



Stephen Barraud Kossler

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In Memory of

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Obituary:

Stephen Barraud Kossler passed away peacefully at his home in Longwood, Florida, on Monday, December 22, 2014. Steve was born in New York City and moved to Florida as a young boy. He graduated from Colonial High School in 1975. Steve had a successful career in commercial landscaping, spending most of his career with Dora Landscaping Company in Apopka. He had a love for his family, animals, surfing, and the outdoors. For many years, he supported his daughter with dance, most recently cheer and his son through long distance running, most recently lacrosse.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Theresa E. Kossler, and his father, John P. Kossler, Sr. Steve is survived by his wife Kem, his daughter Kirsten (16), and son Kolten (14). He is

also survived by his siblings John P. Kossler, Jr. (Robbie), Mike Kossler, Susan Chamblee (Tom), and Sharon Johnston (Bill); and several nieces and nephews.

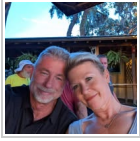
In celebration of his life, a Catholic mass will be held at Annunciation Catholic Church, 1020

Montgomery Road, Altamonte Springs, Florida, on Saturday, January 3rd at 10:00 a.m. A reception will follow at Padre Pio's Place on church grounds.

Friends are welcome. A private family interment will follow later in the day at Highland Memory Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of the Comforter in his honor.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Family of Mr. Stephen Kossler,

I've just learned of Steve's passing. Please accept my belated condolences.

Steve was my first boss in the landscape industry, which began on Feb 9, 1982. His straight-forward and intelligent ways of teaching and holding accountable the troops left an indelible mark on my career. We'd work hard, then we'd play hard on a friendly basis. But there was no mistaking the line Steve drew btwn friendly times and work. Next day was back to mgr. & subordinate. I don't recall the name of his brown Pitbull that "owned" the Dora yard, but it brought out the soft side of its master. I'll dig deep to find that name! Was it Daisy?

Although it's been since July 11, 1986 that I worked with Steve, I still remember him walking through the Dora yard with those green uniform shorts and his work boots. All purpose and all business! I was a 19-yr-old punk, 6', 126 lb. stick when I met him, so I had to put my big boy pants on right out of the gates to impress Steve! I'm glad he showed me no mercy. "Always eliminate the air-pockets when planting!"

I hope you see my message, and I wish you the best. Even if it's too late for you to see this message, this has been a good exercise in remembering someone who helped to shape my life.

Very sincerely,

Vince Rector, Phoenix, AZ

Vince Rector - November 10, 2019 at 07:33 AM



Hi, this is Kirsten, Steve's daughter. I just wanted to say thank you for sharing. I check this page every so many months and your memory meant a lot, especially today. It makes me happy to know my dad had such an impact on other's lives. Wish you well!

Kirsten Kossler - June 21, 2020 at 10:04 PM

RJ

“ Steve, I just found out about your passing. I'm sorry that we lost touch with each other. After all we worked side by side for over 18 years. You are the best Plantsman I ever knew, Through all the projects we built together, The apartment complexes, office buildings, those great Disney projects i.e Wide World of Sports Complex, Backstage Lane, Caribbean Beach Resort, All Star Resort 1&2, Disney Vacation Club 1&2, Buena Vista Blvd., Animal Kingdom, Road Entry Signs, The Cinderella's Castle Relandscaping, Celebration Infrastructure Project, DownTown Sun Bank Building, and so many more.

Those were probably the best years of our lives we both got married, started families and straightened out, we had some Great times, in the end I think you would agree that the "Juice was worth the Squeeze".

Wish I could have said goodbye.

Your Friend

Ron Johnson

Ronald C. Johnson - December 28, 2015 at 03:47 PM

JB

“ So sad to learn of Steve's passing. I have many happy memories of times spent with my cousins in Portsmouth. Our thoughts are with you all during this difficult time.

Julie Kossler Broshar - January 09, 2015 at 11:06 AM

RT

“ Stevie was my best childhood friend back in Portsmouth Virginia. Lots of great memories growing up.

Robby Turner - January 06, 2015 at 03:33 PM

MF

“ Boston and Joey Fitzpatrick remember him as "that nice man". He always made me feel like we talked every day, only thing was we only saw each other maybe twice a year. We will pray that family and friends will find peace in this difficult time. Mike Fitzpatrick

Mike Fitzpatrick - January 02, 2015 at 09:39 PM

DM

“ Kem, Kirsten, and Kolten our hearts are breaking for you here in Louisville. We still remember good times, you guys picking black berries and riding with us on the golf cart here in Louisville. Kirsten and Kolten were so little. You are in our prayers....Geoff, Denise, Geoffrey, and Pieper Mallett

Denise Mallett - January 02, 2015 at 02:17 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Stephen Barraud Kossler.



January 02, 2015 at 01:01 PM

TB

“ Steve was such a great guy and we were honored to get to know him these last few years. Our thoughts are with the family and you are all in our prayers.



Tina Boyle - January 02, 2015 at 08:54 AM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Stephen Barraud Kossler.



January 02, 2015 at 07:38 AM

SB

“ The entire Boucher family is so sorry for the loss of Steve. Always an easy smile and helpful hand. Prayers to Kem, Kolten and Kirsten during this difficult time.

Susan Boucher - January 02, 2015 at 07:32 AM



“ Red & White Standing Cross With Red Rose Bre ak was purchased for the family of Stephen Barraud Kossler.



December 30, 2014 at 03:57 PM

CR

“ *Stephen was an all around good guy that was always willing to help out the Gliders' coaches and offer words of encouragement to not just his son, but to all the athletes. He will be dearly missed!* ”

Coach Robinson - December 29, 2014 at 11:32 AM