



Steven Paul Gotto

March 3, 1957 - October 28, 2025

Steven Paul Gotto, born March 3, 1957, passed away October 28, 2025, at the age of 68. He was a 1976 graduate of Perryville High School. Steve was the son of Joseph Gotto, Sr. and Bernice Bohnert Gotto, who preceded him in death. Survivors include five brothers and two sisters, Joseph Gotto Jr. of Perryville, MO, Michael (Cindy) Gotto of Farmington, MO, William (Pam) Gotto of Green Forest, AR, Mark (Debbie) Gotto Sr. of Perryville, MO, Kathleen (Dennis) Schuessler of Perryville, MO, Janice (Rick) Shultz of Milan, TN, and Jeffrey (Connie) Gotto of Perryville, MO. Nieces and nephews; Sonya Gotto, Stephanie (Scott) Bronenkant, Amy (David) DeRousse, Myra Gotto (Crystal Brown), Lindsey (Mike) Dudek, Matthew (Samantha Fritsche) Schuessler, Jessica (Tim) Suiter, Mark (Becca) Gotto Jr., William (Christina) Gotto, Jenna (Shane) Christisen, Joseph (Morgan) Shultz, Levi (Brittany) Gotto, Hannah Gotto, and many great nieces and nephews.

Steve was a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Parish, the Knights of Columbus and the Perry County Saddle Club. He was an amazing brother, uncle, great-uncle, and a loyal friend. Steve's love for his family was truly immeasurable. He was a devoted brother to his seven siblings, and some of the most treasured memories of those he leaves behind were the times spent on the front porch, sitting around the kitchen table, and road trips to sporting events of his nieces and nephews.

Steve enjoyed a life full of his favorite hobbies: bowling, fishing, hunting, shooting pool, playing cards, and hauling firewood with his cousin, Wayne. In his younger years, he found joy in horseback riding with neighbors and going on week-long trail rides with his parents. Steve loved ending his day with a four wheeler ride around the farm.

In retirement, Steve became an avid gardener and developed a love for canning which he shared with his mother. Always giving away his prized zucchini relish and tomato juice to friends and family. He followed in his father's footsteps by raising Black Angus cattle and tending the family farm.

Steve worked at Walmart for 43 years and always said that the greatest gift of those years was the lifelong friendships he made and cherished.

In closing, we celebrate our brother Steve's life as one which was lived fully and generously. His warmth, his humor, and his unwavering love for family and friends will forever be remembered. May his acts of kindness and joy continue to inspire all of us. Rest in peace Steve and save a place on the porch for us. You're the best!

Visitation will be from 7:30 am to 9:30 am on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at Ford & Young Funeral Home in Perryville.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 am Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Perryville with Rev. Tony Dosen officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Perryville.

Memorial contributions may be given to The Children's Fund (Perry County School District #32 Backpack program).

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com.

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

Perryville, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

Ford and Young Funeral Home
110 S West Street
Perryville, MO 63775

Funeral Mass

NOV 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
1000 Rosati Court
Perryville, MO 63775

Tribute Wall

FB

“ Frank and Laurie Ballek purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Steven Paul Gotto.



Frank and Laurie Ballek - November 03, 2025 at 01:17 PM

AS

“ Jan, Rick, Jessica, and Joe.....I fondly remember watching Steven feeding the little calves in the barn while I was attending Joe's engagement party at your parents' farm and it reminded me of when I did the exact same thing when I was a little girl growing up on our dairy farm. I'll get on my computer later and try to locate the many photos I took that day as I enjoyed walking around taking photos of the farm and the family. So very sorry for your loss.

Alice Schweer - November 03, 2025 at 11:46 AM

KM

“ Mark & Debbie,

Sending our deepest sympathy to you and all of your family. Steve was a very friendly guy and he always had a smile on his face. Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers. Sorry we are out of town so we are unable to attend the visitation.

Danny & Kathy Moll

Kathy Moll - November 03, 2025 at 10:07 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Steven Paul Gotto.*



November 03, 2025 at 09:32 AM



“ *Steven always gave us a warm welcome whenever we visited his home, the Gotto farm. We will miss you Steven. The farm won't be the same without your smiling face and your warm heart. From Rebecca and Doug Kirchdorfer, Bruce Kirn, Rick and Jan Kirn, and Kevin and Esther Kirn.*

Rebecca Kirn Kirchdorfer - November 03, 2025 at 07:32 AM



“ *Rebecca K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Paul Gotto.*

Rebecca K. - November 03, 2025 at 07:16 AM



“ *Worked with Steve at Wal Mart, in the 80s and 90s. Super guy! Always willing to help. Can't remember him without a smile and his laugh. Godspeed my friend.
Kevin Hoehn*

Kevin Hoehn - November 01, 2025 at 03:21 PM

MC

“ I work with Steve at Perryville Walmart or approximately 10 years 88 to 99 he was a great friend would always help do anything for anyone rest in peace buddy praying for his family

Mark Cromwell - November 01, 2025 at 02:54 PM

KB

“ I'll never forget my first trip to Missouri for Morgan and Joe's wedding shower. A new baby calf was just born and he was so excited to show us. He took us over to the barn and showed us how to feed her. Being with family was his happiest place, and he has a dang good one! I'm honored to have learned how to cow call by the master himself!

KiKi Ballek - November 01, 2025 at 11:04 AM

KH

“ Karen (Riney) Harper lit a candle in memory of Steven Paul Gotto



Karen (Riney) Harper - November 01, 2025 at 06:14 AM

JS

“ He was always smiling. I remember him from bowling most, he and my husband (Dave Schauptert) were always laughing about something.

Joy Schauptert - October 31, 2025 at 09:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Steven Paul Gotto.*



October 30, 2025 at 10:37 PM



“ *Dave, Mary, Amy, Ryan, Llsa, and Patrick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Paul Gotto.*

Dave, Mary, Amy, Ryan, Llsa, and Patrick - October 30, 2025 at 10:37 PM



“ *I have fond memories working with Steve at Walmart when we were just teenagers. Steve was always fun loving and friendly with everyone. So sorry to his family for their loss.*

Kim Feltz - October 30, 2025 at 09:35 PM



Steve was one of a kind! He had an infectious smile and laugh. I am so sorry for the families loss.

Debbie Gerler - October 31, 2025 at 08:13 AM



“ *A truly amazing little man. I remember when hewas very young had heart surgery and Alma Dippold was daycaring him and other siblings. He always had a smile when I met him. He lived a very full life.*

eldon kaufmann - October 30, 2025 at 07:23 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven Paul Gotto.*

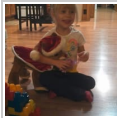


October 30, 2025 at 06:58 PM



“ *Steve you will greatly missed.from us getting in trouble from floating the in the wood on box on the creek to the nites of bowling and road trips to bowl and many nites of playing poker.The next time I bowl I will bring the hook back out to mess with the other team.rest in peace you are a great friend*

Keith Schwent - October 30, 2025 at 06:29 PM



Brenda davis growing up with u all our parents were together a lot. Steve played in the creek ball with us and beating him in cards. He was a good friend. Gonna miss u budfy


Brenda Davis - October 31, 2025 at 01:49 AM



“ *Uncle Steve’s smile and kindness will never be forgotten. He brought so much light and love to our family. I’ll always be grateful to have had him as my uncle, he genuinely cared and always made sure to check in on me. I’ll miss his sense of humor and little jokes we shared together.*

Hannah Gotto - October 30, 2025 at 05:16 PM

LD

“ Steve was one of kindest classmates I went to school with. Fly high Steve 

LaWanna Mattingly Difani

LaWanna Difani - October 30, 2025 at 04:14 PM

BW

“ Steve was a great joy to my husband and myself. we will always remember the bowling trip to Kansas. Rest in peace friend you will be missed.

barbara williams - October 30, 2025 at 04:00 PM

MP

“ Made the family find comfort in solace. In their memories

Melanie Prevallet-Muir - October 30, 2025 at 03:52 PM

LT

“ Whenever I seen him at Walmart he always had a smile and a hello would brighten up any dreary day. He will deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Linda Tarrillion - October 30, 2025 at 03:46 PM

BB

Steve was a wonderful man. I want to say young man, because I first met him as a student at PHS. Every time I would see him at Wal Mart, he always had that smile! It was a pleasure to have known him and I know he will be sadly missed by your family.

Brenda Bohnert - October 31, 2025 at 08:03 AM