



Stephen Youngblood

May 11, 1958 - November 15, 2024

Stephen “Steve” Youngblood, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, passed away unexpectedly on November 15, 2024, at 66 years of age, much to the grief of his family and numerous friends.

Though he lived in Oklahoma for over 40 years, Steve was always a Missouri boy. Born in Carthage, Missouri, on May 11, 1958, to parents Clarence Curtis Youngblood and Dortha Pauline Youngblood (Slavens), he and his 3 siblings grew up on a farm in the small town of Diamond, Missouri. That small town was the essence of Steve – he went to school there, worked on the farm, played basketball, followed the Cardinals, and probably got into only a little bit of trouble. In the first grade, he met his wife Pamela Pinnell Youngblood in that small town, and it’s where they went to school together for all those years before they were married on April 22, 1978.

At the beginning of their marriage, Steve described going up the Spindletop in Houston with Pam and thinking that “it was really a big deal for a couple of young kids” to see such a big place lit up like that at night. Steve loved seeing the world and he brought that kid-from-a-small-town enthusiasm into all the rest of his travels: driving across Europe to see Normandy and Boppard when his oldest daughter Stephanie was there for school, driving across America to see his second daughter Heather’s band competitions, driving back and forth to OSU to watch the Cowboys with his son Matthew, driving all around every day of the week for his grandchildren. He was sure to be at every school event, whether we were young or old, student or teacher, getting there early

and saving a seat, or showing up for a few hours at an impromptu camping event before taking off again, always on his way to the next stop. One thing you can definitely say about Steve is that he was always ready to drive.

When Steve and Pam moved to Tulsa in the late 70s, had their three children, created a home, and began a life, Steve still carried those small town feelings with him, turning that sense of community, camaraderie, enthusiasm, and generosity into the multiple circles of friends and family he built and enjoyed over all the decades of his life. Steve's goal wasn't to get out of a small town. Instead, he had the incredible skill of building his own small town wherever he went. His diverse and vibrant friend groups – from the gym, from church, from baseball card collecting - are a testament to that talent. But Steve was also a friend to everyone, from a childhood friend to a new face in the crowd. As ready as he was to jump in the car for a cross-country adventure, he was also always willing to drive across town to help a friend in need: to give a ride to the doctor, to do an airport run, to cover for a missed bus, to bring a snack over just to show he cared. Steve was always ready to be a friend.

Steve enjoyed so many things in life – the St. Louis Cardinals, World War II movies, the Kansas City Chiefs, walking in the pool, learning about history, always loving the OSU Cowboys, sometimes loving the OU Sooners, trying a new restaurant, fishing at the lake, studying his Bible, saying “hi boy” to the dog, telling a long and often confusing story, catching up with his siblings, spending time with his friends. But there is nothing he enjoyed more than his three grandchildren, whether that was coaching basketball or going to baseball card shows, watching cheer, or eating ice cream. He took such pleasure in the simple joy of their existence, and will forever be an example of what it can mean to love people unconditionally.

Steve is survived by:

Wife Pamela Youngblood

Children Stephanie Youngblood, Heather Youngblood, and Matthew Youngblood

Grandchildren Jordyn Thomas, Jailyn Youngblood-Logan, and Alivia

Youngblood

Siblings LuAnn Youngblood Jenson, Cindy Youngblood Brown, and Mike Youngblood

Sister-in-Law Ticia Pinnell

And numerous nieces and nephews, pets past and present, friends of every background and creed, and every person who would have been lucky enough to have become his friend should there have been more time.

Steve is preceded in death by his parents, Curtis and Pauline Youngblood, and his mother and father-in-law, Marlin and Jean Pinnell.

Steve enjoyed gardening, or at least the idea of it, and he loved watching the birds and squirrels moving around the yard, so we think he'd have appreciated any flowers people might send. But to honor Steve's memory in the manner that seems truest to him, we'd love for you to go to a local baseball game, cast a line at the lake, be present for your friends and family in whatever way you are able, and – whenever you can – give someone a ride.

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV **21**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 258-9623
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

Visitation

NOV **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
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Funeral Service

NOV **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Arrow Heights Baptist Church
3201 S. Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Viewing

NOV **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Clark Funeral Home
312 S. Wood Street
Neosho, MO 64850

Graveside Service

NOV **25**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Diamond Cemetery
Diamond, MO 64840

Tribute Wall

MP

“ Pam,

I was so shocked to see Steve's name in the Hayhurst website. Oh goodness, I would have attended his service, if I had known.

My name is Marcella Pense. I was married to Elmer Pense, who sold baseball cards to Steve several times. We both got such a kick out of Steve; he was such an exceptionally nice man. I read every word of his obit, and just finished watching his video. Both were wonderful. I know from his visits in our home that the video and obit were spot-on. I loved seeing all of those photos. He was so surrounded with much love from his family. I know that all of you are hurting from such a loss, especially unexpected.

I either called Steve at some point earlier this year, or he called me; he always used my cell phone, but I didn't mind. I had to inform him of Elmer's death on 12/10/2023; cancer. Steve commented that he would have attended his funeral, had he known. Believe me, I know how difficult it is. In 9 days it will be one year; it is still very hard to handle at times. Anyway, Steve was so sweet when I talked with him. I told him I'd be happy to show him more cards if he was interested, but it would be a few weeks. I called him a few more times, to tell him I just wasn't at a good place time-wise just yet. Each time he very nicely told me he understood, and he wasn't in a hurry.

Please know that I am deeply sorry about your loss. He was an exceptional man, and I will never forget him. He and Elmer are probably talking baseball in heaven, or who knows; they just might be playing baseball!

My thoughts and prayers for you and your family,

MARCELLA PENSE

Marcella Pense - December 02, 2024 at 04:41 AM



“ Pam and family. I am so sorry. I loved Steve. We would run into each other in the stores and talk as fast as we could before he returned to work. Sam and Jason have gone through the pearly gates, and while we grieve, they will be elated to see Steve coming through them. We laughed for years about Sam's run to get you guys at Toppers. I'm going to miss knowing Steve was in the world. Just knowing he was made it a better place. I will miss him very much. My thoughts and prayers go out to you, Pam. I have felt this kind of pain. Karen Willis



Karen Kaye Willis - November 25, 2024 at 04:16 AM



Thank you so much, Karen. I am so sorry to hear about Sam and Jason. That was a crazy night, alright. They were good guys for sure. I sure appreciate you sharing. I hope they are getting together right now.

Pam Youngblood - November 27, 2024 at 06:50 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Pictorial Video Tribute



Hayhurst Funeral Home - November 22, 2024 at 02:47 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Stephen Youngblood.

November 21, 2024 at 03:05 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Youngblood.*



November 20, 2024 at 09:15 PM



“ *LuAnn and Paula purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Stephen Youngblood.*



LuAnn and Paula - November 19, 2024 at 12:34 PM



“ *LuAnn and Paula purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Stephen Youngblood.*



LuAnn and Paula - November 19, 2024 at 12:29 PM



“ *LuAnn and Paula planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen Youngblood.*

LuAnn and Paula - November 19, 2024 at 12:29 PM

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“ Amy and Phillip Scott purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Stephen Youngblood.



Amy and Phillip Scott - November 19, 2024 at 09:26 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Stephen Youngblood.



November 19, 2024 at 07:41 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Stephen Youngblood.

November 19, 2024 at 07:41 AM

CS

“ Steve was my neighbor growing up in Rural Diamond, MO. Dirt roads, homemade popsicles, and our Mom's visiting back and forth. Recently, I've visited with Steve at different family member's services and he was never without a smile and warm conversation. The Obituary was spot on and know that you all are in my prayers; as you walk through this very hard time. May God Comfort you all.
Cathy Cook Shadwick

Cathy Cook Shadwick - November 19, 2024 at 12:51 AM



Thank you, Cathy. Sure did enjoy seeing you and Karla at his service. I know you all had a special place in his heart.

Pam Youngblood - November 27, 2024 at 06:52 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen Youngblood.*



November 18, 2024 at 10:19 PM



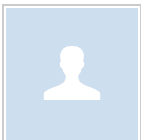
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November 18, 2024 at 10:19 PM



“ *Heaven is a better place today with Steve there. Sympathies to the Family. God will keep him safe and warm till you are together again.*

Brad Breneman - November 18, 2024 at 06:50 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Youngblood.*



November 18, 2024 at 06:20 PM

Bob
McLean

“ Steve was a really nice guy, I knew him from card shows. He truly loved the card hobby. He will be missed by all of the card collecting community.

Bob McLean - November 18, 2024 at 05:24 PM



Thank you.

Pam Youngblood - November 27, 2024 at 06:53 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Stephen Youngblood.



November 18, 2024 at 05:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Stephen Youngblood.

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“ Alyssa Ceda (Gillmore) purchased the Pretty Ple ase for the family of Stephen Youngblood.



Alyssa Ceda (Gillmore) - November 18, 2024 at 04:56 PM

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“ Alyssa Ceda (Gillmore) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen Youngblood.

Alyssa Ceda (Gillmore) - November 18, 2024 at 04:56 PM

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“ Miranda Adam & family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Stephen Youngblood.



Miranda Adam & family - November 18, 2024 at 04:53 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Stephen Youngblood.



November 18, 2024 at 04:44 PM

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“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Youngblood family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Steve.



Hayhurst Funeral Home - November 18, 2024 at 12:08 PM

PK

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We are so very sorry for your loss Pam, Stephanie, Heather, Matt and grandchildren
The Kasishke Family

Paula Kasishke - November 17, 2024 at 04:08 PM



Thank you, Paula for your love and caring. I am also so sorry for your loss.

Pam Youngblood - November 27, 2024 at 06:54 PM