



In Loving Memory Of *Steven Jones*

May 21, 1968 - March 26, 2026

Steve Jones, 57, of Dayton, Wyoming, passed away peacefully on the morning of March 26, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, and respected member of multiple communities, Steve lived a life defined by service, curiosity, and quiet strength.

Born with a deep love for the natural world, Steve became a lifelong falconer and founded American Falconry magazine, where he spent nearly 30 years writing, editing, and sharing his knowledge with readers across the country. His passion for birds of prey shaped much of his life, and he was known for his wisdom, humor, and the generosity with which he mentored others in the falconry community.

Steve dedicated 11 years to the Dayton Volunteer Fire Department, serving his neighbors with courage, humility, and a steady presence in moments of crisis. In addition, he spent 23 years as a school bus driver for Sheridan School District #1, a role he cherished deeply. He cared for the kids with the same heart he brought to everything he did.

To his family, Steve was the heart of the home — gentle, thoughtful, and endlessly patient. He was a storyteller, a listener, and a source of calm no matter the circumstance. His greatest joy came from time spent with his wife, children, and grandchildren, and from the simple, meaningful moments that made up a life well lived.

Steve is survived by his mother Judy, his father James, his older sister Karen, his loving wife, Tina; his two children, Brittany (Gonzales) and Dakota; three grandchildren, Tristan, Tifa, and Aerith Gonzales; all of whom will carry his memory forward with pride and affection. He is preceded in death by his older brother, David, and Steve's beloved falcon of 27 years, Pinky, with whom he will now be laid to rest, honoring a bond that shaped much of his life.

Steve will be remembered for his kindness, his dedication to community, his passion for falconry, and the steady, gentle way he moved through the world. His absence leaves a profound void, but his impact will continue to be felt by all who knew and loved him.



Ecclesiastes 5:18-20

Behold that which I have seen: it is good and comely for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labour that he taketh under the sun all the days of his life, which God giveth him: for it is his portion.

Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God.

For he shall not much remember the days of his life; because God answereth him in the joy of his heart.

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Saturday, April 18, 2026 at 1:00 pm
Tongue River Valley Community Center

OFFICIATING

Pastor Granger Logan

MUSIC

Fly Away, If I Die Young, Dust In The Wind

PALLBEARERS

Ryan Alley, David Blakeman, Jeff Shideman
Russ Wilde, Jeremy Smith, Craig Reeser

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Rick Stainbrook, Chris Bernard, Rick Bilodeau
Thomas Hardesty, Amy Harnish, Brady Lewis
Nathan McCoy, Sarah Reeser, Scott Schroder

A Dessert Reception will follow the service.



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