



Conrad William Steves

September 1, 1957 - August 30, 2009

Conrad William Steves, 51, Toledo, Ohio, passed away after a long, courageous battle with multiple sclerosis on August 30, 2009. He was born in Erie, Pennsylvania on September 1, 1957 to the late Howard and Romaline Hall Steves and moved to Toledo in 1967.

A 1974 graduate of Whitmer High School, Conrad following his father's footsteps, served for 6 years in the U.S. Navy. He took basic training at Great Lakes Naval Station in Chicago, IL which he always thought of as his home. He was assigned to the USS Forrestal in Norfolk, VA and received training in electronics and avionics. After a brief 2 years in Chicago he reenlisted in the Navy and served as an avionics technician and instructor in Fallon, NV. He became an avionics technician and instructor with the Federal Aviation Administration. He retired from the FAA in 1999 from the Battle Creek, Michigan facility after the progression of MS left him unable to work.

In his youth, Conrad enjoyed working on cars and driving his Volvo. He was a fun-loving man who was always willing to help a friend. From 2001-2008, he resided in Swan Pointe Care Center in Maumee where he made many friends with the staff who cared for him and became an avid game show addict. (The Wheel of Fortune with Vanna White was his favorite.) In the past year, he resided in the Hospice of NW Ohio and the Arbors Nursing Home in Sylvania. Throughout his battle with the disease, Conrad was able to accept his fate

with dignity. He always had a smile to greet his visitors and never complained to them about his condition. The family would like to thank the staffs of Swan Pointe Care Center, the Hospice of NW Ohio and the Arbors Nursing Home for the care that Conrad received.

Conrad is survived by three brothers, Alan (Donna) Steves Rochester, NY, James Steves of Toledo, and Douglas Steves of Austin, Texas; nephews, Garrett Steves and Nick Steves; nieces, Amy Steves and Janelle Steves; Aunts Esther Agnew, Irma Yeager, Herma Tarbell, and Norma Weber; Uncle Robert Agnew; and many cousins and their families. Conrad was particularly close to his cousin Kay and her husband Sam Bonsall from Bowling Green who visited him often and made his last years enjoyable.

Friends may call at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Road Thursday from 3-8:30 p.m. A memorial service and burial will take place in Erie, PA at the convenience of the family. Memorials may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society or a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ May God comfort you in your time of sorrow. You are in my thoughts & prayers. It was a privilege to help care for Conrad while he was at the hospice center.##imported-begin##Odette Rolon##imported-end##

August 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Alan, Jim, and Family-So sorry to hear of your loss. Sometimes we don't understand why things happen, but someday we will. Just remember the good times and the fun and happiness that you shared with Conrad. We are blind to it, but God always puts us where he wants us to be. Watch out for each other and take care of your family and friends. My prayers are with you and your family. May God protect and bless you all.##imported-begin##LouAnn (Walters) Cingel cingelove@aol.com##imported-end##

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“ Allen, Doug and Jim,
I have so many fond memories of Conrad. Even though our lives parted and we lost touch, he has and will always be in my heart. He and I always believed we were old souls, & had known each other in the past and will know each other again. Again, our lives parted. So to your brother, "Connie, I know you are out there somewhere, I know I'll find you somehow, And somehow I'll return again to you."
With sincere sympathy,
Heidi##imported-begin##Heidi Vandivort Zalobowski heidizz@msn.com##imported-end##

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“ I am very sorry to hear about Conrad...I knew him when we went to Whitmer together as well as my sister...Donald##imported-begin##Donald A Violette daviolet@southernco.com##imported-end##

August 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ We're so sorry to hear of Conrad's passing. Our prayers will be for all of you guys, for your peace and for your healing.

Hope to see you all soon.

Love,

John and Cynthia and family##imported-begin##John and Cynthia Agnew agnew@comporium.net##imported-end##

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“ I am saddened my the news about Conrad. I felt I knew him well from the updates I got from my mother Eloise Chantoff who was close to Romaline. And I remember the fun times I had bowling with Doug at Whitmer and Jim at UT. My condolences to the Steves' family.##imported-begin##Charlie Bentley cgbentley@verizon.net##imported-end##

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“ I will always remember Conrad not just as my cousin, but a great friend. Everytime I see lasagna or a miniture peanut butter cup I will think of him. He was always on the Seafood Diet, you see food and eat it!!!!!!! He may not remember this, but when Uncle Howard died my mom had family back to our house in Erie for dinner. When we were done eating, me being to only girl was ask to clean up the kitchen so the sisters could talk. Conrad was the only one who hung around and helped me. I was so happy because there was a lot to clean up. Thank you Conrad. I will miss you.##imported-begin##Kay Bonsall##imported-end##

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“ Conrad made me instantly feel like a member of the family when I married Jim. He was always funny, nonjudgmental and completely accepting of all. And he could fix anything! I and Jim's and my children, Nick and Amy, will miss him very much.##imported-begin##Jennifer Steves##imported-end##

August 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Alan, Jim, and Doug:

I cannot find words to express my sadness for the loss of Conrad in your lives. Please know I will always be thinking of you. It filled my heart to read the story of his life's activities. His name wil; be added to our Veteran Wall of Fame.##imported-begin##Alice Lemle aileml e@aol.com##imported-end##

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“ It's hard to believe you're gone. You were special. I remember introducing you to friends and family at get-togethers and parties. It used to irritate me that everytime another gathering occurred, the first thing out of their mouths would be, not 'How are you doing, Joe', but 'Where's Conrad?'. It didn't make me feel too bad though, because that was the type of person you were. Funny, friendly, the life of the party. And that's what I'll remember about you. Say hi to my mom. You know she was always glad to see you.##imported-begin##Joe and Debby Gomez joe.gomez@philips.com##imported-end##

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“ Alan, Jim, and Doug,
So sorry to hear of your brother's death. We send our love and condolences.##imported-begin##Dick & Lila Palmiter dicklila@aol.com##imported-end##

August 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I am very sorry for your loss. I knew Conrad from school and the neighborhood. Conrad was a fine person and he will be missed.##imported-begin##Mike Meiring##imported-end##

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