



Steven Brian Olmstead

January 5, 1951 - October 22, 2025

WHITESBORO/FAIRFIELD, IA - Steven Brian Olmstead, age 74, passed away peacefully on October 22, 2025, after a courageous fight with multiple myeloma and amyloidosis.

Born in Utica on January 5, 1951, Steven was the son of Lynda (Collella) Olmstead and the late Dean Olmstead. Raised in Whitesboro, he graduated from Whitesboro Central School in 1969 and went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from SUNY Cortland in 1973.

Steve eventually settled in the small town of Fairfield, Iowa, where he earned a Master's degree in Business Administration. He worked in sales for most of his career. A spiritual seeker, Steve also pursued a higher state of consciousness through meditation and mindfulness, and became an instructor of Transcendental Meditation. He was a kind and gentle man who helped each of his friends recognize their importance to him and to this lifetime. His life in Fairfield was filled with many friendships. Time and again, Steve was described as a best friend and one of life's greatest blessings.

Throughout his life, Steve was an avid golfer, spending countless hours on the golf course with many of his closest friends. He was also a devoted fan of both college and professional football. As well, Steve enjoyed good food and truly enjoyed coming back home to the Utica area to sample all of his favorite

dishes.

He is survived by his mother, Lynda Olmstead; sister and brother-in-law, Suzanne and Andrew Morgan; nieces and nephews, Garrett and Stephanie Morgan, Emily Gravett, Ben and Nicole Morgan, and Mackenzie and Tommy Harrington; along with great-nieces, Lillian, Evelyn, and Nina Morgan, Essie Gelani; great-nephew, Sammy Morgan; a very special godson, Corey Morrow; and many cousins. He is also leaving behind so very many friends. He was predeceased by his father, Dean Olmstead; and his twin sister, Sharon.

Much gratitude is extended for all of the calls, cards, texts, and video messages sent by so many from Fairfield and all across the country. A very special thank you to Susan, Ed, Cliff, Nick, and Miriam for all of the support they've shown both Steve and our family through this difficult time.

The family will celebrate Steve's life privately, enjoying all of his favorite Utica food, desserts, and laughter. There will also be a special ceremony held back in Fairfield with his dearest friends. Condolences may be sent to Lynda Olmstead, 3304 Centennial Circle, Utica, NY 13502 or Suzanne Morgan, 29 Crestview Drive, Whitesboro, NY, 13492. Memorial contributions in Steven's honor may be made to Noah's Ark Animal Foundation online at <https://noahsark.org/donate> or by mail to 1986 West Gear Avenue, Fairfield, IA 52556.

This obituary was lovingly written by Steven's family.

Tribute Wall



“ SteveO (as we called him) was a wonderful friend. I met him working at ArtSelect where he was a clear favorite of everyone. One time on a work trip, Steve and our boss Chris let me tag along on a golf outing and I got to see him in his favorite environment. We had so much fun and Steve was clearly in his element. He was highly principled and had more women friends than any guy I know. He clearly loved his sisters and talked about them all the time. I wonder if he had so many women friends because he had a super strong connection with both his sisters (one his twin!!) I'll miss him and his gentle kindness.

Diane Chojnowski - November 05, 2025 at 12:36 PM



“ Steve was a blessing & joy to work with. Always a fun, smiling, sparkling personality - wonder to be around. Steve will be missed. I treasured our friendship. Cherished & Loved you, JoAnn Badamo, Fairfield, Iowa

JoAnn Badamo - November 02, 2025 at 02:53 AM

JM

“ Met him soon after moving to Fairfield in 1983. My longest friendship from here. Liked him from the start and soon and still do, love him. Told him so more than once and again at the end of this life. I have missed him most of this year, so not really missing him more. He was/is a good man and a true friend. I'm happy that he made it back to Whitesboro with his Mom Lynda who I met at India Cafe several years ago and younger sister Susie. Much as he won't be around for the remainder of my life, I'm glad that he chose to cross over into the next world, rather than continue to suffer in his physical body. He and I speculated that we were outlaws in a past life. He is mahatma — great soul, and I'm sure we'll meet up again. I carry him in my heart. Peace be unto you brother, and Peace, Love and Light to your Mother and sister and the rest of your family and galaxy of friends.

Jim Morrow

Jim Morrow - October 29, 2025 at 09:00 PM

DW

“ Sue I'm very sorry to hear about the passing of your brother. He was always friendly to me which I really appreciated at the time. Jimmy Turner who befriended Steve in Iowa also had nothing but good things to say about him. Again I'm sorry for your loss. Take care. Dan

Dan Waldron - October 28, 2025 at 02:56 PM

ZA

“ I’m sitting here, looking at his picture and wondering what to say. Getting the news, wow, a bit of gut punch. Last time I saw Steve he looked good. He’d laugh and take a swing at me if I’d ever called him “Steven” and “Brian?” Oh, yeah, it would be on.

Seeing him through the decades always made me smile and laugh. Every time. Banter between us was good. It was like we both saw the other all the way through, so no need to ‘catch up’ or ‘share feelings.’ Instead, we’d goof on each other, some wry comments exchanged. Those with him always seemed happy to be with him. I wish I had known that he wasn’t doing well. I’d have visited him, shocked him, made him laugh, shared some stories of friends and moments and adventures from over the decades. Decades. Yep.

Rest easy, Steve. Safe travels. Your new friends will be blessed as were.

Zane - October 27, 2025 at 06:46 PM



“ I have fond memories of Steve, who was always thoughtful and kind.

David Seagull
Fairfield

David Seagull - October 27, 2025 at 06:12 PM