



Steven Preston Stolte

December 9, 1962 - December 23, 2021

Steven Preston Stolte, age 59 and a lifelong resident of Thorndale, passed away at his home in Thorndale surrounded by family, Thursday evening, December 23, 2021.

Services for Steven will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale with Pastor Casey Goetz of Tanglewood Baptist Church officiating. Interment will follow in the Pleasant Retreat cemetery near Thorndale. Visitation is 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 28th at the funeral home.

Steven was born December 9, 1962 in Taylor to Preston Stolte and Agnes Virginia (Catchings) Stolte. He was a 1981 graduate of Thorndale High School and began working at the Rockdale power plant until he left there as a foreman. Steven most recently worked as Power Plant Operator for L.C.R.A. in Bastrop. Outside of family, his joys in life were working his cattle and tending to his garden. A lover of his animals, Steven was known for taking in and caring for any lost cat and dog lucky enough to cross his path. A genius with his hands, a self-taught engineer and small engine repairman, he could fix anything he set his mind to.

He is preceded in death by his father, Preston Fritz Stolte; Paternal grandparents, Emil August and Theresia Stolte and maternal grandparents,

Agnes and Roy Robert Catchings.

Surviving is his wife, Deborah Stolte of Thorndale; Sons, Steven Preston Stolte II of San Antonio, Henry "Hank" Garrett Stolte of Thorndale, Andrew August Stolte of College Station; Daughter, Brittney Ann Lerbakken and husband Dave of Kearney, Nebraska; Mother, Virginia Stolte of Thorndale; Sister, Theresia Goetz and husband David of Thorndale and granddaughter, Brooke Austyn Lerbakken.

Pallbearers are David Goetz, Ernest Henry, David Henry, Stanley Henry, Malcom Holder, William Smith, Kelly Rieger and Bryan Woelfel.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Retreat Cemetery

852 CR 458
Thorndale, TX 76577

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
1041 West Highway 79
Rockdale, TX 76567
(512) 446-5454
phillips_luckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Chapel Service

DEC 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

DEC **29** (CT)

Pleasant Retreat Cemetery
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Thorndale, TX 76577

Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Steven Preston Stolte.*



December 28, 2021 at 09:00 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Steven Preston Stolte.*



December 28, 2021 at 08:55 PM



“ *Frank & Lori lit a candle in memory of Steven Preston Stolte*



Frank & Lori - December 28, 2021 at 06:29 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Steven Preston Stolte.*



December 28, 2021 at 10:10 AM

MN

“ My condolences to the family. Steven was a great guy and good friend back in the day growing up in Thorndale. We had a lot of fun together back in high school and going to Debonair dances. One thing I will always remember about Steven was his smile. I seldom saw him without a smile. I was fortunate to see Steven about 3 years ago in Thorndale at at Wedding anniversary. It was great speaking with him, but I wish I would have been able to speak with him longer. May the Lord comfort the family during this time of loss. Rest in peace my friend.

Michael Niemtschk - December 28, 2021 at 09:52 AM

DR

“ My prayers are with you. So sorry for your loss.

Donald Rowe - December 28, 2021 at 08:30 AM

KK

“ I am saddened to hear of Stevens passing. He is a great person and I am glad I got to know him. He was one of my favorite people at the plant. God Bless You. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Kenny K.

Kenny Kilcrease - December 27, 2021 at 09:29 PM

JB

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Steven and I shared many laughs. He was always teasing me about something' and I will not forget his smile
May God comfort his family knowing you will see him again. God bless you

judy brown - December 27, 2021 at 06:18 PM

CG

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Steven was a sweet guy who loved his family and friends. Steven is not gone, just away. Remember the good times that you had with him. God has called Steven home to be by his side. God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow,



Cynthia & George Galbreath - December 27, 2021 at 01:46 PM

JU

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jonathan Unnasch - December 27, 2021 at 02:53 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Steven Preston Stolte.



December 26, 2021 at 07:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Steven Preston Stolte.



December 26, 2021 at 05:58 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Steven Preston Stolte.*



December 26, 2021 at 12:55 PM



“ *Debbie and children,
I'll never forget the time I got to spend with Steven. Whether helping with corn harvest, helping with the house slab, or working together at the plant, I always enjoyed being around him and admired his positive attitude toward any situation gone bad. I was a few years younger than Steven, but I know we would have had some really great times if I could have gone through school together with him. Truly sorry for your loss! He was a great guy! God bless all of you!*

Sincerely, Trey Schramm

Trey Schramm - December 24, 2021 at 10:48 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven Preston Stolte.*



December 24, 2021 at 10:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Steven Preston Stolte.*



December 24, 2021 at 09:11 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Stevens passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Carol and Earnest Gardner



Carol and Earnest Gardner - December 24, 2021 at 07:52 PM