



## Mr. Steve 'Steven" A. Carlson

April 24, 1952 - November 28, 2024

Steven "Steve" A. Carlson, 72, Green Bay passed away on Thursday, November 28, 2024. Steve was born on April 24, 1952 in Green Bay the son of the now late Arthur and Ruth (Christensen) Carlson. Steve was a graduate of Green Bay East High School with the class of 1970. He then obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Norbert College, completed his masters degree from the University of Cincinnati, Conservatory of Music and went on to work on his doctorate at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Steve taught at Southern Door High School, De Pere East High School and Mannheim Middle School in Illinois. He was recently named the volunteer of the Month for GBAPS in November, volunteering at Webster Elementary School. The love for the stage and theater and music was his life.

Steve is survived by two sisters: Debra (Charles) Faison and Connie (Jon) Burggren. He is further survived by nieces and nephew, Danielle Faison, Keegan (Amy) Burggren, Lydia (Lucas Meier) Faison and Britta (Michael) Graham, other relatives and friends.

In accordance with Steve's wishes a Celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

His love and dedication to the theater are chronicled below

1966 - Washington Junior High School's Christmas Concert - advanced band, "The Piano Tuner" featuring Steve Carlson

1966 - Washington Junior High School's operetta, played Douglas Hillman

1967 - Washington Junior High School's production of "Where's My Report Card?"

1967 - GB East High School's play, "A Little Dog Laughed"

1968 - Grafrath Award winner - Press-Gazette Swimming and Diving Meet

1968 - Community Theatre's "The Skin of Our Teeth"

1969 - Community Theatre's "Impossible Years"

1969 - GB East High School's play "Harvey" - set creation

1969 - Green Bay area School's tournament - 1st place for woodwind quartet

1969 - Community Theatre - stuntman in "Luv"

1969 - Community Theatre's production of "Mame" - dancer and chorus

1970 - Green Bay School Districts Music contest - 1st place - bassoon solo

1970 - GB East Spring Band Concert - piano solo

1970 - GB East HS's Choral album, "Let America Sing" - played

accompaniment

1970 - St. Norbert College - "Funny Girl" - dancer

1970 - Community Theatre's "Don't Drink the Water" - guard

1970 - St. Norbert College Chamber Singers

1970 - St. Norbert College - "A Christmas Carol" - portraying second lawyer

1970 - Washington Jr. High School - Christmas Concert "Twas the Night Before Christmas by 8th grade girls chorus - accompanist

1971 - St. Norbert College - "Marriage of Figaro" - technical director

1971 - Abbott Pennings - "Finian's Rainbow" - music director

1971 - St. Norbert College - recital - singer

1971 - St. Norbert College - "Fiddler on the Roof" - Fyedka

1971 - St. Norbert College Chamber Singers and Swinging Knights - bass vocalist

1971 - St. Norbert College - "Man Alive" Concerts - pianist

1971 - St. Norbert College - "Man of LaMancha" - Dr. Carrasco

1972 - St. Norbert College - Palm Sunday Concert - played harpsichord

1972 - St. Norbert College - Recital - pianist for Woodwind Quintet

1972 - St. Norbert College - Pop Pourri Concerts - member of the Swinging Knights

1972 - St. Norbert College - Band Concerts on the mall - pianist

1972 - St. Norbert College - "An Evening of Opera" - Singer

1972 - St. Norbert College - recital - piano accompanist to Lois Van Ess

1973 - St. Norbert College - "Story Theater" - cast member

1973 - St. Norbert College - Harvest Music Fest pianist

1973 - St. Norbert College - Advent Concert - piano and vocal parts

1974 - St. Norbert College - Pops Concert - Chamber Singers

1974 - St. Norbert College - operas, "The Medium" & "The Telephone" - director

1974 - Miss Green Bay Pageant - piano accompanist

1974 - St. Norbert College - Easter portion of Handel's Messiah - baritone solo

1974 - St. Norbert College - Spring Choral Concert piano accompanist

1974 - St. Norbert College - Violin and Piano Recital - piano

1974 - St. Norbert College - Oratorio Choir and Concert Band -

accompaniment

1974 - UWGB - "Kismet" - lead Poet

1975 - St. Norbert College - opera, "The Judgement of Paris" - director

1975 - St. Norbert College - Recital - baritone singer

1974 - Ashwaubenon's Little Theater's "The Star Spangled Girl" - cast member

1976 - St. Norbert College - "1776" - John Adams

1976 - UWGB - "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" - warrior

1976 - Southern Door High School - "You Can't Take It With You" - set designer

1976 - Southern Door High School - pop concert, "The Corner of the Sky" - director of Choristers, Chamber Choir & Swing Choir

1976 - St. Norbert College - "P.D.Q. Bach" - slide whistle

1976 - Southern Door High School - Spring Concert - director of Girl's Glee Club, Mixed Choir & Swing Choir

1976 - Community Theater - "The Mousetrap" - detective

1976 - Southern Door High School - "A Portrait of Christmas" Concert - director

1977 - Southern Door High School - Swing Choir Carnival - director

1977 - Southern Door High School - Pop Concert - directed Chorister, Swing Choir & Chamber Choir

1977 - Community Theater - "I Do, I Do" - role of Michael

1977 - Southern Door High School - "Camelot" - director

1977 - Community Theater - "A Lion in Winter" - played the eldest son, Richard

1977 - St. Norbert College - "Music Man" - Harold Hill

1978 - Little Theatre - "Mary, Mary" - part of Dirk Winston and also director

1978 - Southern Door Music Theater - "No, No Nanette" - staged, choreographed and scenically designed by Steve

1979 - Community Theater - "No Sex Please, We're British" - played Peter Hunter

1979 - Theater on the Bay - "Night Music" - prosperous middle-aged lawyer

1979 - Theater on the Bay - "Wait Until Dark" - patrolman

1979 - Theater on the Bay - "California Suite" - a New York writer

1979 - Southern Door Theaters - "Music Man" - director and choreographer

1979 - Theatre on the Bay - "Guys and Dolls" - lead role of Sky Masterson

1980 - Theatre on the Bay - "Pippin" - lead role

1980 - UW-Manitowoc - "Side by Side by Sondheim" - vocalist and director

1980 - Green Bay Symphony Orchestra & UWGB's "The Magic Flute" - soloist, Papageno

1981 - St. Norbert College - "Threepenny Opera" - part of Macheath

1981 - Southern Door High School - "My Fair Lady" - director

1981 - UWGB - "Messiah" sing in - soloist

1981 - UWGB - senior clarinet recital - accompanist

1982 - Theater on the Bay - "Regina" - role of Benjamin Hubbard

1982 - UW-Manitowoc - "Cole" - singing Porter's melodies

1982 - Sebastian Chamber Orchestra & UWGB - "Requiem in D Minor K. 626" - bass soloist

1982 - UWGB recitals - piano accompanist

1982 - Southern Door High School - "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" - director

1982 - Theater on the Bay - "Annie Get Your Gun" - lead

1982 - Theater on the Bay - "Sweet Charity" - slick purse snatcher, 3rd class movie star & neurotic shy person square

1985 - "Showboat"

1982 - Theater on the Bay - "The Wiz" - role of slick con artist, the Wiz

1982 - Green Bay Community Chorus & UWGB Oratorio Chorus - "Elijah" bass soloist

1983 - St. Norbert College - "Pirates of Penzance" - role of Major General Stanley

1983 - UW-Marinette - "Surprise '84" - cast member

1983 - St. Norbert College - All Saint's Day Concert - performed his own original works

1984 - UWGB - Clarinet recital - Piano accompanist.

1984 - UWGB - Oboist recital - Piano accompanist.

1984 - St. Norbert College - "Birthday Party for the Bard" - bass Talbot Tudor

1984 - UWGB - Classical Senior Recital with Therese Gigot - accompanist and singer

1984 - St. Norbert College - "Annie" - role of Rooster Hannigan

1984 - Green Bay Symphony - "Die Fiedermaus" - role of Frank

1985 - DePere High School's Christmas Concert - director

1985 - DePere High School - "The Wiz" - director

1985 - Appleton's Attic Theatre - "Showboat" - played Gaylord Ravenal

1985 - Music Theatre - "The King and I" - cast member

1985 - DePere High School - "Pops Concert" - directed show choir

1985 - DePere High School - "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" - director

1986 - DePere High School's Spring Concert - director

1986 - DePere High School's Midwinter Concert - director

1988 - Pamiro Opera Company - "The Italian Girl in Algiers" - played Ali, Captain of Algerian Pirates

1988 - Green Bay Symphony Orchestra - "The Merry Widow" - played Cascada

1988 - Community Chorus - Requiem - singer

1990 - St. Norbert College - "Music Man" - Lead Harold Hill

1993 - St. Norbert College - "Guys and Dolls" - lead role of Sky Masterson

# Tribute Wall

AS


“ *I loved his poems!*

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**Austin Smith** - April 02, 2025 at 10:12 AM

CT

“ *Very sorry to hear of Steve's death. Just saw in memory of Steve in a Green Bay Community theater playbill. Your family was our neighbor and friend on Bryan Street and in 2020, Steve wrote a beautiful card in remembrance of my mother who also passed. He touched many lives and we appreciate his dedication and fun and talent in theatre and the arts, sharing his skills as educator. God Bless the family and friends of Steve.*

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**Christine Tipps** - February 22, 2025 at 09:13 PM

 David Steiner

“ *I'm just heartsick to learn of Steve's death. We had not been as in touch as much as we once were when he was living and working in the Chicago area... I was on line looking for a phone number to call and catch up. His absence will certainly leave a void where I once counted him as one of my best friends. I'll never forget you. My deepest condolences to his family.*

*David Steiner*



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**David Steiner** - January 31, 2025 at 08:55 PM

DA

“ I was lucky enough to have Mr. (Steve) Carlson as a teacher during my time at Mannheim Middle School. He brought so much joy and passion to music and theater, it was impossible not to share his love of music and to have a life long appreciation for the arts. More than anything, he brought to me confidence to be who I was, and I will never forget the words he wrote in my yearbook. Now as a teacher, I am involved in theater still, and his selflessness and drive served as a model for me, which makes his feats and accomplishments even more admirable looking at it from this side. Thank you Mr. Carlson, making some of the best memories I had of school.

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David - January 13, 2025 at 12:53 PM

PB

“ Steve was singular in my experience, and he leaves a void as big as a canyon in my life. He was so talented. So special. So intelligent. So kind. So wickedly acerbic. So generous. He grabbed a hold of my imagination when I was just 15 and really, really illuminated the world of music and theatre for me; He gifted me with a love of music and theatre that have been the cornerstone of a lifelong joy.

We started out as teacher and student at Southern Door High school, but after my graduation, we became good, good friends. In reflecting over the years, it seems to me Steve's life had taken on a circular motion; He spent his life in the service of his family, his students, and his art. He was able to retire with his full teacher's pension for a job well done, had influenced thousands of children. He went back to Mannheim and visited his friends at the school and completed a circle there and he volunteered at his childhood elementary school and closed another circle of service there. Just last month he went back to Southern Door after 40 years and saw their winter musical – And so with that, I'd like to think he closed his last circle of service.

I hope with each circle he closed, he understood just how many people he'd touched. How many lives he made better. How beloved he really was. I hope he could let it settle on him and take comfort in his life and feel it was well lived, for it certainly was. What an incredible legacy he leaves behind.

I was lucky to know him, but I am only human, and human beings are greedy by nature - We only want more of a good thing. And Steve was certainly a good thing.

Go well, dear friend.  
Peggy Brauer

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Peggy Brauer - December 17, 2024 at 06:44 PM

ML

“ I had the pleasure and privilege of working with Steve at Mannheim Middle School. He was a gifted gentleman, who worked with and on behalf of all of the students. He had the ability to encourage and engage middle schoolers in the appreciation and performance of music. His foam core sets that included everything from dragons to shtetls provided the background for performances for every type of musical (ranging from fairy tales to a production of Fiddler on the Roof!). Each performance was different and each one was magnificent. But more than that, Steve's gift was to bring out the best in the students that he taught. They not only learned about and performed the music, they learned about themselves; what they were capable of and about the satisfaction that hard work brought. These were important lessons, well taught by Steve!

What I know is that Steve touched many people's lives in the best possible way (including mine!) What a lovely gentleman. What a lovely legacy. He will be remembered. He is missed.

Marilyn Ludolph,  
past principal, Mannheim Middle School

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**Marilyn Ludolph** - December 12, 2024 at 01:21 PM

JS

“ Jeff Carlson Sr purchased the Simply Elegant Sp  
athiphyllum for the family of Mr. Steve "Steven" A.  
Carlson.



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**Jeff Carlson Sr** - December 07, 2024 at 05:33 PM

JS

“ Jeff Carlson Sr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Steve 'Steven' A. Carlson.

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**Jeff Carlson Sr** - December 07, 2024 at 05:33 PM

 Barb Alloy

“ 2 files added to the album theatre



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**Barb Alloy** - December 06, 2024 at 11:12 PM