



## STEVEN ROBERT MCDONALD

April 28, 1966 - January 19, 2026

Steven Robert McDonald, age 59, of Caledonia Minnesota passed away January 19, 2025.

Steve was born April 28, 1966 in Wabasha, Minnesota.

He was preceded in death by his father Charles and his brother Dave.

Steve passed away surrounded by love, leaving behind a family who was the center of his world. He was a devoted husband to his wife, Beth, and a deeply proud and loving father to his son, Brendan, which were roles he cherished above all else.

Steve grew up in Reads Landing, Minnesota, where his lifelong love for the outdoors took root. He was happiest near the water, fly rod in hand, often heading out to “just check the stream” before settling in for hours of fishing. Fly fishing was more than a pastime, it was where Steve found peace, reflection, and joy. His love of the sport took him on many memorable fishing adventures, including trips to Cuba and beyond. He also enjoyed hunting and spending as much time outdoors as possible, always drawn to nature. Above all, he enjoyed spending his favorite hobbies with his son, Brendan, and lived vicariously through him in every aspect of his life.

Family meant everything to Steve. In addition to Beth and Brendan, he is survived by his loving mother Joanne and four siblings Mike, Kathy, Pat and Charlie, who will forever cherish his loyalty, humor, and steady presence.

Even while being faced with uncertainty and tribulations, Steve never wavered in his faith and never allowed doubt to overshadow his beliefs in God and the love he shared with his family.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 31st, at St. Mary's Church in Caledonia, Minnesota. Visitation will begin at 9:30 am at St. Mary's Holy Family Hall, with mass to follow at 11:00 am. Steve asked that if memorials were donated they could be donated to Trout Unlimited, the American Cancer Society, or any other organization of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 31. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Holy Family Hall  
513 South Pine St.  
Caledonia, MN 55921

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
513 S Pine St  
Caledonia, MN 55921  
(507) 725-3804

# Tribute Wall

HR

“ *Heidi Richardson lit a candle in memory of  
STEVEN ROBERT MCDONALD*



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**Heidi Richardson** - January 31 at 02:06 PM

HR

“ *I met Steve 5 years ago when he took over my IRA at merchant's.  
What a kind man! He always returned my phone calls within 24  
hours and I know how busy he was. My prayers are with you at this  
time.*

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**Heidi Richardson** - January 31 at 02:05 PM

“ We are shattered by the suddenness of this loss, and yet our sorrow sits beside a quiet, certain joy — we We are shattered by the suddenness of this loss, and yet my sorrow sits beside a quiet, certain joy — I know without a doubt Steve is with Jesus. He was more than an advisor to me; he was a steady light, our trusted guide and a champion of our hopes, who greeted me with a smile that turned every meeting into a moment of grace.

*He never measured kindness by minutes. He listened as if time were his gift, explained things with gentle clarity, and always went the extra mile — staying late, answering one more question, and asking after my husband, my parents, my siblings as if they were his own. His wisdom landed like a warm hand on the shoulder, steadying and sure.*

*May his laughter warm our memories, his counsel continue to guide our steps, and his faith be the quiet song that comforts us. I am forever grateful for the way he loved us: gracious, attentive, and true. Rest in light, Steve — loved, remembered, and rejoicing with Christ. know without a doubt Steve is with Jesus. He was more than an advisor to us, he was a steady light, our trusted guide and a champion of our hopes, who greeted us with a smile that turned every meeting into a moment of grace.*

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*Our deepest Sympathy, Kathi and Jimmy Hong*

**Kathi Fenske Hong** - January 31 at 10:18 AM

JL

“ *I met Steve over 20 years ago through my employer as a 401k advisor. Steve was always friendly and professional. His advice helped me through a major financial setback and ultimately to a comfortable retirement. Professional and very competent but never arrogant. My wife and I enjoyed his visits. He was not just interested in our finances but our personal well being as well. Steve will be missed. Our deepest sympathy to his family.*  
*Jeff and Barb Lemke*

**Jeff Lemke** - January 31 at 09:56 AM

S&

“ *Steve &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of STEVEN ROBERT MCDONALD.*

**Steve &.** - January 30 at 07:54 PM

SP

“ *We are so incredibly sorry for your loss. Steve was not just our financial advisor, we considered him a friend. What a special person he was. He will be deeply missed by everyone who was blessed to have known him.*  
*Steve & Diane Persinger*



**Steve & Diane Persinger** - January 30 at 07:47 PM



“ We were shocked and saddened to hear of Steve’s passing. He was more than a trusted financial advisor,; he made us feel like we were friends. Our sincerest love to his family. Mark and Jan Moeller

Jan Moeller - January 29 at 08:56 PM



“ I was so saddened to learn of the passing of Steve McDonald. I knew him through Merchants Bank where he advised me for many years. His calm demeanor and smiling face always put me at peace. He will be missed.  
Rita Lynch

Rita J Lynch - January 29 at 04:36 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of STEVEN ROBERT MCDONALD.



January 27 at 03:08 PM



“ From Cetera Financial Institutions planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of STEVEN ROBERT MCDONALD.

From Cetera Financial Institutions - January 27 at 03:08 PM

BS

“ We were just shocked and deeply saddened when we heard of Steve’s death. Ours was a professional relationship with him. He was our financial advisor for over 20 years. His advice was always sound, fact-based and accurate in achieving our financial goals. Although professional, our meetings always diverged to the personal. We shared thoughts of our families, love of nature and fishing the trout streams and Mississippi backwaters. It was so apparent to us what a nice person he was. Steve enjoyed his Caledonia home and was so proud of his family and especially excited for his son’s college experience and bright future. We will miss him and send all our sympathy and best wishes to his family and all who loved him. Bob and Paula Shaw

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**Bob Shaw** - January 27 at 02:44 PM

MM

“ We met Steve, at Merchants years ago, white shirt and tie always a smile on his face. Professional in all manner, a little outdoor and life wisdom would usually enter the conversations. His advice and smile will be missed, sorry for your loss.

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**Matt and Karen Merchlewitz** - January 27 at 11:49 AM

MM

“ Matthew M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of STEVEN ROBERT MCDONALD.

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**Matthew M.** - January 27 at 11:27 AM

ML

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. I grew up with Steve, from our St. Felix school days to high school graduation we spent a lot of time together and I would call him a best friend. Our paths went in different directions after high school, but I never forgot the great times we had growing up. My sincerest condolences, Mike Loretz.

Mike Loretz - January 26 at 01:45 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of STEVEN ROBERT MCDONALD.



January 26 at 12:30 PM

WF

“ With Love - The Merchants Bank Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of STEVEN ROBERT MCDONALD.

With Love - The Merchants Bank Family - January 26 at 12:30 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of STEVEN ROBERT MCDONALD.



January 25 at 10:27 AM

FH

“ From Kathi and Jimmy Hong planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of STEVEN ROBERT MCDONALD.

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**From Kathi and Jimmy Hong** - January 25 at 10:27 AM

DL

“ I grew up in Reeds Landing with Steve ( Bean ) I was his substitute paper route person when he needed to take a day off .. also when the event bus would be dropping us off in Reeds instead of taking us all the way to Wabasha he would always take the short walk on the highway 61 with me to the bottom of the driveway just to make sure I got off the highway safe..

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**Doris (Carrels ) Luby** - January 23 at 07:49 PM

WC

“ We grew up together in Reeds Landing, Minnesota. Steve had a paper route. It didn't matter how cold it was or how wet it was. He always did his paper route and if you were gonna go on the paper route with him, you better keep up because he had a pace that was hard to beat. Never knew anyone to have a problem with Steve. We called him bean he always had a smile for everyone. He was more mature than his age group. Way too young!!! Never Quit!!!

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**Wayne Carrels** - January 23 at 06:55 PM