



## Robert C. Stephan

August 11, 1951 - February 25, 2014

Robert Carl Stephan, age 62, of Fingal passed away on February 25, 2014 at Sanford Health in Fargo, ND. He was preceded in death by his parents, Fredrick and Rosemary (Sebby) Stephan, and brother Jeffrey. Bob is survived by loving wife of 35 years, Geri; brother, Fredrick (Anndrea); sisters, Jeanne (Bob) Stelzer, Roby (Randy) Eisenbeisz and Ruthanne Stephan.

Bob was born August 11, 1951 in Detroit, Michigan. He moved with his family to Fingal in 1966 and was a graduate of Fingal High School in 1969. While working as a mechanical technician in Fargo, he met and married Geri Schneider in 1978. After living and working in Fargo, Bismarck and Jamestown, they moved to the family home in Fingal. He had a long career working as an independent contractor with various computer and technology firms including traveling the state performing installations and upgrades at State Farm Insurance locations.

Bob had a great interest and knack with computers and all things electronic. He was well known for his ability to diagnose and repair older computer systems. He took great pride in coaxing them to work just a bit longer - even if it took duct tape and chewing gum.

As a gifted singer, Bob was a member of the FM Ambassadors Barbershop Chorus for several years, and The Nutty Buddies, a comedy barbershop quartet. As a soloist, he soothed the hearts of many families singing The Lord's Prayer at funerals.

A service of remembrance will be held at 11 am, Saturday, March 8 at Messiah Lutheran Church, Fingal. Visitation will be one hour prior to the start of the service.

Funeral arrangements for Bob have been entrusted to Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City, ND. An online guestbook is available at [www.oliver-nathanchapel.com](http://www.oliver-nathanchapel.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Messiah Lutheran Church  
605 - 2nd Street  
Fingal, ND

## Memorial Service

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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605 - 2nd Street  
Fingal, ND

# Tribute Wall

MH

“ Dear Geri,  
Remember when I came to the Court House to deliver something from my sister, Ellen? She told me where to find Bob's obituary. I am sorry to hear that he is gone. Even though I never met him he sounded like a very talented and helpful person. May he rest in peace.  
Sincerely,  
Mary Hass

Mary Hass - March 20, 2014 at 10:54 PM

OL

“ Bob has always been a good cousin to have. He used his gift of electronics to help us computer illiterates become more literate. His musical ability was great. He was generous. I will miss going to see him when we visit ND. Dale and I will send a gift in his name to Lutheran World Relief to feed the hungry. May God place his comforting arms around, Jeri, Rick, Jeanne, Roby and Ruth Ann. and all others who will be missing him. Health reasons and other concerns are keeping us home at this time, but we hope to be able to visit with you next time we go up North.

Olive Lehfeldt - March 06, 2014 at 12:04 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Robert C. Stephan.



March 05, 2014 at 04:13 PM

JK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all the Stephan family. May Bob rest in peace. God Bless.

Jeff "Goose" Kapaun

Jeff Kapaun - March 05, 2014 at 12:59 PM

NM

“ Geri, Niles & I want you to know we will be with you Saturday in our thoughts & prayers in this very trying time. God be with you. Love from us both.

Niles & Mayda Mueller - March 04, 2014 at 10:36 AM

SH

“ I wish to send my sincere sympathies to Geri and all of Bob's family. The memory of his sense of humor will be a comfort to all. I'm sorry that I will not be able to be with you on Saturday. May God be with you all.

*Sharon (Steidl) Holweg*

Sharon Holweg - March 04, 2014 at 09:43 AM

TM

“ Good-bye, Bob,

*We knew each other for some 48 years, and I always knew you to be a generous person with your time and considerable talents. The world was a better place for having you in it. I remember all the happy times I spent in the company of you and your Family - would that we could go back and do them all over again.*

*Rest in Peace, My Friend,*

*Tom Morth*

*Pierre, SD*

Tom Morth - March 04, 2014 at 09:33 AM

PP

“ Dear Geri and All the Stephan Family, We are so sorry for your loss. We are holding you close in our hearts and in our prayers. I can still see Bob singing, "The Twelfth Of Never" to you on your wedding day, Geri. Bob had a beautiful voice. He will be greatly missed by us all.



Patty Paula - March 03, 2014 at 07:36 PM

PP

*Patty and Frank Paula*

Patty Paula - March 03, 2014 at 07:37 PM



“ Geri,  
Our deepest Sympathy. Bob's eyes lite up every time he talked about you. I will miss our visits and his beautiful singing.

*Karen Steidl*

Karen Steidl - March 03, 2014 at 07:17 PM

CR

“ *Connie Ronholm lit a candle in memory of Robert C. Stephan*



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**connie ronholm** - March 03, 2014 at 06:33 PM

RA

*Geri, Bev an I thinking of you, an your family at this very sad time, our thoughts, an prayers are with you, an may God Bless.*

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**Rick@Bev Allen** - March 05, 2014 at 09:05 AM

DG

“ *Deb Johnson, Laura Deardoff, Betty Brockmueller, Nancy Graap purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Robert C. Stephan.*



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**Deb Johnson, Laura Deardoff, Betty Brockmueller, Nancy Graap** - February 28, 2014 at 10:43 PM

HB

“ *Geri, we are so sorry for your loss. Know that you will be in our thoughts & prayers, JP & Helen B.*

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**helen boucher** - February 28, 2014 at 04:04 PM

JL

“ *Geri - I'm so sorry for your loss. I hope you can find comfort in knowing that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this sad time and in the days to come.*  
*Judy Lunder*

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**Judy Lunder** - February 28, 2014 at 12:45 PM

DJ

“ *Geri - thinking of you and your family. God bless you and your family as you mourn the passing of Bob. We all miss him and wish we could be there with you. Much love, Deb, Lewis, and Courtnie Johnson, Athena, Phillip, PJ and Aiden Miles.*

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**Deb Johnson** - February 27, 2014 at 09:29 PM

SE

“ Geri, I'm so sorry for your loss. Bob has been such a good friend for a good number of years. It such a void in my heart and your family. My prayers are with you and always in my thoughts. He so sorely missed. Stacey Enderle

Stacey Enderle - February 27, 2014 at 09:27 PM

JL

“ Geri,  
Jack & I are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time and in the going days.  
Jack and Karen Lueck

Jack & Karen Lueck - February 27, 2014 at 09:21 PM

MA

“ My thoughts are with all of you at this very sad and difficult time. I am so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you in sympathy and friendship, Maggie Morth



Maggie - February 27, 2014 at 02:20 PM

TK

“ Geri,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers have been with you during this difficult week and will continue in days to come.

Teresa Kirby

Teresa Kirby - February 27, 2014 at 10:20 AM

JS

Geri & Family  
You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Remember we are all thinking of you.  
Jewel

Jewel Spies - February 27, 2014 at 02:15 PM

JV

"Big Bob" was a helluva singer and a wonderful personality. We enjoyed him in the Northern Lights Chorus. He will be missed.

Jim Vukelic

Jim Vukelic - February 27, 2014 at 07:06 PM