Sabetha, KS



Stephen Joseph Aberle, age 75, of Sabetha, KS, passed on to eternity on Friday, December 18, 2020.

Stephen was born October 27, 1945, the sixth child to Mary and Joseph Aberle. He is survived by his brother, Richard (LaNae) Aberle of Peachtree, GA; his brother, Douglas (Sandra) Aberle of Moorpark, CA; and his sister, Judith Aberle of Redford, MI. He is also survived by 7 nieces, 1 nephew, 11 great-nieces, and 6 great-nephews.

Family members who preceded Stephen in death include: his precious wife of 11 months, Mary (Bahr) of Sabetha, KS; his parents, Joseph and Mary (Farney) Aberle of Sabetha, KS; his brother, Paul Aberle, of Kiowa, KS, who died in infancy; his sister, Esther (Ria) Aberle Crider of Moorpark, CA, and her daughter, Annette Novy, of Simi Valley, CA.

At the age of 20, Stephen committed his life to the Lord, experienced repentance and a born again conversion, and was baptized as a member of the Apostolic Christian Church. Stephen loved to study God's word in depth, and looked forward to the Rapture, when Christ comes for his bride.

Stephen attended grade school in Kiowa, KS; Sabetha High School, Sabetha, KS; and Kansas State University where he earned a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree (DVM).

After working in Veterinary Medicine for several years, he chose to transition to farming full time, as he found it more satisfying. Being analytically and mechanically minded, he continued to research farming and agriculture on his own, to obtain practical, technical knowledge.

Stephen had a strong faith in God, impressive work ethic, an inquisitive mind, and an uncanny ability to handle complexity. He enjoyed a challenge and was quick to help others.

Stephen was also a licensed pilot. His latest project included building an airplane, making a runway, and building a hanger.

One could often hear Stephen whistling during the day, experimenting with tones and trilling/warbling sounds. He loved to sing and had a beautiful baritone voice. A tie that binds the entire Aberle Family is their love and appreciation of music. We will miss Stephen for all he was to us, but rejoice that he sings with the angels in the presence of His Lord.

Stephen will lie in state on Monday, December 21, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Popkess Mortuary in Sabetha.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Apostolic Christian Church (ACC) in Sabetha, KS on Wednesday, December 23, 2020 (1441 Virginia St, Sabetha, KS, 66534, sabethaacchurch.org).

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to one of the following: Apostolic Christian Church of Sabetha or AC Harvest Call, a non-profit, missionary outreach arm of ACC of America. www.harvestcall.org; or to the Charity of the Donor's Choice, sent in care of Popkess Mortuary, 823 Virginia Street, Sabetha, KS 66534. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.popkessmortuaries.com.