at work and sometimes outside of the hospital. I always looked forward to seeing his name on the schedule when I worked 12-16 hour shifts. If the board cleared up later in the evening while on a long shift, we would frequently watch movies, like *Gladiator*, on TV. He had been at St. John for a few years before I started and he graduated with my husband, Phil, from Wayne State in 1984. Phil has nothing but good things to say about Steve and has fond memories of their time together. When we visited the lake house, I could see how much Steve enjoyed being on the water and having a campfire. He was a gentle giant, and I loved him like a brother. We both appreciated the little things in life like a good BBQ or a great dinner with family and friends. I adored his jokes and old stories because they made work such fun. He was always uplifting, and his laughter filled the room. Such a wonderful soul. Rest in Peace, Steve.



Class of 1984

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**Diane & Phil Kyko** - August 15, 2025 at 08:39 PM

BS

“ 50 years of friendship - you're leaving a void that can't be filled. We never had any moments that weren't filled with laughter. IYKYK from falling down a flight of 20 stairs & not a hair was misplaced, coming out of ER with 2 left hand splints on explaining socialized medicine to us, all dressed up in a beautiful carriage ride in Chicago opening the doors to enter our 5 star hotel when all the Boones Farm bottles rolled out, rolling me down the hill with a broken leg in a wheel chair when you lost your grip, leaving me in the tax free liquor store in Canada with my basket overflowing & no money with me while you guys stood outside laughing, eating the scraps of prime rib Debbie brought home for the dog, asking whose dog Jake was as he was jumping thru the window into Debbie's lap, cooking ribs at the U of M game & having to fight off men trying to pay for our season tickets just to have a slab, chasing Sarah down the beach yelling I'm your father like she didn't know, cooking me ribs anytime I ask, loving me & treating me & Sheri like we were your own family, calling me the queen. Endless memories that I will cherish until I see you again. I'll be with Deb & we will constantly repeat the thousands of joyful stories we have of you. You rest now cherished friend until we can get to you again. ❤️

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**Brenda Stanley** - August 15, 2025 at 06:11 PM

BB

“ RIP Buddy! Great memories, condolences to Deb, family and friends. Sorry for your loss. Peace!

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**Bud and Beth** - August 15, 2025 at 11:13 AM

JE

“ Jen & Ernie purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum* for the family of Steven M. Warnke.



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**Jen & Ernie** - August 15, 2025 at 09:58 AM

FF

“ From the Stiers family. purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Steven M. Warnke.



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FF

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**From the Stiers family.** - August 15, 2025 at 09:13 AM



“ I worked with Steve at St. John's for some years. As a student, he was a great teacher and never intimidating. As a coworker, he was fun to talk to in our break room. I missed his funny stories when he retired. My condolences to his wife Debbie and his family . I pray for healing , comfort and peace. Rest in peace Steve.

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**Myrna Lopez** - August 14, 2025 at 09:56 PM

LT

“ Steve was truly a blessing to anyone fortunate enough to know him as a friend, mentor or co-worker. His kind heart, warm sense of humor and attentiveness made one feel immediately valued and accepted. Steve cared very deeply for his family and friends. Although Debbie, Matt and Sarah were his world, Steve never hesitated to let others in. Steve and Debbie shared their Port Sanilac oasis on many occasions by hosting summer gatherings and allowing others to occupy their home (never without a good prank or two). They helped to create fond memories for so many. Steve’s memory will live forever in those of us who knew and loved him.

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**Lynn Taukert** - August 14, 2025 at 09:17 PM

RK

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your loved one. I worked with Steve for many years at St John Hospital. He was a hard working, knowledgeable CRNA. I always enjoyed working with him. Rest in peace

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**Roxane Noetzel Kowalski** - August 14, 2025 at 07:08 PM

“ In Loving Memory of a Dear & Treasured Friend

*There are some people whose presence in your life changes you forever. Steve was one of those rare souls. He was more than a friend — he was my mentor, my brother, and in so many ways, a father figure. From the very beginning, as a newbie, at St. John Hospital, he took me under his wing, not because he had to, but because his heart simply worked that way.*

*He guided me when I felt scared, protected me when life felt unsteady, and believed in me, always bragging me up to others in his commanding voice. “She’s the real deal”, he’d say. His “Steveisms” & advice was never just words — it was lived experience, offered with a wisdom that only comes from a life of compassion, courage, and much grace.*

*What set Steve apart was the size of his heart. He appeared big and gruff, but he was the largest human teddy bear I have had the privilege to know and love. He celebrated my victories as if they were his own and stood beside me through hardships without hesitation.*

*To know Steve was to know loyalty, generosity, and love without conditions. The space he leaves behind cannot be filled — but the lessons he taught, the laughter we shared, and the love he gave will stay with me always.*

*I will carry his spirit with me for the rest of my life, and I can only hope to honor him by living with even a fraction of the heart he showed to the world.*

*Rest easy, my dear friend, Steve. You were one of the great ones....*



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**Andrea Claerhout** - August 14, 2025 at 06:11 PM

JD

“ Steve was a great friend he was my go to guy we worked together for over 35 yrs I will cherish those memories for the rest of my life we swapped recipes and drank wine I'll never forget out golfing days with Dr. Rama an Co.and our golf outings at Garland. RIP my dear friend.

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**John D'Anna** - August 14, 2025 at 03:16 PM

JS

“ Steve was an incredible friend with a larger-than- life personality and spirit. We spent many nights sitting by the fire, laughing, sharing stories, and talking about our past adventures and future dreams. We traveled together, and became as close as brothers. You spent your life caring for others as a dedicated CRNA at SJH for over 35 years.  
love you Steve-o and thank you for sharing your best years with me.

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**Jim Sharp** - August 14, 2025 at 03:03 PM

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**Brenda Stanley** - August 15, 2025 at 04:45 PM