



Stephen Ray Wagner

July 27, 1946 - May 1, 2025

Stephen Ray Wagner, 78, of rural Macy, Indiana passed at 4:10 am, Thursday, May 1, 2025 at the VA Medical Center of Marion, Indiana.

Steve was born on July 27, 1946, in Rochester, Indiana, to the late George and Normalene (Fites) Wagner. A proud graduate of North Miami High School, he completed his studies in 1964 before answering the call to serve his country. He joined the U.S. Army and was stationed with the 69th Military Police Detachment from late 1965 until his honorable discharge in October 1968, achieving the rank of Sergeant.

On June 22, 1969, Steve married Marlane “Gaye” Giles at Ebenezer United Methodist Church near Macy, and together they built a life filled with love and dedication.

Steve’s passion was his work. A lifelong farmer, he tirelessly tended to his black Angus cattle, hogs, and grain fields, embodying the spirit of hard work and perseverance. Beyond the farm, he served his community as a school bus driver for North Miami School and worked as a semi-truck driver for D.R. Smith Trucking.

His love for machinery was evident in his admiration for International Harvester equipment, often taking pride in parading his tractors and riding his

Honda Goldwing trike. In his free time, Steve enjoyed traveling and deer hunting, embracing the outdoors with enthusiasm.

A man of faith and service, he was a lifelong member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church, as well as a member of American Legion Post in Peru and Lincoln Masonic Lodge #523 in Macy.

He is survived by his wife Gaye Wagner of Macy; son Nelson and wife Debra Lynn Wagner of Fletcher, North Carolina; daughter Tawnya and husband Carl Mason of Bargersville, Indiana; 8 Grandchildren; and 6 Great Grandchildren.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, son Stephen G. Wagner, his sister Martha I. Roberts, and his beloved dog Butter.

A memorial service will take place at 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 7, 2025 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana. The funeral service can be viewed at: https://youtu.be/ng8G25Hpq_Y?feature=shared

His interment will take place following the service in the Ebenezer Cemetery, Macy, Indiana with military honors performed by the Miami County Honor Guard.

Memorial visitation will be held from 10 am to 12 pm, Saturday, June 7, 2025 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made in his memory to the American Legion Post of Peru.

Cemetery Details

Ebenezer Cemetery

10978 North Meridian Road
Macy, IN

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Hartzler Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Stephen Ray Wagner



Hartzler Funeral Services - May 02, 2025 at 03:24 PM

MM

Sorry to hear about the death of Steve! Sending thoughts and prayers to the family! Madonna Weirick McCombs

Madonna McCombs - May 02, 2025 at 09:11 PM

NY

“ Nathan, Todd, and Jonathan Yarling planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen Ray Wagner.

Nathan, Todd, and Jonathan Yarling - June 05, 2025 at 08:14 AM

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“ Nathan, Todd, and Jonathan Yarling purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Stephen Ray Wagner.



Nathan, Todd, and Jonathan Yarling - June 05, 2025 at 08:14 AM

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“ To know my Uncle Steve was to know a legend and is a blessing. He was larger than life with his booming voice and loving heart, he will leave a massive hole in our lives. He loved his ice cream as such he was my favorite uncle. He always made time for the church and we shared the same birthday month. Every time he visited my mother he would announce his presence with "hey there Peter" and his big bear hug made you know he loved you. Although we miss him, we know he's not in pain and with our family looking over us now. I love you and tell grampa, grandma, aunt sissy, mom and dad, and Stevie that we love them and we will see you again. Until that time, rest easy Uncle Steve.

Susan - June 04, 2025 at 01:40 PM

DF

“ Don Weir and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen Ray Wagner.

Don Weir and family - June 01, 2025 at 03:18 PM

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“ Don Weir and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Stephen Ray Wagner.



Don Weir and family - June 01, 2025 at 03:18 PM



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Hartzler Funeral Services - May 21, 2025 at 01:28 PM

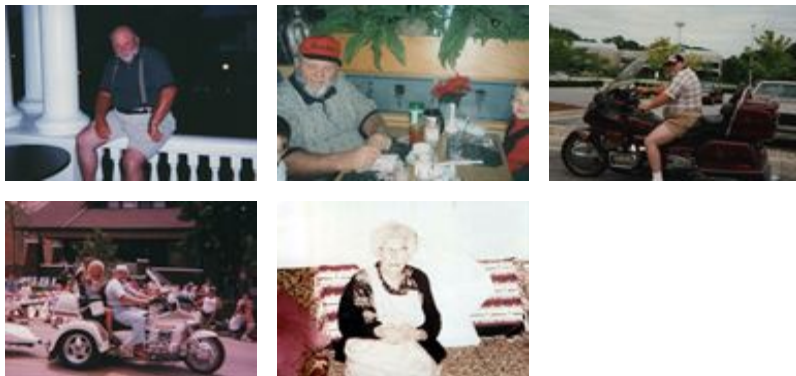
BI

“ Steve was a good guy, great farmer and always a helpful guy. Rest in peace.

bill - May 05, 2025 at 05:58 PM



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