



## Steven Charles Holden

November 22, 1958 - February 19, 2016

Steven Charles Holden, a beloved son, father, brother, uncle and grandfather, of Lawson, MO, passed away on Friday, February 19, 2016 at the age of 57. Steven was born the son of Roger and Elizabeth (Smith) Holden on November 22, 1958 in St. Louis, MO. Survivors include his parents; son, Zack Holden and his wife Teresa; daughter, Hilary Swindler and her husband Andrew; brother, Mike Holden; brother-in-law, Tony Akin and his wife Donna; sister, Lisa Schreiber and her husband Steven; sister-in-law, Tami Bumgarner and her husband Jerry; two grandsons, Jackson Daniel & Bennett Charles Holden; a loving extended family of 9 nieces and nephews; 5 great nieces and nephews. A memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, February 27, 2016 from 11:00-12:30 PM followed by a memorial service at 12:30 PM both being held at Maple Hill Funeral Home, Kansas City, KS. To share a memory or to leave condolences, please visit [www.maplehillfuneralhome.com](http://www.maplehillfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

FEB 27. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Steven Charles Holden*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - February 26, 2016 at 02:30 PM

SS

*What a Beautiful and Wonderful Tribute!*

Sherry Stewart - February 26, 2016 at 04:30 PM

MH

*Love you cousin... We had a ball in bull shoals as kids. Riding horses, fishing, hunting. So glad we got to have the catch up chat last spring... Gonna miss you.... Marvin*

Marvin Hathaway - February 26, 2016 at 04:52 PM



“ *Steven Charles Holden*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Steven Charles Holden*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM

GL

“ I met Steve my first day at Pace. He was very grumpy and gruff at first, but it didn't take long to see the real him. Steve was the kindest, most gentle person I know and had a wonderful, slightly twisted, sense of humor..and he was crazy smart to boot. He taught me so much of what I know today, whether it was about codes, application, or how to comb your hair with a fork. I will always remember how much pride he had in both his work and his kids. He never seemed to let anything bother him too much (the taller his hair got, the more stressed he was) and he was always modest about his accomplishments. I will always be grateful for everything he taught me and every time he fought for me. And I will miss seeing him walk around with one pant leg in his boot and one over the top.

Steve always kept in touch with me and other former co-workers even after our time together at Pace was over. He even stopped by my office to visit with me, Debbie and Mark before our last DHI meeting earlier this month. As soon as he walked in the door we dropped everything. He always made it seem like we had just seen each other the day before even when it had been months or even years. We caught up on our kids and he got to brag about the newest addition to his family, Bennett. He always lit up when he spoke about his family. I am eternally grateful for the extra time we got to spend together on that February afternoon and will cherish every laugh and smile.

Steve, you were family and will be missed more than you would ever admit - Love you.

Ginger Lee

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Ginger Lee - February 27, 2016 at 08:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Steven Charles Holden.*



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February 26, 2016 at 08:58 PM



“ *I carry fond memories of such a gracious family, our next door neighbors. We climbed the apple tree and played king of the hill in the back yard, swam in the stock-tank pool and frequently got sat on by a "Tiny" dog, the Holdens had the patients to teach me to waterski. I will never forget a tall skinny guy who could ride a unicycle and eat an entire pound bag of cheesepuffs from Kresges dime store. I am so sad to hear Steve has gone, but happy to see that throughout his life he had continued to be the great guy I once had the pleasure to call friend.*

*Craig Tate*

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**Craig Tate** - February 26, 2016 at 05:17 PM



“ *Rose Romanesque Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven Charles Holden.*



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February 26, 2016 at 05:04 PM

SS

“ Although I did not know Charles, Billy and I met him at Teresa's Wedding; I am so so sorry for your loss and will keep you all in my prayers. God Bless and Comfort each and everyone of you.  
*SherryStewart*

Sherry Stewart - February 26, 2016 at 04:33 PM



“ 37 files added to the album Life Tributes



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - February 26, 2016 at 02:06 PM

CD

“ Chris Deterich purchased the *Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum* for the family of Steven Charles Holden.



Chris Deterich - February 26, 2016 at 01:43 PM

RH

“ 1 file added to the album *Pace Halloween*



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**ray howel** - February 26, 2016 at 10:46 AM

RH

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**Ray Howel** - February 26, 2016 at 10:44 AM

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**Ray Howel** - February 26, 2016 at 10:42 AM

RH

“ When I started with the Pace Company 23 years ago I didn't know a door knob from a door closer. There were only a few of us in the door group at that time and Steve was the go to guy for anything about the door industry. He was always willing to help me even when he had more of his own work than he could handle.

Steve you will be missed so much by me and all of your co-workers. Thank you for being a friend to me for so many years.

Ray Howel

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Ray Howel - February 26, 2016 at 10:41 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Steven Charles Holden.



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February 26, 2016 at 09:59 AM

RM

“ Rick & Joyce McDonald purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Steven Charles Holden.



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Rick & Joyce McDonald - February 25, 2016 at 08:08 PM

GG

“ *Gharib Gharibi purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Steven Charles Holden.*



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**Gharib Gharibi** - February 25, 2016 at 03:27 PM

WF

“ *With Love, Your CVS/caremark family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Steven Charles Holden.*



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**With Love, Your CVS/caremark family** - February 25, 2016 at 09:49 AM

MM

“ *Dear Holden Family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Steve was an amazingly knowledgeable and helpful man. I had the distinct pleasure of working with him for over a decade. Without fail, every time I interacted with him he knew how to solve the problem I was grappling with and he was willing to spend the time with me to help me learn. I owe a tremendous amount of my development over the years to his extensive knowledge and coaching.  
My thoughts and prayers go out to you during this very difficult time. Steve was an amazing person and he will be sorely missed....  
Sincerely,*

*Mike Maloney*

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**Mike Maloney** - February 25, 2016 at 08:11 AM

CR

“ *Charles R. purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Steven Charles Holden.*



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**Charles R.** - February 24, 2016 at 01:19 PM

JS

“ How do you say goodbye to a man that touched so many lives? Steve was one of a kind that truly can't be replaced. When I first met Steve it was my first day on the job at DH Pace. He tried to come off as a grumpy old man. Yep, didn't work. We all know how much of a softy he is. Nothing but a tall loveable teddy bear. That's what I loved about Steve. He would do anything for you.



He welcomed me into the company by taking me out to lunch. I thought that was the sweetest thing. He showed me the ropes and taught me so much. I thank him so much for that.

One of my fondest memories of Steve was the first time I had made my gourmet caramel apples and brought them in. He said his favorite was the chocolate toffee. He took one and he told me he was going to take it home and eat it later that night. Well.....I had gone to his office to ask him a question and oh my goodness!!! What a mess!!! He had chocolate and toffee everywhere! Hahaha!!! Needless to say, the apple didn't make it home. I looked at Steve and I said "Steve, what happened to taking the apple home"? He looked at me and said "It was good"! Hahahaha!!!! Good ole Steve. The next year he took two! He had a new favorite, Apple Pie. He grabbed one every year after that.

Steve and I always talked recipes and exchanged recipes. I will miss that. He was my cooking guru. Steve was a great friend and a wonderful man. Steve, I'll make sure there is an Apple Pie for you. Love you man!

Julia Smith

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Julia Smith - February 24, 2016 at 10:39 AM

HS

*Julia, he actually shared a half of the apple pie caramel apple with his daughter. He loved them. Thanks for your kind words.*

**Hilary Swindler** - February 24, 2016 at 03:54 PM

JS

*Hilary - you are so very welcome. I would like to extend the tradition of the Apple Pie caramel apples with your family. As I know how much he loved them and looked forward to it every year. It would be my pleasure.*

**Julia Smith** - February 25, 2016 at 04:34 PM

RK

*“ So shocked to hear of his passing. I worked with Steve for about 15 years and he was always so very helpful and friendly to me as he was with everyone. I know he will be missed.  
Ruby E. Key*

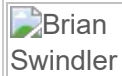
**Ruby E. Key** - February 24, 2016 at 10:31 AM



*“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Steven Charles Holden.*



February 24, 2016 at 09:00 AM



“ *The day of Hilary and Andrew's wedding I played the song for their first dance. I hadn't had much time to really practice it and was hoping to do that once I got out there. I asked Steve if there was someplace that I could play through it a few times. He said he had a CD player out in the barn and I could go out there. We started walking out there and he veered off towards the big travel trailer they had. I asked him where he was going and he said he had to open up the trailer to get the CD player out. He had to get an extension cord and run it from the barn to the travel trailer for power. Then he had to open it up completely because the CD player was in the part that closed. It was a lot of extra work he had to go through to allow me to practice for an hour. But he never complained or acted like it was any big deal. He knew I wanted to play as well as I could and didn't hesitate to give me the chance to practice so I could. He was one of the truly good guys in the world.*

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**Brian Swindler** - February 24, 2016 at 02:29 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Steven Charles Holden.*



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February 23, 2016 at 09:32 PM

AN

“ Steve treated all of his coworkers like family. I feel like he was a part of my family and it broke my heart to hear that he wouldn't be sitting in his cube next to me anymore.

*He really cared about the people that he worked with. He was always first to give compliments out, and never wanted any recognition for himself.*

*Steve is one of the nicest people I have ever met. He was always willing to help anyone with anything and took the time to explain things. He looked out for all of us. If someone made a mistake, or someone asked him a question, he would tell us where to look, but then he would look it up as well. He wanted to make sure everything we did was right. He took such pride in his work and helping others.*

*Every time there was a meeting, he would sit next to me. I am going to miss that the most. I learned so much from him, but more than that, he was my friend and I will never forget him.*

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**Alison Nugent** - February 23, 2016 at 07:09 PM

JB

“ While I haven't seen Steve for many years, I have spoken to him several times as my need for door and hardware questions arose. I have read the posts from all of those persons whose lives he touched through the years and can do nothing but echo those sentiments. I was truly saddened to learn of his passing, it was a life lost to early. Every memory I have of Steve is that of a kind, considerate man, a man who cared. If a man's family and friends remember him this way, because he earned those kind thoughts, he was truly successful. I will remember him as a very successful person.

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**John Britton** - February 23, 2016 at 06:08 PM

KS

“ *Kenton Brothers Systems for Security purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Steven Charles Holden.*



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**Kenton Brothers Systems for Security** - February 23, 2016 at 05:03 PM

KL

“ *Ken & Debbie Blankinship, Terry & Michelle Langton purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Steven Charles Holden.*



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**Ken & Debbie Blankinship, Terry & Michelle Langton** - February 23, 2016 at 01:31 PM



“ *Steve was one of the nicest and helpful people I knew. He was always willing to help no matter how small the project. I remember having to ask him about glass sizes for fire doors several times and he always had answers.*

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**Derek Marriott** - February 23, 2016 at 01:30 PM

“Jed” as we called him back in the day was one of the first people I remember meeting at K-State. He was so friendly, so welcoming to all of us freshmen on his wing of Marlatt Hall. Inviting us to all go to lunch together, or dinner together. He was more welcoming than any of the official welcomers, none of whom I can recall.

I have no bad memories of Steve, and many, many good ones. We attending lots of architecture classes together. He gave me a ride to my grandmother's in Dupo, Illinois on holiday breaks many times. Once my grandmother thrust a bag of cookies she'd into his hands as he was leaving. I'll never forget the smiling, grateful expression on his face...while I grimaced, helpless to warn him of her cooking inability. When he came to pick me up, I remember him just staring at me with his head cocked and his eyes bulged out - waiting for an explanation of that sack of hockey pucks, poor guy.

I remember going to the movies with him; specifically one we walked miles to; maybe over a spring break. Halfway there we realized we were way late, so we ran - full out about two miles. We dropped in our seats just sweating and panting, laughing at how miserable we must have been for the folks around us. And then as the show began a HUGE lady sat down on Steve's hat he'd put in the seat next to him. She either didn't even know it or acted like she didn't. And she stayed for most of credits, as consequently did we because Steve was too polite to want to embarrass her. I laughed so hard on the long walk back, and Steve did, too, a little bit I think.

I remember him trying someone's motorcycle in the dorm parking lot. It must have been a small one because Steve's knees stuck way out to the sides as he erratically sped down the lot and back, just missing lots of parked cars. Everybody who watching was laughing, and Jed was more than happy to oblige us the entertainment.

What a good heart he had, and so very many of the students liked him. Someone you always wanted to be around. I was so privileged to know him.

**Bill Needle** - February 23, 2016 at 12:57 PM

KB

“ Steve was always so helpful and willing to go over work related issues when I needed his expertise, which was often, especially during the first few years I worked at DH Pace, trying to learn the business. He was very patient and took whatever time was needed to help explain details as necessary and was always approachable with a problem. He was always a "go-to" person for project issues for everyone in the company.



*My children and I enjoyed the occasional fishing trip to his farm to fish in the ponds, always catching fish and having a good time. Steve will be missed by all who knew him.*

*Ken Bain*

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**Ken Bain** - February 23, 2016 at 11:34 AM

BN

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**Bill Needle** - February 23, 2016 at 10:09 AM

HS

*This made me laugh out loud, Bill. Thanks for sharing.*

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**Hilary Swindler** - February 23, 2016 at 12:47 PM

HS

*Bill, would you be willing to email this to me. I'm Steve's daughter and we're trying to put together a slide show for the memorial.*

**Hilary Swindler** - February 23, 2016 at 01:12 PM

HS

*Hilary.holden@gmail.com*

**Hilary Swindler** - February 23, 2016 at 01:12 PM

BN

*They're on their way.*

**Bill Needle** - February 23, 2016 at 06:41 PM

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**Bill Needle** - February 23, 2016 at 10:05 AM

TH

“ *Steve had such a great heart and a kind soul. I remember that he took time out from work when I was recovering from surgery to stop by my home with some of the "office girls" to see how I was doing. He was such a hard worker, so smart and patient and always willing to share his knowledge and expertise with anyone. Steve will truly be missed by his co workers at DH Pace.*

*Trish Holland*

**Trish Holland** - February 23, 2016 at 09:18 AM

CB

“ Steve was a good man...Jim and I were remembering our dinners out at the Mexican restaurant in Excelsior Springs and floating in the swimming pool... I'm sure he will be missed by All....it's nice to see pictures of how much he enjoyed his kids and grandkids.... God Bless... Conni and Jim Baldwin ...Wind Point WI

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**Conni Baldwin** - February 23, 2016 at 09:12 AM

DO

“ I considered Steve my friend, even though I never really told him so. Wish now that I had. He was such a great mentor and highly respected by all his co-workers at DH Pace. He will be greatly missed.

*Dan Olson  
Lee's Summit, MO.*

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**Dan Olson** - February 23, 2016 at 08:18 AM

MB

*Steve was a good friend and mentor for all who worked with him. I truly admired his passion, knowledge, and teaching of our industry. He will be truly missed.*

*Mike Bunce  
Kearney, MO.*

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**Mike Bunce** - February 23, 2016 at 11:02 AM

CH

*As a friend and co-worker of Steve's for over 9 years, it will be very hard to see his cubicle empty every day. Steve was fun to be around, fun to joke with and had more knowledge than a set of encyclopedias. His expertise in the crazy world of doors, frames and hardware was unmatched. I learned so much from him and he never said get lost to one of my many dumb questions. He's probably up in heaven now reading the manual on how to put the new tree puller on the front of God's tractor. RIP Steve Holden. You will be greatly missed.*

*Chris Hargraves  
Lee's Summit, MO*

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**Chris Hargraves** - February 23, 2016 at 01:01 PM