



Stephen M. Lucas

October 27, 1947 - June 19, 2017

Stephen Lucas passed away on June 19 at his home in Corvallis with family by his side. He succumbed to side effects of an immunotherapy drug used to treat his melanoma cancer.

Steve was born in Esterville, Iowa, to MaryJane Olsen Lucas and James O. Lucas. His family moved shortly afterwards to Holbrook, Arizona, and Steve was raised in the semi-arid dessert landscape of vast open spaces.

After studying wildlife science at New Mexico State University in the 1960's Steve worked as a Wildlife Biologist for the US Forest Service on several different National Forests, including the Tonto NF and Kaibab NF in Arizona, the Lincoln NF in New Mexico and finally the Siuslaw NF in Oregon. After retiring in 1998 Steve pursued his favorite activities of fishing, hunting, camping and cycling.

Steve is survived by his brother, Gregg Lucas, his sister, Tamra (Lucas) Schlemmer and his wife of 32 years, Harriet Plumley.

A private memorial event will be held at a place special to Steve. DeMoss Durdan Funeral Home is providing cremation services,(www.demosdurdan.com). Donations in memory of Steve may be made to the American Cancer Society at P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or by phone at 1-800-227-2345.

Tribute Wall

AI

“ Hello, I am sorry for the loss of your loved one. I extend my deepest sympathies. I found this link by chance and I am here in hopes that someone reading this can pass along a message to Tamra Lucas Schlemmer, I believe I may have something of hers. If returned to her, Im confident it will likely bring a smile to her face. If anyone knows her, please reach out to her and pass along my email address. I will be eagerly waiting. Thank you and God Bless, Aimee
ARomo007@msn.com



Aimee - November 07, 2017 at 07:36 PM

BT

“ Just learned of Steve's passing, still in shock. We shared many fun times working together on the Alsea Ranger District. Bubba was a dedicated Wildlife Biologist, always looking out for the critters in the woods.

Bob Turner - July 15, 2017 at 11:10 AM



“ *Harriet—I remember when you were offered the job as Forest Plan IDT leader, a contingency was a job for your husband. So we got you both. You and Steve were a good fit for the Siuslaw NF at that time and we quickly became good friends. Both of you made tremendous contributions to the Siuslaw, in spite of efforts by some to dilute and diminish all we had worked for. Both of you never hesitated to tell it like it was!*

You and Steve were, and remained good friends before and after our retirements. We bicycled together, Steve and I fished together (even caught a few), and we enjoyed a beer or two at Squirrels.

My last fishing trip with Steve was this March on the Siletz. I think it was his last time fishing. It was the best day we had ever had on the Siletz. The picture of him with two steelhead are probably part of the 10 we caught that day. I do know Steve smoked one of them and as always, his smoked steelhead was the best I've ever eaten!

I know you are in the midst of grief and also know you will be consoled by all the good memories and good times you and Steve had together. Gail and my support will always be there for you.

Tony Vander Heide

Tony Vander Heide - June 27, 2017 at 11:52 PM



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MM

“ I was shocked and saddened to hear about Steve's death. He and I rode bikes together over many miles, and I considered him a true friend. He recently met us geezers on a Tuesday morning and he seemed to be much like his old self. He was always warm and gregarious, and he always had much to say about the current world condition and how to fix it. He will be greatly missed by all of us in the cycling world, and by me personally. My heart is full of tears for you, Harriett. Please feel my caring and warm thoughts at this very sad time.

Matt Mathews

Matt Mathews - June 27, 2017 at 12:31 AM

 Becky Steinmetz

“ Harriett, I am stunned hearing of Steve's passing. He was a giant gentle soul with one of the biggest and warmest hearts. I will miss his smile, but know he out there fishing, hunting and pedaling his bike with a big smile and fcollecting more amazing stories. Take care and I hope to see you soon. Hugs! Becky Steinmetz

Becky Steinmetz - June 25, 2017 at 01:47 PM

JF

“ Harriett: I am so sorry to hear of Steve's death. I did not know him well, but he was a spirited, full-of-life person. No BS on his part, and he always spoke his mind with passion. I miss the Siuslaw days -- I think of people like you and Steve, who made the place tick, with hard work and professionalism. Seeing him with two big ones in hand makes me smile.

Jim Furnish - June 24, 2017 at 07:10 PM



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