



## Stephen R. Alvey

May 27, 1947 - October 31, 2023

Stephen R. Alvey, 76, passed away of natural causes on Tuesday, October 31st, 2023 while serving as security for Grace Christian Academy in Kankakee, Illinois.

Steve was born in Kankakee, IL to Milton “Jim” and Mary Alvey (Gilbert) on May 27th 1947. He graduated from Momence Community Unit High School in 1965. Steve honorably served in the United States Marine Corps from 1966 to 1967.

Upon his discharge from the Marine Corps, Steve returned home and worked at Carter Wallace in Momence and Riverside Hospital. He joined the Auxiliary Police, and in 1970 was hired as a Bradley Police Officer. While on patrol February 11th 1972, Steve entered a burning residence to rescue a Bradley man who had been trapped inside. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1980 where he served as the midnight shift supervisor for many years. He was one of the department's first Evidence Technicians, handled many cases, including an integral part of the team that investigated the Tara Sue Huffman murder case in 1981. Steve was founder and director of the Kankakee Valley

Emergency Youth Corps., a Police and Fire Cadet program sponsored by the Village of Bradley from 1972-1978. Many area youth who were members, went on to be career Police Officers and Firefighters, with some becoming Chiefs and Command Officers. This program was highly supported by the community and recognized by State Officials, and Steve volunteered many hours to its success.

He retired as a Police Officer in 1996 due to an on-duty injury and again served the department as a Dispatcher/Telecommunicator for the next twelve years. Upon retirement and until his death, he served as security at Grace Christian Academy where he was known as "Mr. Alvey or Steve", and took pride in protecting and helping out at the school.

He was a member of Grace Baptist Church-Kankakee, Exline Sportsmans Club and former member of the Kankakee Camera Club. He enjoyed attending church, local sporting events, and spending time with his relatives and close friends.

Steve is preceded in death by his parents, and his younger brothers, James and Keith Alvey.

Steve is survived by his sisters Sue (Ralph) Donnelly, Donna (Roger) Anderson, Kathy Alvey, and Joy Alvey; nephews Rick Donnelly, Joshua Alvey,

Jared (Wendy) Alvey, and Kyle Alvey; nieces Debbra (Dave) Petke, Barb (Dale) Howard, Trinity (Greg) Maston, Kristin (Thomas) McGinnis; extended family Steve (Dena) Coy, Meagan Coy, Heather Coy, Riley, Jace and Jack Havener, Brandon (Kyra) Stokes, and Marita Stokes.

He is fondly remembered for his friendliness, generosity, and service to others.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. until the 6:00 p.m. memorial service on Monday, November 6, 2023 at Grace Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Grace Baptist Church.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

NOV 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Grace Baptist Church  
2499 Waldron Road  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 939-4579

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

DD

“ Steve was a great man he started working at my school when I was in second grade and I would have conversations everyday with him he would always tell me how excited he was for heaven and how he couldn't wait he was one of the most influential people in my life gonna miss him

Drake DeYoung - November 06, 2023 at 07:04 PM

JL

“ Mr. Alvey has made a huge impact on our 8th grade son, Ryan. Although Ryan refuses to bring a lunch to school, he would “eat lunch” in the hallway with him every single day. They shared their faith with one another. They shared stories, laughs and many times, Mr. Alvey's food. 😊 There will be a void at Grace without Mr. Alvey, literally and figuratively....for a very long time. HE. WAS. LOVED.

Jennifer Lee - November 06, 2023 at 08:44 AM

LO

“ Leila Owen lit a candle in memory of Stephen R. Alvey



Leila Owen - November 05, 2023 at 01:06 AM

LO

Prayers to the family and friends of Steve Alvey. I knew him as the friendliest greeter I've ever seen. When he asked you how you are doing he wants to know how you are really doing and he would ask at least twice he loved and really cared for people as he reached out to them in the name of the Lord. Heaven has gained another great servant for the Lord!

Leila Owen - November 05, 2023 at 01:13 AM

CR

“ Known him since 1977@ Grace Baptist. He had the sweetest mom who ,mentored me in my early years in our ladies Bible study. Steve was very funny, and entertaining. He was ready to go to heaven and made sure he told his many Drs. I'll never forget his prized vacation, A Superman type excursion. That is the fun Steve. Good to all the students as a security guard at Grace Christian School. He adored each and every one and they felt the same toward him. I will miss him ❤️ Cathy Reed

Cathy Reed - November 04, 2023 at 05:28 PM

AS

“ Angela Sommer lit a candle in memory of Stephen R. Alvey



Angela Sommer - November 04, 2023 at 09:33 AM

CW

“ Christopher Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Stephen R. Alvey



Christopher Wilcox - November 03, 2023 at 12:41 PM

SJ

“ *Such a wonderful man. We didn't know him for very long, but it felt like we knew him forever. He loved his students and knew each and every kids' names. He will be missed.*



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**Sarah J.** - November 03, 2023 at 12:36 PM

MS

“ *I have enjoyed our friendship over the years. I will miss that friendship, the get togethers, the photo trips, the auctions at the school and the crazy stories of you and Brandon's adventures. You will be missed by all who knew and loved you. God Bless your family and friends as they go through this most difficult time.*



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**Marita Stokes** - November 03, 2023 at 12:23 AM

MS

“ *Marita Stokes lit a candle in memory of Stephen R. Alvey*



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**Marita Stokes** - November 03, 2023 at 12:11 AM

CM

“ *Rest in peace dear friend. Will always remember your good work ethic and your advice (even when I didn't take it).*

*Ret. Sgt. Cathie (Bergan) Miedema*



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**cathie miedema** - November 02, 2023 at 11:29 PM

BS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*

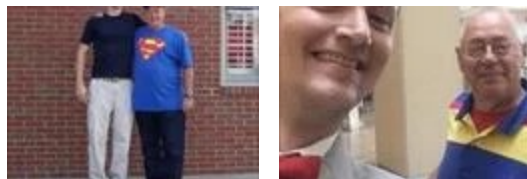


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**Brandon Stokes** - November 02, 2023 at 09:37 PM

BG

“ *I met Steve in 2011 at Metropolis Superman Celebration. Quickly became family. Love and miss him.*



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**Bradley Graham** - November 02, 2023 at 08:55 PM

BS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Brandon Stokes - November 02, 2023 at 08:25 PM

SC

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Steven Coy - November 02, 2023 at 04:38 PM

SC

“ "Well done, good and faithful servant", Retired Sgt. Stephen R. Alvey #517



Steven Coy - November 02, 2023 at 04:34 PM