



Steven Allan Miles

June 3, 1953 - March 16, 2012

Steven Allan Miles was born in San Rafael, California to Joyce and the late Everett Miles. He grew up and went to high school in Mill Valley California, playing basketball and football. Steve graduated from the College of Marin in 1973 with an associate's degree in science. He lived in Nevada City, California for 10 years then moved to Gregory, South Dakota where he had a janitorial business for 18 years. In 2003, Steve followed his lifelong dream of becoming a teacher, achieving his bachelor's degree in education in 2004 and his master of arts degree in education in 2006, both from the University of South Dakota. He taught middle school math and science on Rosebud reservation and in Elk Point, South Dakota for a year, in Blythe, California for one year and Reno, Nevada for two years. Steve moved to McKinney, Texas in July, 2010 and worked as a substitute teacher and at Home Depot.

Steve was a master handyman who loved to fix things. He was a bicycle fanatic who rode for exercise, fun and occasionally competitively. A favorite hobby was searching for bike parts on ebay and building bicycles. In 2004 he discovered Contra dancing and developed a passion for the traditional American folk dance. He was a long-time member of the Sierra Club who loved hiking and any natural outdoor activity.

Steve was involved in a bicycle accident on 3/15/12 and died of a brain injury the next day. He is survived by his mother, Joyce Miles of Mill Valley, California his girlfriend of six years, Susan Mardele and her son Kenny Failes. He is remembered by his friends, family and associates as a kind man always available and happy to help, a creative and fun teacher, an energetic dancer and a quick wit. He will be missed.

Memorials

Condolences "Viola"

TAMI JEANNE FETTER MULLEN, OCTOBER 13, 2015

Though I only knew Steve through Contra dancing, I could clearly see the kindness & gentleness in him. I enjoyed his lightheartedness & feel blessed to have known him. My deepest heartfelt condolences to Susan, Kenny, & family. God bless you all.

ELLEN SALER-SANTINI, MARCH 24, 2012

We are wounded each time we lose someone we loved. In time the wound will heal and we will be left with a scar. For me, that scar will be a reminder of not so much the pain and the loss that I feel now, but much more so the memories of a very tall, very handsome man who had an amazing mind, soft words, kind heart and a funny laugh. And that, will always make me smile. I am so sorry for what you are going through now, Susan, Kenny and Joyce.

MARLENE M, MARCH 23, 2012

Steve made the impression of a gentleman - in every sense - concerned about doing the right thing in the right way. His dancing was whimsical and his regard was always upward with a smile. He ENJOYED life and he loved Susan, that was plain to see. We will miss his happy feet. God bless you Susan and Kenny. Our prayers are for your comfort.

VIOLETTE/JIM MCGHEE, MARCH 23, 2012

We will miss his great smile and sense of humor at our Contra dances. The world is a little dimmer and darker without him. Susan, Kenny, and Joyce...my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

JO BROOKS, MARCH 21, 2012

Steve was such a creative, fun, and interesting guy. He cared about other people, and was a beautiful person himself. We thought his call to teaching was wonderful, and we loved to contra dance with him. Steve represents the best in human nature, and he was a wonderful gift to the world, too soon gone. Our love to you, Susan.

ROSEMARIE & STAN SWANSON, MARCH 21, 2012

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