



## Stephen Windschitl

May 29, 1958 - January 29, 2024

Stephen Windschitl, age 65, of Arcadia, passed away on Monday, January 29, 2024 at his home in Arcadia.

A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 17, 2024 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church – St. John Paul II Parish in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Patrick Behm. Concelebrant will be Fr. Andy Windschitl. Music will be by All Strings Attached. Lector will be Chaplin Angelo Luis. Gift Bearers will be Bennett Sims, Roxie Reinart, Vicki O’Tool, Lennelle Cecil, and Deb Fiscus. Burial will be at a later date.

There will be no visitation prior to the funeral mass.

The family requests that you kindly omit any flower tributes, instead please make memorial contributions to the Animal Rescue League of Carroll, or the Family Resource Center in Carroll.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, and online condolences may be left for Stephen’s family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Stephen (Steve) Windschitl, died peacefully in his home in Arcadia, Iowa on January 29, 2024 surrounded by his wife and chief health advocate of 45

years, Rebecca Windschitl, and his devoted caregivers.

Stephen was born in Superior, Wisconsin on May 29, 1958 to Cletus and Valerie Windschitl, the third in a large Catholic family of seven siblings including his four brother and two sisters. Just before he graduated from Kuemper High School in Carroll, IA on April 6, 1976, Steve was involved in an accident that altered the course of his life and profoundly touched the lives of his immediate and extended family, his friends, his wife and her extended family, as well as the caregivers who tended to Steve throughout his adult life.

Steve loved competitive sports. In his younger years enjoyed coaching T-ball to the younger children. In high school he found a passion for wrestling. Over time he was an avid Vikings fan, rooting for his team from his armchair. He supported his wife's career teaching music in Carroll and the surrounding communities by attending perennial concerts while he was able, and being a happy presence for students waiting for lessons in the All Strings Attached music studio when he was there. He loved reading Louis L'Amour books in his younger adult life, and had a keen appreciation for and encyclopedic memory of the Star Wars and Star Trek series throughout his life. He loved words, and was a whiz with word search puzzles, often creating his own and sending them to family. Most of all, he loved spending time and playing checkers with his dad, Clete, often for hours during strategic matches.

It is said that the measure of a man is not so much by his accomplishments but how the events of a life reveal who he is. Steve made clear to everyone in his orbit that the purpose of his life was other people. He was endowed at the age of 18 with the gifts of the spirit which he shared with others every day of his life: the deep wisdom of love, the kindness of understanding, the fortitude of patience beyond endurance, the generosity of forgiveness and of smiles and laughter, and a knowledge communicated by his very being that the Holy Spirit was with him daily.

Steve was preceded in death by his beloved father, Clete, and his older brother John and nephew Jeremiah Windschitl. He is survived by his wife Rebecca Windschitl of Arcadia, mother Valerie Windschitl of Ames, Ia; siblings Dr. Mark (Dr. Pam Joseph) Windschitl of Seattle; Dawn Windschitl (John) of Des Moines, Ia; Martha (Mark) Royer of Ames, IA; Chris (Jody) Windschitl of Lake City, IA; Gretchen (Roy) Janssen of Ames, IA; and Dr. Paul (Tricia) Windschitl of Iowa City, IA, and 30 nieces and nephews.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

FEB 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II Parish-Holy Spirit Church  
421 Bluff St E  
Carroll, IA 51401-3099  
(712) 792-9244

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Jim & Kathy Comstock purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Stephen Windschitl.*



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**Jim & Kathy Comstock** - February 16, 2024 at 04:53 AM

SB

“ *Becky. I was Steve's physical therapist many years ago at your home. He was always a joy to work with. You have my support and sympathy in your time of loss. Sue Behrens*

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**sue BEHRENS** - February 06, 2024 at 05:25 PM

BH

“ *The three years that I spent with Steve for educational and not just in the education form of the word. I learned how to be humble I learned how to accept what life throws at you I learned that you can still have fun when you can't get up and go have fun. I learned so many things from him and I'll retain those nuggets of knowledge that I got from him rest in peace Steve*

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**Betty Hartzell** - February 06, 2024 at 04:46 PM

SW

“ *Steve was my one and only giggle-buddy in this life. We would just look at one another and laugh. Sometimes these fits would overcome us at the most inopportune times, and we'd both end up on the floor weak and helpless with laughter. As I think of him now, tears with a big belly laugh bubble up. Love and miss you so much. Sarah Witte*

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**sarah Witte** - February 02, 2024 at 12:09 PM

KJ

“ *My deepest sympathy to Steven's family, he will be missed. He was still a pillar of strength and lived a beautiful life with his family. May Steven rest in peace. Kathy Jones*

Kathy Jones - February 01, 2024 at 07:36 PM

SL

“ *Susan and Jason Lord*



Susan and Jason Lord - February 01, 2024 at 04:39 PM

VD

“ *Vickie Duff lit a candle in memory of Stephen Windschitl*



Vickie Duff - February 01, 2024 at 02:05 PM

JB

“ *Judy And Dave Beyer lit a candle in memory of Stephen Windschitl*



Judy and Dave Beyer - February 01, 2024 at 01:26 PM

WN

“ *Becky, We will be thinking of you in these difficult days as you face life without Steve. May his spirit bring comfort and happy memories, and bring you peace.*  
Wes/CJ

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**Wes & CJ Niles** - February 01, 2024 at 09:47 AM

KJ

“ *Kristi Schuler Jorgensen lit a candle in memory of Stephen Windschitl*



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**Kristi Schuler Jorgensen** - February 01, 2024 at 09:29 AM

BH

“ *I was fortunate enough to know Steve for 3 years spent many many days with him. He had a great attitude he never took life too hard , loved his pup Sully.. I'll miss you Steve. May the force be with you.*

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**Betty Hartzell** - January 31, 2024 at 06:04 PM

PW

“ *So sorry Becky for your loss. Praying for you at this difficult time.* 🙏

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**Penny Wilkins** - January 31, 2024 at 06:03 PM

RB

“ I've only met Steve several times but one thing I noticed was how genuinely happy he would be doing simple things such as watching movies/sports and interacting with the many pets that surrounded him at home. He had a wonderful smile and he surely will be missed. R Bak

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**Richard Bak** - January 30, 2024 at 06:04 PM

SW

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**sarah Witte** - February 01, 2024 at 04:42 PM

BV

“ So sorry Becky! May he rest in peace.

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**Bev Vonnahme** - January 30, 2024 at 04:50 PM

VO

“ So loved getting to know Steve, we shared a lot through the years that I knew him and his wife Becky. We spent many hours together, putting puzzles together, playing cards, checkers and most of all watching movies. I was blessed with a lot of DVD's and Steve would pick out the ones he wanted to watch from my list. So proud to have gotten to know him. God Bless you Steve, you will be truly missed.

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**Vicki O'Tool** - January 30, 2024 at 03:49 PM