



SrA Bracken W. Steele

September 1, 1979 - September 26, 2004

Rapid City - SrA Bracken W. Steele, 25, Rapid City, died September 26, 2004 at Rapid City, South Dakota. He was born September 1, 1979 in Anderson, Indiana, and moved to Rapid City, South Dakota after completing his military training in Biloxi, Mississippi. Senior Airman Bracken Steele was an air traffic control journeyman assigned to the radar approach control facility at Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota. Airman Steele joined the Air Force on January 26, 2000. He completed basic training and was sent to Biloxi, Mississippi, where he attended air traffic control technical school at Keesler Air Force Base. Upon graduation from technical training in July 2000, he departed Biloxi for Rapid City, South Dakota and Ellsworth Air Force Base. During the following four years he progressed from being a trainee controller to one of the primary journeymen and trainers in the facility. He evolved into a talented controller, and utilized his skills in training numerous apprentice controllers. His noted training abilities led to his selection as Air Traffic Control Trainer of the Quarter for Dec.-Feb. 2003. He distinguished himself from his peers by earning the First Sergeant Diamond Sharp Award for his dress and appearance. Despite a steady schedule of rotating shifts, he had found time to devote many hours toward the military and civilian communities. Airman Steele was a dependable participant in charitable fund-raising activities that ultimately benefit the lesser privileged - whether they are military members or not. His military awards include the Air Force Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Air Force Training ribbon. He was a

1998 graduate of Frankton High School. He was currently serving in the US Air Force. He loved to play football and basketball and was a sports nut. He loved to draw. He is survived by his father & step-mother, Bill & Andrea Steele; mother & domestic partner, Jennie Steele & Fred Adams; brothers, Jeff & wife Christy McFadden and Greg McFadden; sisters, Amy & husband Larry Walters, Keri & husband Brent Brobston and Staci Snider & domestic partner Will Canada; grandfather, Roy & wife Betty Ann Willis; grandmother, Carmen "Tex" Steele; aunt & uncle, Janet & Phil Page and Bobbie Etchison; two nephews, numerous cousins and a special friend, Lindsey Peterson He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Eugene Steele and grandmother, Ruby Willis. Services will be Wednesday, October 6, 2004 at 11:30 Am, at Robert D. Loose Funeral Home, South Chapel. Burial will be in East Maplewood Cemetery, Anderson. Visitation will be from 4-8:00 PM on Tuesday, October 5, 2004 at South Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the James Whitcomb Riley Foundation for Riley Hospital for Children. www.LooseFuneralHomes.com

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Bracken and I met in Tech school in Biloxi. We became very good friends and would hang out all the time. We also would help each other study numerous times. He is one of the most genuine people I’ve ever known and I’ll never forget his friendship. The song “Summer Rain” by Carl Thomas was one of his favorite songs if anyone would like to listen and remember. Will always miss my good friend Bracken. Rest well and in peace.

Dennis Moreland - September 12, 2022 at 11:10 AM

KE

“ Bracken I miss you all the time, we're always thinking of you! Love Keri

Keri - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Bill and Andrea and family: Carrie, Jess and I just heard about Bracken. We are so sorry that you too have to go through this...you must be very proud of Bracken’s accomplishments. Sincerely, Marsha Harris, Carrie and Jessica Benefiel.

Marsha Harris - October 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Bill, I am so sorry for your loss. I think of you often and you are in my heart. Sharon

Sharon Hacker Morgan - October 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ I remember Bracken as a blast to be around, I didnt see him much after school, but it sounds like he continued to be a great guy and touch many lives. I was shocked to hear of his death. my thoughts and prayers are with you

George Paschal - October 06, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I am very sorry for your loss. I will always remember the look of pride on Bill's face when he spoke of his wife and children. I can only imagine how hard this is on everyone. Cherish the memories of Bracken. It seems he touched a great many lives in a short time.

Janiece Burhorn - October 06, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ I'm sorry for your loss. I will always remember him as a very nice guy. I will keep you all in my prayers and thoughts.

Jennifer - October 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember Bracken as the funny guy who always made me laugh. May God be with you all through this tough time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Autumn Burris - October 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I am sorry for your loss. May god be with you in these hard times and to remember those good memories of Bracken.

Brandi Borum - October 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Andrea, Bill, Keri, Brent, Staci and all the family and friends who love and will deaply miss Bracken. My prayers and deepest sympothies are with you. Remember all those wonderful things that Bracken brought to you as will all whose lives he touched.

Carole - October 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Bill and Andrea,Bracken will be missed very much by all of us. He was a Good kid and a fine young man. lots of love to both of you

Barbara Etchison - October 03, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends at this tragic time.

Dana Hall Knudsen - October 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM