



Basil Gerard Stewart

November 14, 1957 - November 24, 2018

Basil Gerard Stewart has left us way to soon because Heaven was short on “Kind Gentle Giants” and called Basil home to fill the need and end his battle with cancer on the morning of 11/24/2018 at home in Chugiak, Alaska with his true love by his side. Born on 11/14/1957 to Jerry & Sharon Stewart, in Milwaukee, WI, Basil was big brother to Jodi Chamberlain and Scott Stewart, Uncle to Stephen and Andrew Rohrer, nephew to Carol Thompson and special cousin to Peggy Theil and all the rest the Lutzow/Stewart family, and Poppa Bear to Heather and Dillon Henneman, Joshua, Kira & Kamary Young and soulmate to Regina Henneman for over 21 years.

Basil graduated from Mukwonago High School and Lincoln School of Auto body in Denver, CO and then following his parents to Alaska, Basil opened Bear’s Automotive in Peters Creek. For many years he was fixing and painting cars and helping everyone. Then he joined his father and brother in their business in 1988 with Arctic Control Inc. making it a true family business for the last 30 years.

A quiet man, with a large presence by just walking into the room, Basil was a kind soul, a well-respected business man, with a huge giving heart ...you may have known Basil by one of his many, many names – Base (nickname by Dad), BG in the younger years by Jodi and Scott, Bear by all of his friends, Poppa Bear by Heather and Dillon, “Bagel” by little Joe, sweet Basil and my gentle giant by Regina, and an occasional Bazil, Beezal and Parsley used too! A smile came to his face hearing Poppa Bear and Bagel.

From playing Santa Claus for years at the Petroleum Club, to hours of time for the Eagle River Lions and the Eagle River Elks Lodge, to buying Girl Scouts from one little troop at one door and then the other, or the same with the Boy Scouts, Basil gave to all.

Basil was fearless in his fight with Cancer and took the challenge straight on, never once complaining. Many thanks for all the thoughts and prayers for Basil and the help from the kind staff of both Alaska Oncology and Surgical Specialists of Alaska.

A special "thank you" to the angels on earth disguised as nurses at Alaska Regional Hospital - the SPCU 3 Team with Pam and the entire 6th Floor Med Oncology Team.

As per Basil’s wishes there will be no services and only a Celebration of Life. Please join us on Sunday, December 9, 2018 at the Eagle River Lions Club from 1pm-4pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to any of Basil’s favorite organizations and

would be appreciated.

Blood Bank of Alaska - Eagle Rivers Lions Club - American Cancer Society - American Diabetes

Events

DEC **Celebration of Life** 01:00PM - 04:00PM

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Eagle River Lions Club

Eagle River Rd & E. Eagle River Loop, Eagle River, AK, US

Comments



“ Basil was a great guy to work with, I was on the phone with him for several years working as inside sales support for GMI. His calm demeanor was always welcome during my usually very stressful tech support day.

Once Basil sent me a telephone sized travel book about everything Alaska when I mentioned we may be vacationing up there someday. I believe it had a price tag on it for about \$36.00 or something like that. He was just generous like that I guess.

Basil always let me know when the Copper River salmon were running too!
He will be sorely missed.

Randy Foy - December 02, 2018 at 08:18 PM



“ Basil was always so much fun in high school. He had a hearty laugh which we heard a lot. He was easy going and full of joy. Such a loss!

Mark Hazelbaker - December 03, 2018 at 09:28 PM



“ My sincerest sympathy to Basil's family. Basil, was a classmate in high school and a friend to many. It is no surprise that his kindness continued throughout his entire life. Rest in peace.

Pam Schutz - December 03, 2018 at 10:28 PM



“ Basil, I only knew you for a short time during our high school years. You were a friend and brother. I always felt welcome with your parents, Scott, Jody, and your peanut butter eating bull dog. We had many good times together with lots of memories. That's why it pains me to think that we didn't keep in touch. It is sad to think of how throughout our lives, people come and go. I cherish the memories. The Big Bend boys. All I have to do is hear the song the Boys are Back in Town and it takes me back to probably the last time Basil, Bob Heinemann and I were all together for the last time.

Guess who just got back today
Them wild-eyed boys that had been away
Haven't changed that much to say
But man, I still think them cats are crazy,...

Then we moved on with our lives. I feel blessed to have known you for those four years.

Jim Diehn - December 04, 2018 at 01:26 PM