



Mr. Robert Armin Steinhauser

November 2, 1945 - January 12, 2016

Robert Armin Steinhauser passed away unexpectedly of heart failure on January 12, 2016, in Calgary, Canada, at the age of 70. He was born in St. Paul, Minnesota on November 2nd, 1945 to Armin and Grace (Anderson) Steinhauser. He was raised in St. Paul and graduated from Murray High School. He had a strong interest in nature, was an avid camper in the Boy Scouts and enjoyed staying at a rustic log cabin in the St. Croix River Valley. Bob attended the University of Minnesota, the University of Washington in Pullman, Washington and the University of Calgary. He lived most of his life in Alberta, Canada, where he worked for many years as a valued member of teams of archeologists excavating significant sites in northwestern Canada. Bob has very deep roots in Alberta's Archaeological Consulting world where he established many, many lifelong friendships. He was a lifelong lover of books and knowledge, an amazing cook, and listened to the CBC daily. He was preceded in death by his parents, Armin and Grace Steinhauser. He is survived by his sister Jean (Ault) Nathanielsz of Chapel Hill, North Carolina and brother David (Beverly) Steinhauser of Ramsey, Minnesota. Bob's adoptive family, Jane and David Kelley and their children Becky, Dennis and Megan, of Calgary, were central in Bob's life and remained so to the end. They gave him a great sense of belonging and loving support. Bob will be missed by his family and all those who knew and loved him.

A Celebration of Bob's Life was held on Saturday, January 23rd at the Heritage Funeral Home (1708 – 16th Ave. NE, Calgary). To send condolences and view Bob's Tribute Page please visit <http://www.lylereeves.com> . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River, Alberta (403.652.4242).

Events

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Heritage Funeral Home

1708 16th Ave. NW, Calgary, AB, CA, T2M 0L7

Comments



“ We knew Bob through the Archaeology Department of the University of Calgary, and were also part of his great "extended family" lovingly cared for by Jane and Dave Kelley and their family. Bob was a lovely, gentle man, and although our specific interests were different, it was always great to talk with him about books and music -- often in those wonderful, famous parties. We shall miss you, Bob.

We were very sorry to hear of Bob's passing, and send our deepest condolences to his family and also to his extended family in Calgary.

Peter and Janet Mathews, Melbourne, Australia

Peter Mathews - February 03, 2016 at 01:02 AM



“ I was introduced to Bob by a mutual friend in 1969 in Winnipeg. I think Karen had known him in Minneapolis. We were all Americans and kind of clinging together. I remember we shared a wonderful, talky sort of New Year's Eve party which was one of the best I had ever attended. Bob was an excellent conversationalist and I enjoyed his company at many other gatherings over the years.

Bob moved first to Calgary in 1970 and at the end of the summer I arrived and stayed in the Tenement while I looked for an apartment. There I was introduced to many archeologists and the most astonishing party scene. Bob, of course, was right in the thick of it. The friendships formed at the Tenement and the Archeology Department endured for many years, the genesis of Bob's "family," and I suspect, a type of family for many people.

People were always talking about the Beatles and Cosby, Stills and Nash, but one day I came across Bob listening to Eine kleine Nachmusik by Mozart. It sounded so fresh and beautiful and whenever I've heard it again, I always recall Bob and a sunny afternoon on 11th Street.

I was grateful to Bob for accepting that big white German Shepherd cross who was being abused by our brutal next door neighbors. I had talked to Bob about rescuing him but negotiations were very tentative. One day when I was out walking, the neighbor's dog started to follow me so we kept strolling out of Victoria Park and along 17th Avenue to where Bob lived in Bankview. Bob was a bit startled when we showed up at the door but I explained I had to take the opportunity and perhaps he could keep the dog temporarily while we figured something out? Of course, Bob and Bush became inseparable, two kindred spirits, I always felt.

I haven't seen Bob for many years but I always hoped he'd show up on the coast in his RV. I understood that was the plan. He was always such a congenial fellow and I was looking forward to a visit. I'm sorry he didn't get to realize the latest chapter of his interesting life.

My condolences to Bob's family and to his greatly extended family in Canada. He'll be very missed.

Devon Blean - January 23, 2016 at 06:55 PM



“ We were so blessed to have met Bob when he first came to Nanton. A kinder, gentler man you rarely meet. Bob was so compassionate to the senior lady who rented his little house. She was a Dutch lady who , along with her husband, had worked the underground hiding Jewish people during WWII. She had suffered a lot and had emotional scarring as a result. Bob went above and beyond to make her last independent days just a little better each opportunity he found. We will miss the visits that brightened our day every time we met. Rest in peace dear friend. So sorry we can not be with his friends and family today.

Rob and Bonnie Henry - January 23, 2016 at 01:27 PM



“ I first met Bob 35 years ago when we worked together at an archaeological site near Fort Macleod. He was a great mentor in both archaeology and life, and came to be known as "Uncle Bob" to many of us in the archaeological community. Always a gentleman, we will surely miss him.

Don - January 22, 2016 at 02:46 PM



“ To the family and friends of Robert Steinhauser
Our deepest sympathy.
We sure will miss "Bob" on his weekly visits to his motor home, where he enjoyed many hours sitting in his lawn chair looking at the mountains and listening to the water in the stream. He enjoyed his long walks with Heady on our property. And we sure enjoyed the great visits and long conversations. We helped Bob spend many hours working on the motor home to get it ready so he could take it on a road trip, which he was planning to do this spring.
Rosco sure will miss Heady.
Doug and Leah Lockton
& Rosco

Leah Lockton - January 21, 2016 at 02:12 PM