



Stephen R. Nemyer

May 11, 1947 - April 12, 2010

Anderson - Stephen R. Nemyer, 62, Anderson, died April 12, 2010 at Community Hospital, after a brief illness. He was born May 11, 1947 in Anderson, and was a lifelong resident. Steve retired from the United States Army, where he served as Sgt. Major during the Vietnam War, earning two purple hearts. He was a member of V.F.W. Post #266 and the Redman's Lodge. Survivors include his wife, whom he married June, 29, 1992, Barbara Murdock Nemyer; daughter, Bonnie Jason Wolfe of Brownsburg and Stephanie Nemyer of Anderson; stepchildren, James Bevel of Celina, Chris Bevel & Brian Bevel of Anderson, Jennifer Bevel of Columbus, OH, Samantha Goodson of Hermitage, TN, Jerry Byrd of Oklahoma and Teresa Brent Patterson of Indianapolis; grandchildren, Craig & Kendall Wolfe, Brian L. Bevel, Cheyenne Rogers, Isabella Bevel, Cameron & Alyssa Byrd, and Jacob & Luke Patterson; siblings; Joyce Moore, David Nemyer, Madonna Patterson, Dorothy Thompson, Terri Partain, Lisa Riddle, Marcia Thompson, Mark Nemyer and Nancy Knotts. He was preceded in death by his parents, Willis R. & Beatrice Critser Nemyer; and first wife, Emma Ferguson Nemyer in 1992. Visitation will be from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM on Friday, April 16, 2010 at the funeral home's south chapel. Services will be Friday, April 16, 2010 at 1:00 PM, at Robert D. Loose Funeral Home, South Chapel, 200 W. 53rd St. Anderson, with Pastor Don Billey officiating. Burial will be in East Maplewood Cemetery, Anderson, on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 10:00 AM with military rites by the VFW #266 . Memorial contributions may be made to the V.F.W.

#266 Honor Guard. www.LooseFuneralHomes.com

Tribute Wall

 Bonnie
Wolfe

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.... you at first sight. You raised them as your own and then added quickly another child to your home, me (Bonnie in Sept 1966). You were unable to actually marry Emma until April of 1967 due to your military action and also unable to see your first biological child until 6 months after birth. However, you kept serving your country and returned home to your ready-made family which you moved to the Anderson area.

Growing up we had lots of adventures and weekends at Grandma and Grandpaergusons to play baseball and lawn darts with the cousins. We spent time in Daleville at Grandma and Grandpa Nemyers' with my Aunts and Uncles, who I thought were cousins at the time. We had fun outside fishing, walking to culverts, playing with snakes, looking for mushrooms, and pawpaws in the solitude of the Fergie woods. I remember you and the Uncles hiding on Grandma Fergie's rooftop when the visitors came to see us that you didn't quite enjoy.

We had bats in the house on Pitt Street only to be shot with a gun and splattered in Jerry's bedroom. We had a honeysuckle bush the kids set on fire playing house. We had that lady down the street who wandered the field and you saved us from her, she was a little "psycho." Also, you saved us from the "grey house witch" or older lady in my youth that was a recluse who had her pet's tombstones in her backyard. We were frightened and you calmed our fears. You saved Teresa from the weird man that blocked her in his drive way on her bike. We were young, naive and your children; and you were our Dad-- our hero.

You were blessed with the first of your grandchildren in 1985 and after. Cameron started that trail of many grandchild blessings which included Jacob, Alyssa, Luke, Kendall, and Craig. You loved every one of them and took them into your heart. Mom (Emma) passed away after battling with primary liver cancer in 1992.

You "pulled up your boot straps" and surrounded yourself with another love and family. You married Barb Murdock Nemyer on June 29, 1992. Immediately, you had more step-children which you loved. The more the merrier for you.

May 10, 1993 you were blessed with another "sparkle in your eye"; a birthday present for you- Stephanie Nemyer named after you. She was destined to be with you and Barb to maintain your family, love and energy. You remained and formed your life on Pitt Street and continued serving in the VFW Honor Guard, the VFW and also spoke at Stephanie's school about Veterans' on many occasions.

Recently, you have been blessed with a number of great-grandchildren who have extended your family.

Your health deteriorated gradually over the last three years as God deemed you had served him well. You captured the hearts, love and friendship of many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and comrades along your way. You are the American Family Hero. Dad- as Jody Walker said well, "the Taps this time are for you."

I will dearly miss our long chats weekly and I will have you always in my heart. I love you with all my heart and soul. You did well Dad! Enjoy the walk with the LORD and I will see you soon. You put the "S" in Stamina, service; you put the "T" in tough, you put the "E" in emergent actions or "do it now attitude"; "V" in vast experience and diverse life experience and love; and "E" for everlasting servant life and excellent Dad.

Love Bonnie

Bonnie Wolfe - August 01, 2014 at 10:49 AM

 Bonnie
Wolfe

“ *Personal Tribute to my Dad (Steve)*

April 14, 2010 at 2:28pm

Dad-

You are now with our LORD and with Mom, Emma, in Heaven. There is no question in my mind that you were and still are one of the greatest servant leaders ever. You were private and always kept us guessing. And though we were, puzzled from time to time, you had given me all of the information I would ever need to succeed.

It was not until these past few weeks that the pieces began to snap together.

Your persistence and toughness are second to none. Your service to your family, to your friends, to your comrades and to your country are evident. Your body and your soul were instruments of a great man...a great soldier. You are an example of a great man and Dad! You are the ultimate "servant for the LORD." Many do not understand your stamina, your drive, your push to help others even at a pace that you leave the shell of your body in "havoc, pain and great use".

You were always the first to help others, sometimes even before helping your immediate family. It was because you had taught us the ultimate teaching of the LORD, and the need to "pull up their bootstraps" and forge ahead. To be good soldiers and to fortify our lives with His blessings and servant leadership...to build our lives around the LORD, the military, community and love.

It took me years to understand your comprehension of leadership or service. The fact that in the "Blizzard of 78" you made sure Grandpa Nemyer was taken care of during his illness, provided transportation alongside the National Guard, and helped people to get their medications and groceries. This is one small example of my youth that resounds. At that time, I was 11 and did not understand why

you did not stay home to be with me and to play in that "blizzard snow" or why you did not go to get us bread and milk when you did it for so many others; but today, I understand your service attitude and global community efforts. It takes maturity and selfless thinking to do these seemingly small tasks which are, in reality, enormous feats which you've accomplished, though many of us still struggle to even understand or appreciate them.


Your life started on May 11, 1947, born to Beatrice Critser Nemyer and Willis Ray Nemyer (the first of ten children who were eventually referenced by number rather than name). You were small, yet mighty and at less than two lbs, you were placed in a make-shift shoe box bed and put in a dresser bureau. At three years old you were upstairs on the second floor of a building and the center of an infamous article in the Anderson Herald about falling out of a window and getting a cracked skull. You started out in this world small, mighty and with a toughness that was unprecedented. You and your family had little monetary value, and you asked for very little.

You were a little ornery and loved the outdoors and fishing as well. You were ambitious to do something and anxious to be out of the small abode on 42nd Street. At 15, you moved out of your home and moved in with your Grandma Rainer for a short time. You told me you also joined the circus when you were very young. I am not sure today if this is true or if you lived in a circus of 10 kids or if you really did go there. None of these situations would surprise me in the least.

At 16, your goal was to join the Army and lied about your age to serve your country and military. By age 17 you were enlisted in the Army. You then were trained and were part of the Big Red 1 Cavalry (Infantry Division) and fought combat in Vietnam. You had a great friend in Vietnam, your monkey Charlie, that kept you company in the infantry. He left you barreling out of your weapon as you fired at the enemy. Poor Charlie. You were a POW as well in Vietnam and the scars of war remained with you throughout the rest of your adult

and family life. During this time you courted and married Emma Ferguson who was the proud mother of a baby girl, Teresa and a 4 year old boy, Jerry who both adored

Bonnie Wolfe - August 01, 2014 at 10:45 AM

 Bonnie
Wolfe

“ *Dad's Favorite Saying: IN Memory of Steve Nemyer from Mark Nemyer (Brother)*

April 14, 2010 at 10:56am

Final Inspection

*The soldier stood and faced God
Which must always come to pass
He hoped his shoes were shining
Just as brightly as his brass.*

*Step forward now, you soldier,
How shall I deal with you?
Have you always turned the other cheek?
To My Church have you been true?*

*The soldier squared his shoulders and said,
No, Lord, I guess I aint
Because those of us who carry guns
Cant always be a saint.*

*Ive had to work most Sundays
And at times my talk was tough,
And sometimes Ive been violent,
Because the world is awfully rough.*

*But, I never took a penny
That wasnt mine to keep...
Though I worked a lot of overtime
When the bills got just too steep,*

*And I never passed a cry for help,
Though at times I shook with fear,
And sometimes, God forgive me,
Ive wept unmanly tears.*

*I know I dont deserve a place
Among the people here,
They never wanted me around
Except to calm their fears.*

*If youve a place for me here, Lord,
It neednt be so grand,
I never expected or had too much,
But if you dont, Ill understand.*

*There was a silence all around the throne
Where the saints had often trod
As the soldier waited quietly,
For the judgment of his God,*

*Step forward now, you soldier,
Youve borne your burdens well,
Walk peacefully on Heavens streets,
Youve done your time in Hell.*

Bonnie Wolfe - August 01, 2014 at 10:44 AM

Bonnie
Wolfe

“ *My Dad, Stephen Nemyer, is just AMAZING and has documentaries at the Library of Congress!*

April 21, 2010 at 9:10pm

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Stephen Nemyer Collection

Biographical Information

Name:

Stephen R. Nemyer

Date of Birth:

1947

Place of Birth:

Anderson, IN

Gender:

Male

Race:

Unspecified

Home State:

IN

War or Conflict:

Vietnam War, 1961-1975

Status:

Veteran

Dates of Service:

1965-2003

Branch of Service:

Army

Unit of Service:

1st Infantry Division; 4th Cavalry

Location of Service:

Vietnam

Highest Rank:

First Sergeant

Prisoner of War:

Yes

Service Related Injury:

Yes

War or Conflict:

Persian Gulf War, 1990-1995

Status:

Veteran

Prisoner of War:

Unknown

Service Related Injury:

Unknown Collection Information

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Bonnie Wolfe - August 01, 2014 at 10:42 AM

TD

“ *we are very sad to lose a very good friend. steve not only had a laugh and a smile to light up the room but was also a true american hero. we are thankful for the times we had together. rest in peace sir.*

TOM & DEE DIETZ - April 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

D2

“ *Steve was instrumental in helping me form our honor guard about 2 years ago. Whenever I needed any information or help, he was enthusiastic to assist us. It was an honor to have known him. I will be thinking of Steve and his family today.*

Derrick Goudy - Honor Guard, American Legion Post 216 - April 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *Dad, You are missed every single day. Thank you is not enough for your love, support and life lessons. It was enough to tell you I love you. You were a wonderful father who helped to mold my character and morals. You kept all three of us clothed, fed, sheltered and loved for more than twenty years and continued to reach out to us. Thank you for laughs, tears, and most of all love with kisses Goodnight. See you in Heaven. I Love You! Your Daughter, Teresa Lynn*

Teresa Patterson - April 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ A Man that if you ever spent any time with you could not help from learning something from .He touched my life Like many others .And I Will never forget my uncle Steve, a true American Hero, but he would never admit. Condolences to all of his loved ones.

Trent Ferguson - April 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Joshua Sanders Ignacio Ortiz Joshua O'Dell Tulsa Apria

Joshua Sanders - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Steve will be missed very much. He is in a better place.

Marcia - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Terri....My thoughts and prayers are with you, Madonna, and the rest of your family during this most difficult time. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help you during the days ahead.

Gary Butler - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ R.I.P BROTHER

Don Smith - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Dear Terri and Family, My condolences and prayers are with you and your family at this time of sadness. Please let me know if I can be of assistance during this time of need. Matthew James

Matthew James - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RB

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” To the Nemyer Family: May you find strength and comfort in God's love and mercy during this time of bereavement. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sorrowfully, Rita Bond co-worker of Terri

Rita Bond - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LT

“Dear Terri and Family, My deepest sympathy. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Lisa Taylor - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BW

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Bonnie Nemyer Wolfe-daughter - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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Bonnie Nemyer Wolfe - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I will always love you dad! Thank you for always loving me. You were always there for me whenever I needed it most. We had alot of good times together, alot of memories that will stay with me forever.

Jennifer Bevel - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Dear Terri, Madonna and Family, My deepest sympathy to you and your entire family for the recent loss of your brother. You are in my thoughts and prayers along with a hug. Carolyn

Carolyn Tarrant - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ We want to send you our condolences and our prayers are with you and the family. If there is anything we can do, please let us know. We love you, Jason, Cindy, Austin, Charles & Kaylie

Jason & Cindy Vinson - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Terri and family, Sorry to hear of your loss, it is never easy to lose someone you love. Although you have lost a brother find comfort in knowing that he is with GOD in a better place. I pray that GOD's grace and love be with you and your family during this difficult time.

Thomas Goodman - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Terri, I am so sorry for your loss and am remembering you and your family in my prayers. Love, Mary

Mary Dunnigan - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I met Steve through Jerry Elliott whom I was a life long friend with. Jerry died Jan 2006. Both of them served together in Vietnam & I myself served my country from 1980-1988 in The United States Marines. Steve always treated me as a friend as me & Jerry were friends. Rest in peace Steve

Jeff 'Mike' Galliher - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I was so very sorry to hear of your loss. I will always remember how I gave that man a hard time...he made the BEST chicken and noodles. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Lynn

Lynn Scott - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Dear Terri and Madonna, I was sadden to learn of your brother's passing and will keep you and your family in my prayers that you may find comfort and solace this day and in the days ahead. With deepest sympathy, Bill

Bill Mann - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Grandpa steve will be missed very much

Craig Wolfe-Grandson - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

IH

“ Dear Uncle Steve I looked up to you . you always had time to help others putting your needs and wants on hold. Steve you were a great man and it was a real HONOR to have known you and spent time with. You have touched so many peoples lives in one way or another. God said to you come home son your work on earth is finished. Time to come home and rest my faithful servant. God bless you .

Irvin Dwayne Hoover - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ My heartfelt condolences to the Nemyer family. Do not stand at my grave and weep, I am not there, I do not sleep. I am in a thousand winds that blow, I am the softly falling snow. I am the gentle showers of rain, I am the fields of ripening grain. I am in the morning hush, I am in the graceful rush Of beautiful birds in circling flight, I am the starshine of the night. I am in the flowers that bloom, I am in a quiet room. I am in the birds that sing, I am in each lovely thing. Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there. I do not die. Mary Frye

Michael Morrow - April 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NK

“ I will love and miss you always big brother!

Nancy Knotts - April 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Steve I will miss you you will always be in my heart. brother have piece were you are now. and we will carie on here and will meet you thier when it are time.LOVE YOU BROTHER

Mark Nemyer - April 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Terri and Madonna, Very sorry to hear about the loss of your brother. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. "Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal."

Shannon Trochuck - April 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *Terri, Madonna and Family: Please accept my sincerest condolences. I know this came as a tremendous shock. Keeping you all in my prayers and thoughts!*

Cathy Ellis - April 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM