

God saw he was getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around him
And whispered , “Come with Me.”

With tearful eyes we watched him suffer
And saw him fade away,
Although we loved him dearly
We could not make him stay.

A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.



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In Remembrance



Stubby Spaans, son of Larry and Bonnie (Doering) Spaans, was born April 18, 1983 at the Sioux Center Community Hospital and attended the Netherlands Reformed Christian School. He grew up on a farm south of Rock Valley. Stubby married Stacy Brantsen on December 4, 2009, in Sioux Center. Together, they lived in Sioux Center for eight years and then moved to

Rock Valley, living there for five years.

During his youth, he was active in 4-H showing both cattle and sheep. He also enjoyed spending time outdoors on the farm or in a truck following in his dad's footsteps – which continued throughout his entire life. The past few years, he had been working on a farm to keep his agricultural roots going strong. Stubby enjoyed golfing, hanging out with friends, and spending time with family members, especially his nieces and nephews. He passed away on Friday, July 22, 2022 at his residence in Rock Valley at the age of 39 years

Stubby is survived by his wife, Stacy Spaans; step-children, Makinsy Brantsen and Jordan Brantsen; parents, Larry and Bonnie Spaans; siblings, Brenda (Marty) Erickson, Laurie (Dan) Van Schouwen, Barry (Kristen) Spaans; sisters-in-law, Rachel Spaans and Denise (Steve) Boer; mother-in-law, Hermina Borman; several nieces and nephews; and grandmother, Hermina Van Veldhuizen. Stubby will be missed by Cooper, his beloved black Lab, who laid by his side until his very last breath.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Les Spaans; and father-in-law, Don Borman.

In Loving Memory Of
Steven “Stubby” Albert Spaans

April 18, 1983 † July 22, 2022

FUNERAL SERVICE

11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Porter Funeral Home
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Rev. J.J. Witvoet
Netherlands Reformed Congregation

ORGANIST

Ruth Hoefakker

PSALTERS

“A Mindful God” vs. 1-3
“Divine Grace And Compassion” vs. 1-3

CASKET BEARERS

Jordan Brantsen ~ Lucas Spaans
Levi Spaans ~ Kayden Spaans
Bradyn Erickson ~ AJ Vander Waal ~ Jason Koedam

INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

*Please join Steven's family for lunch and fellowship
at the Parkview Event Center following
the committal service.*