



## Steve Ryan Kernodle

December 9, 1949 - October 8, 2008

Dateline: Steve R. Kernodle

Heading: Greer, SC

The Fluor family lost a trusted friend and valued employee, Steve Ryan Kernodle, 58, on Wednesday, October 8, 2008, at his home surrounded by his family and friends, after a 16 month battle with cancer. He was born December 9, 1949 in Burlington, N.C., the son of Virginia Roney Kernodle and the late Graham Somers Kernodle. He graduated from Eastern Alamance High School in 1968 where he lettered in softball. Steve joined Fluor in 1980 as a structural engineer after eight years with Brown and Root, Inc. in Houston. Steve obtained a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from North Carolina State University in 1972 and his MBA from Clemson University in 1995. A Professional Engineer registered in eleven states, he contributed to Fluor through his work as a structural design engineer, principal structural engineer, project manager and director-structural engineering. He will be remembered for his technical expertise, welcoming manner and enduring friendship. He was a member of St. Giles Presbyterian Church. He served in the Air National Guard at Ellington Air Force Base in Houston, Texas from 1972-1978.

Steve enjoyed a variety of hobbies including photography, painting, archery, writing, gardening and jogging. He had a passion for life, a giving heart, and a gracious soul. He gave his time and knowledge to friends and strangers alike, always lending a helping hand. He was a dedicated husband and loving

father. The world has lost a good man, and he will be dearly missed by all whose lives he touched.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Lake Kernodle; his daughters, Shelly Lynanne Kernodle Thompson and Shanna Leanne Kernodle; his brother, Ronnie Kernodle and his mother, Virginia Kernodle.

Visitation will be held at St. Giles Presbyterian Church from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Friday, October 10, 2008.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Sunday, October 12, 2008 at Union Ridge Church in Burlington, N.C.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Union Ridge United Church, 115 Altamahaw-Union Ridge Road, Burlington, North Carolina, 27217.

Online condolence may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **10.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Saint Giles Presbyterian Church  
1021 Hudson Road  
Greenville, SC 29615

## Service

OCT **12.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Union Ridge Church  
Burlington, NC

# Tribute Wall



“ My family and myself was so sorry to hear that Steve had passed. I went to Eastern High School with Steve. I hadn't not seen Steve, I know, since then but I do remember him, then, as being a very smart, kind, gentle young man.  
We will keep Steve's family in our prayers and in our thoughts. May God be with each of you.##imported-begin##Julia F. Gilliam##imported-end##

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October 13, 2008 at 08:22 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Steve at fluor. Steve had such a kind and gentle soul. He loved his work and his family. Shanna and Shelly . . . your dad was so proud of you. Patty, you were the love of his life . . Steve will be so missed . . .##imported-begin##Joan E. Ragsdale##imported-end##

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October 13, 2008 at 10:52 AM



“ How lucky we were to call Steve Kernodle our friend here at Fluor. He was simply the best person you could ever ask for in a friend and co-worker.

*I send my prayers to the Kernodle Family for God's comfort now and in the days ahead.*

*Sharon E. Frazier*

*Fluor Corporation##imported-begin##Sharon E. Frazier##imported-end##*

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October 12, 2008 at 02:00 PM



“ Susan let me know the sad news which she heard in Maine and emailed me in Saudi. Steve's friends from Sipchem send their condolences (Khalil and Jorge). We are sorry we can't be there for you but call Susan when she ges back from her parents at the end of the month. We are right around the corner for you.  
It's hard for me to believe that Steve is gone. We have all known each other since we moved to Devenger when our children were so young.  
You and your daughters are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Tom and Susan Woodbury##imported-end##

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October 12, 2008 at 01:41 PM



“ Patti, I am so sorry.  
You and Steve sustaining love, commitment, compassion & strength to each other were evident and so admired.  
Although, our lives took different paths after high school, I hope I've shared with you my moments of reflection wondering about that genuine, fun girl who had an unique sincere gift to make a person feel special and valued.  
Some 6 yrs ago when I saw you (and Steve) @ the reunion was heart warming. At this last reunion, I witnessed Steve's strength & perseverance to be there and his pleasure/ joy in sharing another moment with you.  
Everything must be extremely difficult for you now and the months to come. I know your daughters, that you rightly took so much pride in, are at your side but please know you can count on us for a listening ear & our doors are open if you plan a visit to Houston.  
Anita##imported-begin##Anita Fisher Brand##imported-end##

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October 12, 2008 at 11:57 AM



“ Dear Patti , Shelly and Shanna,  
Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you  
today. The years that we spent as your neighbor are fondly  
remembered. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.  
Ted so enjoyed working with Steve .  
We hope that your wonderful memories of Steve will be your  
consolation.  
Love, Catherine and Ted###imported-begin##Catherine and Ted  
DiBlasi###imported-end##

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October 11, 2008 at 11:27 AM



“ Dear Patti, Shelly and Shanna,  
We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Steve. Our family will have  
your family in our prayers. It has been a long time since we were  
together on Hedgewood terrace watching our daughter Giselle and  
Shanna playing together while we visited. Those are the great  
memories we will always keep. We pray that God comforts you  
during this difficult time.  
  
Ted, Kathy, Giselle, Jonathan and Teddy DiBlasi###imported-  
begin##Ted and Kathy DiBlasi###imported-end##

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October 11, 2008 at 12:45 AM



“ To Virginia and all the family our heartfelf condolences. May GOD  
give Steve and the family peace and comfort.###imported-  
begin##Rebecca & Howard Caudle###imported-end##

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October 10, 2008 at 04:00 PM



“ We were so saddened to hear about Steve. He was a wonderful coworker and we will miss him greatly. The whole family will be in our thoughts and prayers. May God wrap his arms of love and comfort around you during this time and in the months to come.##imported-begin##James and Rebecca Wham##imported-end##

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October 10, 2008 at 03:41 PM



“ Steve has been my neighbor for 3 years as he and his family live across the street. I have always enjoyed conversations with Steve while we both worked in our yards. I also enjoyed the the best yard compition which Steve knew nothing of. No matter how long I slaved in the yard Steve's yard always looked perfect. And he made it look so easy. We will miss Steve, and will be praying for your family during this tough time. -Nate Brazelle##imported-begin##Nate Brazelle##imported-end##

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October 10, 2008 at 11:28 AM



“ Dear Patti,

*I am so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. I know he will be sorely missed by you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your girls as you go through this time of mourning.*

*I want you to know that I saw Steve recently and talked with him. I often thought what an inspiration he was as I saw him resume his jogging through the neighborhood and working in his yard - all the while battling this dreaded disease. I know you were very proud of him.*

*Sincerely thinking of you,*

*Doug Durham*##imported-begin##Doug Durham##imported-end##

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October 10, 2008 at 10:59 AM



“ *I worked with Steve at Fluor and will always remember him as a hard working and kind hearted person. I know that the angels are rejoicing to gain a beautiful soul while we are saddened that he is not a part of our lives anymore. Please know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers and may you find strength in God during this difficult time.*##imported-begin##Kelley Tysinger##imported-end##

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October 10, 2008 at 10:46 AM



“ In the many years I have worked in the structural engineering dept. at Fluor, I have always known Steve to be a true professional and a gentleman, dedicated to his profession, always ready to lend a helping hand and give advice, and never one to say a disparaging word. He was a positive influence on many and will be missed by all that knew him. May he rest in God's peace.##imported-begin##Ray Calabro##imported-end##

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October 10, 2008 at 08:42 AM



“ I graduated from high school with Steve and remember him as a kind and gentle person. I am sorry for your loss and pray that you will find peace and comfort in God's love.##imported-begin##Carolyn Richmond Turner##imported-end##

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October 10, 2008 at 08:28 AM



“ I had the privilege of working with Steve at Fluor since 1980. He will me remembered as knowledgeable professional engineer and as a trusted advisor. He had an important impact on many people's careers, including mine.  
He will be missed by all who knew him.##imported-begin##Frank Mansbach##imported-end##

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October 10, 2008 at 07:32 AM



“ Steve Kernodle will always be remembered as a good and hard working man. I had the privilege to work with Steve at Fluor from 1995-1997. Mrs. Kernodle and family, please accept my deepest sympathy. May God give you the comfort and peace you need during this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Maribel Thompson##imported-end##

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October 09, 2008 at 10:17 PM



“ Steve was a good friend when we were working together on the Big Island Steam Reformer project. He was always a very gracious person. He helped me get my engineering license when I was a young engineer. I will miss him. I'm glad I had the opportunity to talk to him on the telephone about a month ago. Please accept my condolences for your loss.##imported-begin##Matthew Thompson, Georgia-Pacific##imported-end##

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October 09, 2008 at 07:07 PM