



Stephen McKinney

August 10, 1959 - December 12, 2011

Slay Memorial Funeral Center

Aubrey, Texas

Stephen W. McKinney, 52, of Aubrey passed away suddenly Saturday, December 10, 2011, while mountain biking in Flower Mound from a heart attack. He was born August 10, 1959 in Arkansas to William and Clara Hopkins McKinney. He married Kati Bell on November 4, 1999 in Flower Mound, Texas.

Steve graduated from Columbia University after being stationed in Germany with the United States Army. Steve worked many years at Texas Instruments Defense Systems, Raytheon, and he worked the past twelve years with Nokia, and Nokia Siemens Network as a Senior Software Engineer.

Steve was a man of boundless energy and tenacity. Steve enjoyed working constantly on his various interests; building his Harleys and riding to Sturgis many years. He landscaped a beautiful garden at his home, and worked on their horse ranch, welding fencing and building in his workshop. He became

an avid mountain biker and was often on the trails. Steve was an extraordinary cook and served gourmet meals often to his family and friends. He was a very capable man and an exceptional father, husband, son, sibling, and friend. Many will remember seeing him out with his beloved daughter, Quinn, to whom he was devoted. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him, especially his loving wife, Kati and their young daughter and sons.

Steve is survived by his wife, Kati Bell and daughter, Quinn, both of Aubrey; sons, Jared Bell and Marlon Burton of Denton; parents William "Bill" and Clara of Mt. Home, Arkansas; sisters: Lori and husband Pete Kunellis of Kansas City, Missouri; and Sheryl and husband, Rob Sorem of Edina, Minnesota.

A memorial service will be held, Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at Slay Memorial Funeral Center Chapel in Aubrey, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

RJ

“ We had the pleasure of meeting Steve at our store in late 2009. We rode with him, talked shop with him, and sold him his beloved Redline 29er. Such a great person with so much enthusiasm and passion. He will be greatly missed. Rest in peace brother,
Rick & Jen

Rick & Jen - December 18, 2011 at 03:46 PM

AB

“ I had the pleasure of working with Steve for several years at Nokia - a tremendous talent, and a great team player. I always enjoyed working with Steve, and am will be thinking and praying for the family.

Alan Brown - December 15, 2011 at 12:29 AM

JA

“ I never met him, but heard of Stephens unfortunate death through the mountain biking community he was part of. It seems he died doing something he deeply enjoyed and I hope that this offers some amount of comfort to his family. We all mourn the loss of our fellow rider.

Jacob - December 14, 2011 at 03:34 PM

WP

“ I had the pleasure of working with Steve at Nokia for several years. He was one of the most knowledgeable and disciplined SW developers I worked with there. I admired the way he respectfully spoke his mind and was always a team player willing to share his knowledge and learn more himself. I would enjoy hearing stories about adventures/projects on the ranch and could never figure out how he managed to do everything he did and do them all so well. He will be missed.

Wendy Powers - December 14, 2011 at 01:51 PM

BE

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Death just seems so unfair. I'm sure faith gives you strength, and I hope you also find comfort in the Bible's words of future promises at Revelation 21:4, “ And God will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more. Neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore...the former things have passed away.” Please accept my sincerest condolences...

Becky - December 14, 2011 at 11:38 AM