



Steven C. Tetlow

January 9, 1960 - April 13, 2011

Steven Chester Tetlow, 51, St. Marys, formerly of Troy, Kan., passed away unexpectedly at his home Wednesday, April 13.

He was born Jan. 9, 1960, in Junction City, Kan., to Max and Darlene Tetlow, the youngest of three children. With his family he moved to Troy from Arcanum, Ohio, in 1966.

Steve attended Troy Grade School and was a 1978 Troy High School graduate, where cross country running was a passion of his. He also played high school basketball and was a member of the school band and school newspaper staff.

He earned his Bachelors of Science degree in Journalism from Kansas State University in 1982. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity where he served as social chairman and publicity director. He also worked on the reporting staff of the K-State Collegian while attending Kansas State University.

Steve married Ranae Hornick Akers, July 6, 1991, in Troy. Ryan and Shane Akers made their family complete. Steve was a loving step-father and husband, loved his family, was passionate about community and loved the small town atmosphere.

An entrepreneur he was. Soon after graduation from K-State, Steve purchased the 126-year-old weekly newspaper, The Kansas Chief, in Troy, where he became the youngest newspaper publisher-owner in the state. He published the paper for 17 years, where he wrote a weekly column called Chiefly Speaking. Feeling an urge for something more, in 1995 Ranae and Steve purchased the Green Acres agricultural publication in Lancaster, Kan. He later sold the Chief in 1999 and Green Acres in 2001.

Steve then served as publisher at the Hiawatha (Kan.) Daily World before moving to Missouri in 2002 where the couple purchased an embroidery business and a Fed Ex route in Springfield, Mo. Steve was anxious to pursue the publishing business once more when he returned to Troy in 2004 and a year later Steve and Ranae purchased The St. Marys (Kan.) Star. Steve, a master of dry comments, was ready once again to write a column, creatively named STARvations — “ Mediocre meanderings from the malnourished mind” — a popular commentary on current events, a collection of Steve’s quips and his thoughts on his alma mater, K-State. He was also a member of the Kansas Press Association.

Steve is survived by his wife Ranae of the home; step-sons Ryan Akers and his wife Alyssa of Westwood, Kan., and Shane Akers and his fiancé Kari Shaw of Robbinsdale, Minn.; sisters Lynda Hurt and husband Steve of Mission, Kan., and Susan Day and husband Jim of Las Vegas, Nev.; nieces and nephews Laura, Christopher , Katherine and Steven Day, Wesley and Whitney Willard, and Bradley and Jeffrey Means.

He was preceded in death by his parents Max and Darlene Tetlow; grandparents Chet and Leona Tetlow and George Wilbur and Alta Mae Cunningham.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 17, at Piper Funeral Home, 714 Maple St., St. Marys. A visitation will be held one hour before the service.

Graveside services will be held at 5 p.m., Sunday, April 17, at the Mount Olive Cemetery in Troy.

Memorial donations may be sent to Piper Funeral Home, 714 Maple St., St. Marys, KS 66536, with a recipient to be named at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olive Cemetery

Troy, KS 66087

Tribute Wall

SD

“ *Ranae, Lynda, Susan, and other family members,*

My son, Scott, just called and told me about Steve's obit in The Kansas Chief. We were both shocked and saddened. As you know, we both worked for him at The Chief, and those times, with Steve, were among the best! Since then, we have lost Max, Darlene, my husband Jim, and now Steve. It hardly seems possible. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. I will visit Steve's gravesite the next time I'm in Troy. Sincerely, Sue Nett Dittmann, Shoreview, MN

Sue Nett Dittmann - April 21, 2011 at 06:55 PM

NR

“ *Ranae i am so sorry about your loss ! if ther is something we can do to help please let us know. steven was an awesome person ! we will realy miss him we will keep you in our prayers . Norman & Christina Ropp (Ropp Auctions)*

Norman Ropp - April 18, 2011 at 10:19 PM

BF

“ *Lynda and Susan,*

You and your families are in our prayers,

Bill Forkenbrock

(old neighbors on 11th st in Junction City)

Bill Forkenbrock - April 17, 2011 at 12:58 PM

LH

Billy (sorry, that's what I remember calling you forever), will you give me your email, so I can contact you. I really want to get in touch. Please. It was a nice surprise to hear from you. I want to share some memories. I've never forgotten you and your family. Thank you for your prayers. My email is hurtlynda@yahoo.com. Both Sue and I are anxious to hear from you. Thank you for your sentiments.

Lynda "Tetlow" Hurt - April 18, 2011 at 11:43 PM

RE

“ *Roma Jean Bottom Embry lit a candle in memory of Steven C. Tetlow*



Roma Jean Bottom Embry - April 17, 2011 at 09:56 AM



“ *Ranae & Family,
Just this evening...Saturday, April 16th, we read of Steve's passing. Clearly, we were extremely surprised and saddened. We express our heartfelt sympathies for you at this difficult time. Please be assured of our prayers as well.
Pastor Steve & Debbie Gee*

Steve Gee - April 16, 2011 at 09:24 PM

DT

“ *Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Mace and Denise Thornton, Stafford, VA*

Denise B. Thornton - April 16, 2011 at 08:42 PM

DT

“ *Denise (Etherton) Tiffany lit a candle in memory of Steven C. Tetlow*



Denise (Etherton) Tiffany - April 16, 2011 at 06:38 PM

GC

“ *I remember Steve best as a kid and pre teen. He was always a fun kid and, even then, had a dry sense of humor. Steve was so much like his Dad, and Max was truly one of the best men I ever knew. Steve had such a great role model in Max, and did a great job of living up to that.*

Gordon Carlson - April 16, 2011 at 01:39 PM

RR

“ *Robin RosenbrookRob lit a candle in memory of Steven C. Tetlow*



Robin RosenbrookRob - April 16, 2011 at 11:12 AM

DO

“ *David J. Overmyer lit a candle in memory of Steven C. Tetlow*



David J. Overmyer - April 16, 2011 at 09:53 AM



“ *Ranae, you have Irina and my sympathy. I could not believe this when I read it. We are so sorry.*

Bob Hoferer - April 16, 2011 at 02:34 AM



“ *Chiefly Speaking..... The love you gave to my sister and her sons will always make you a Star in my eyes. I will miss you.*
Linda Drew

Linda Drew Means - April 15, 2011 at 11:49 AM



“ *Mark Stock lit a candle in memory of Steven C. Tetlow*



Mark Stock - April 15, 2011 at 11:45 AM



“ *Ranae,*
Please know that we are thinking of you during this most difficult time in your life. We are so sorry to hear of this sad news. Steve will be missed by many. Prayers for you and your family always.
Susan and Les Gordon

Les and Susan Gordon - April 15, 2011 at 10:08 AM

LG

“ *Les And Susan Gordon lit a candle in memory of Steven C. Tetlow*



Les and Susan Gordon - April 15, 2011 at 10:05 AM

JJ

“ *John & Tory Jost lit a candle in memory of Steven C. Tetlow*



John & Tory Jost - April 15, 2011 at 09:25 AM

RS

“ *Rich Stevenson lit a candle in memory of Steven C. Tetlow*



Rich Stevenson - April 15, 2011 at 09:14 AM

PH

“ *Paul And Chris Holz lit a candle in memory of Steven C. Tetlow*



paul and chris holz - April 15, 2011 at 09:12 AM

DC

“ *Don Cooper lit a candle in memory of Steven C. Tetlow*



Don Cooper - April 15, 2011 at 08:59 AM

DW

“ *Don Wiltz lit a candle in memory of Steven C. Tetlow*



Don Wiltz - April 14, 2011 at 11:11 PM

DQ

“ *Dr Patrick Qualls,DC/ Dr Kimra Qualls,DC lit a candle in memory of Steven C. Tetlow*



Dr Patrick Qualls,DC/ Dr Kimra Qualls,DC - April 14, 2011 at 10:27 PM

DP

“ *Doyle & Laurie Pearl lit a candle in memory of Steven C. Tetlow*



Doyle & Laurie Pearl - April 14, 2011 at 08:34 PM

MP

“*Ranae,
You are in our thoughts and prayer during this
difficult time.*

Mike & Jami Piper



Mike Piper - April 14, 2011 at 05:25 PM