



## Steven Whitworth

June 14, 1958 - November 25, 2021

Steven Edward Whitworth, age 63, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, passed away on November 25, 2021, at his home.

Steven was born on June 14, 1958, to John and Ellen (Abbott) Whitworth in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. He attended Sault High School. On August 28, 1982, he married Nancy G. Marklevits at the First United Presbyterian Church in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Steven was a long-time member and supporter of the German Shepherd Dog Club of America. He raised and showed Whitside German Shepherds since 1991, winning many national championships and judged some regional futurity breeder shows. His handcrafted leather leashes used for show, scent work and training, sold under Alpha 1 name, are well renowned throughout the American German Shepherd Breed. He enjoyed traveling to dog shows, working in his yard and shop, cooking, cutting wood, and chatting with friends. Steven enjoyed Bluegrass music, was kind to a fault, and saw beauty in so many different things with great appreciation for animals and nature. Having been born on Flag Day, Steven was also very patriotic and loved his country.

Steven is survived by his wife: Nancy; a brother: Jeffery Whitworth, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; a sister: Christene (Michael) Fountain of Dafter,

Michigan; a nephew: Cal (Katie) Whitworth; and four nieces: Noreen (Kelly) Sweet, Carlie (Frank) Anderson, Janet (Niji) Ohno, and Jenny Marklevits. Steven is also survived by his in-laws: Gene and Gail Marklevits and many great nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held at 5pm on Tuesday with visitation starting at 3pm, December 7, 2021, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Gabbard officiating. Burial will be at Pine Grove Cemetery in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to American German Shepherd Dog Charitable Foundation at <https://agsdcf.com/> or the Salvation Army.

Graveside Servies will be held 1:00 PM at Pine Grove Cemetery on Saturday June 11, 2022. A celebration of life picnic will be held afterwards at Nancy's home on West 5 Mile Road.

# Tribute Wall

NA

“ *“You are Missed so Very Much.  
I often sit and think about the years that have passed by and of the happiness and joy that was shared by you and I.  
I think of all the laughter the smiles and all the fun and before I even know it my tears have once again begun. For although it brings me comfort to go down memory lane, it reminds me of how without you life will never be the same.”*



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**Nancy** - November 24, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ *Steve,  
We were so saddened and shocked to hear of your loss. You were a funny, honest, and straightforward person. I enjoyed your views, immensely. You loved this great country, immensely. You were also a superb guardian of our German Shepherd Dog breed, as well as a fancier, and exhibitor. You were a funny funny guy!!!  
My heart goes out to your family, and friends. You have left a void in the hearts of all that knew you.  
God Speed Steve, you left us far too soon.*



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**Kathy Tank** - December 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *Nancy , Nadene and I were sadden to read of Steve's passing. We always enjoyed him sharing his knowledge about dogs and his experiences at the shows. Our sincere condolences*

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**Eric and Nadene Sturdy** - December 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Jerry and I are so very sorry he passed so soon...much to young...we will keep you in our prayers...we will miss him...he was a good man...

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**jerry and fran rood** - December 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Bart and I are so sorry. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.



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**Cindy Bartley** - December 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Nancy , I was sorry to see that you have lost your husband. I did not know him but I know he was an interesting man. I hope you will look back on your years together as a blessing. That will give you comfort.

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**Kit Spring** - December 06, 2021 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ RIP Steve. When you meet all the GSDs across the rainbow ridge, please give Whit, Hubba Bubba and Ruby hugs for me. I'll miss you as a friend. Nancy , prayers for you and all your dogs. Love from Beth and Lawrence Aldrich.

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**Elizabeth Aldrich & Lawrence Aldrich** - December 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I was in a very bad way after having lost Leslie. I was left suddenly with quite a number of dogs and was quite overwhelmed as most of you can imagine. From the minute Steve met Taylor as a puppy he was in love with her. He always loved his sables. I was heartbroken over this but he reached out to me and was interested in taking Taylor. I was so torn as I was in love with Taylor and did not want to let her go. So we came to an agreement that Steve would show Taylor for me at the 2018 national. I cried watching her go around the room with Steve. They didn't win anything but the both of them had such a great time together. I wanted to breed her once before I let her go to him because I want puppies out of her and she was such a great mom and circumstance just got in the way and I just couldn't let her go. Steve was so understanding. But I will never forget the great time that the two of them had running around that ring together. Rest in peace Steve Thanks for taking Taylor around and having fun with her that day. And thanks for letting me keep her❤️!



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**Sue Condreras** - December 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Steve always had smile and a great sense of humor. A husband , father who lived for his family and country. German shepherds were his and Nancy's passion. He will be greatly missed. Blessings and sympathy to his family. God Speed Steve. Joe & Leslie Beccia

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**Leslie Beccia** - December 04, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Sorry to hear off your loss. I remember Steve from High School.  
I remember him as serious and quiet. Making a career with his talent had to be a lot of joy for himself and everyone else involved.  
Wuff Wuff!!



Ron Hill - December 04, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Nancy, I am so sorry for your loss. Although I no longer have dogs, I still have the two show leads and also the insanely long leather training lead Steve custom made for me. They were strong, but still felt like butter in my hands. Hugs. Lots of hugs.

Maria Jordan - December 04, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Nancy and family,  
I am so sorry to hear about Steve's passing.  
My thoughts and prayers are being sent. I hope you can find some peace during this time.  
Char



Charlene Killips LaDronka - December 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Nancy, Soooo very sorry for your loss! My father used to really enjoy working with you & Steve....he could tell it was a passion to work with your dogs the way you did. May you have good memories~ Cathy (Jewell) Archer



Cathy (Jewell) Archer - December 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM