



Steven Louis Klein

February 6, 1953 - July 6, 2018

Steven Louis Klein, 65, originally of Chevy Chase, Md., died at his home in Corvallis, Ore. on July 6, 2018. He is survived by his son Jonathan Aaron Klein; his siblings Linda Klein McAuliffe, Gary A. Klein, and Michael I. Klein; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Beverly C. Klein and Joseph S. Klein. A memorial service will be held on Friday, July 13 at 9 a.m. at the DeMoss-Durdan Garden Chapel, 815 Northwest Buchanan St., Corvallis, Ore. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the ALS Association, PO Box 37022 Boone, IA 50037 (www.alsa.org/donate)

Steven had a love for the outdoors and a deep passion for the environment and natural resource preservation. He recently retired after a 42-year career in environmental science and research. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service from 1979 to 1986 on the Umpqua and Winema National Forests in Oregon. Steven then worked for the Environmental Protection Agency in various technical and management positions. At the EPA, Steven's research focus was on climate adaptation, water, forests, and natural resource planning. Most recently, he led a collaborative study, coordinating with state agencies, other federal agencies, and non-governmental organizations involved in the arena of climate change science and policy, to consider how projected climate change impacts could be incorporated into the Clean Water Act and salmon recovery in the Pacific Northwest. The final 3-volume product of Steven's

research represented the culmination of a 4+ year effort that provides a basis for forest and salmon management in the Pacific Northwest.

Steven earned a B.A. in Forest Management from Mississippi State University (1978), completed post-graduate studies at the Silvicultural Institute; Oregon State University - University of Washington (1984) and held a certificate in Strategic Planning; American Management Association (1990). He was an active member of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) and the American Society of Adaptation Professionals (ASAP).

Sharp-witted, funny and thoughtful, Steven loved his family and his work and will be deeply missed.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

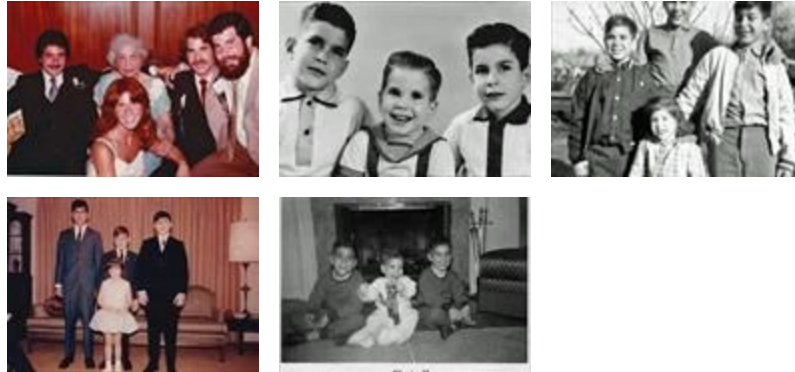
JUL 13. 9:00 AM (PT)

DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home and Crematory
815 NW Buchanan Avenue
Corvallis, OR 97330

Tribute Wall

LM

“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



Linda Klein McAuliffe - July 17, 2018 at 10:34 AM

Susie Evenson

Thanks for sharing! Again, so very sorry for your loss of your brother....

Susie Evenson - July 19, 2018 at 11:03 AM



“ Shared a road trip with Steve to New Mexico a few years ago. He was a talker, I'm a listener, so I enjoyed our time together. We had talked about getting together again this spring, but the timing didn't work. Will miss him. May he experience God's grace.

Roger Evenson - July 16, 2018 at 08:52 PM

LC

“ My condolences to all of Steve's family, and to his close colleagues at EPA! I met Steve several times as Steve was highly interested in the Puget Sound (WA) ecosystem protection effort, and our EPA program office in Seattle benefited from his contributions here in WA. Steve and I had a couple of in-depth conversations about our work, and it was clear to me, and made an impression on me, how heartfelt and astute his perspective and observations were on our work, and its challenges. He brought a big heart and sincere mind to his work and to colleagues like me. I am thankful to have had the chance to know him, albeit briefly.

Lisa Chang - July 16, 2018 at 12:58 AM

JS

“ Rest in peace, Steve.

Jim Schwab - July 13, 2018 at 04:47 PM

JK

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Jonathan Klein - July 12, 2018 at 02:39 AM

SR

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Susie & roger - July 10, 2018 at 11:31 PM

SR

We were stunned and sad to hear of Steve's untimely passing. I've included some photos that he shared with us or during our visit to Newport and Roseburg Oregon. We met Steve when we moved to Toketee in 1981, and have kept in touch with all his Forest Service transfers. Work was his life. It was good to see him at the last Toketee reunion in 2015. Roger had talked to him twice this year after retirement.

We pray for comfort and peace thru friends and family...

Susie & roger - July 10, 2018 at 11:39 PM

AT

All who know Steve here at the EPA are very sad that our colleague, co-worker, and friend, has passed away. He will be missed, but his scientific contributions and impact on all of us are enduring.

Alan D. Thornhill - July 11, 2018 at 01:00 PM

KM

I am stunned as well. Steve was not only kind but passionate. He was a good good person.

Karen Metchis - July 11, 2018 at 02:11 PM

CF

I first met Steve in July 1975 when we started working together on Forest Survey in Marshall, Texas. Steve and I shared a motel room and were cruising partners in several counties in Texas including doing swamp plots that other employees "could not do."

That was the beginning of a lifelong friendship. I credit Steve with giving me the leads that ultimately led to my working for US EPA in New York City in 1989 until my retirement in 2015. He was quite a character and I will miss the telephone conversations we had over the years.

conrad j franz - July 11, 2018 at 09:25 PM

AF

I worked with Steve for several years at the EPA in Corvallis. His work and work-family were very important to him, but when I spoke with him last fall he was looking forward to retirement. I am sad that he had only a short time to enjoy that part of his life. Steve was a good man.

Anne Fairbrother - July 12, 2018 at 03:12 PM

TG

Shocked and saddened to get this news. Steve is one of the true characters i have known. Like my friend and former colleague Conrad, I met Steve on Forest Survey in Texas when I was a new recruit and Steve a wizened veteran of at least a few months. He was talkative and friendly from the beginning and gained my lifelong respect when he told me he once inadvertently shared a cab ride with a very young Emmylou Harris in the DC area. Steve had a fine mind and a wonderful ability to see the humor and the absurdity in politics. Although it has been years since we have talked, I feel a major wound at his passing. As has been widely acknowledged, he was a good man.

Tim Garvey - July 12, 2018 at 11:08 PM

JH

I knew Steve for the 12 years I have worked at the EPA. As so many have noted, he had a passionate dedication to his work--but there was a genuine kindness about him, too. He will be missed.

Joan Hurley

Joan Hurley - July 13, 2018 at 09:33 PM

DP

Steve was a kind, caring man who was passionate about everything he did in life and work. He was an excellent forest scientist, who also had experience in on-the-ground forest management -- an unusual combination. His work was meticulous, so you knew it was solid when it was done. His recent project on the effects of climate change on thermal thresholds for salmon in streams will have a long-lasting impact in the Pacific Northwest. Steve and I had similar perspectives on science, and our BS Detectors were always in sync (high setting). I will miss his voice, his wisdom, and his good humor shared over a couple pints of ale.

Dave Peterson - January 02, 2019 at 06:33 PM