



Scott R Semenik

June 29, 1964 - March 30, 2015

Funeral mass Tuesday April 7 2015 10:30 AM at St Francis Borgia Church 8033 W Addison St. Interment Private. Visitation Monday 3 PM-9 PM.

Comments



“ Scott was a great guy who's humor always made the day interesting. Thoughtful and diligent, ready to roll up his sleeves to do whatever was needed. Great ability to connect with people and make them feel good.

Jim Curtin - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ Scott was such a friendly, fun-loving, positive, and truly generous person. If the workplace mood was ever a little down or tense, Scott could always do or say something to make us laugh and bring the mood back up. I know him as a guy who worked hard to build his company and was great at his job, but he really loved being out on the golf course on those warm summer days. We will miss him.

Mike - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ Scott put the word "family" into PDT Family. I will always be grateful for the laughter he brought to us. He was so much more than a boss, he was a true friend who always had everyone else's needs ahead of his own. There will forever be a void in our hearts for him. Rest in Peace my friend.

Mary - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ I'm so very sorry to hear of Scott's passing. My deepest condolences to his family.

Gina Geraci-Hales - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ Scott was a great guy to work with. A voice of reason amid the chaos. I wish I would have had the chance to work with him more. He will be missed.

Corey - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ Scott was my neighbor and a truly great person. I would see him often walking his puppies with his wife. My sons would caddy for him at the golf club and he was so incredibly generous.

Mike - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ I am sorry for your loss.

Vince barango - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ My dearest brother. I will miss you for all of this earthly life. You were everything to me. My baby brother, my best friend. You were the light of so many people's lives, the fun, the laughter that was in the room. I can't fathom that you were taken away from us. I can't imagine life without you. I will cherish our memories forever and miss everything about you. Your love, your support, your intelligence, your patience, your everything. God grant your soul peace and may you be free from all the mortal failings of this world. God keep you in His arms because you can no longer be in mine. I love you with all my heart!

Sandra DeBosschere - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ When I think of Scott aka Otto, I'll think of his singing Christmas tunes with his loving sisters at Christmas, Ottofest, being so generous with my kids and always joking with Jake and Lara and trying to joke with Kasie, all the parties and get togethers with his wonderful group of long time friends and their families, Yvette and Kelly, his first dog, and again, the way he adored his sisters and they loved their baby brother right back. I'm so sorry Scott that you were in pain and you will be remembered and missed. Brian, Jenn, Jake, Lara and Kasie DeBosschere

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“ In my grief it warms my heart to read the messages from others who knew how special my brother was.

I have to write a long guestbook entry, as my brother would always be upset if you gave him a card and didn't have much to say.

That's the kind of person he was. He wanted to connect with others and be present and loving and fun.

My grief is almost unbearable. If I didn't have my faith it would be insurmountable. But I do have faith and I know my brother is with the Lord in peace. And that I will see him again some day.

My brother is now free from any earthly things that troubled and hurt him. For that I am grateful.

He knew how much he was loved. I cherished him and we were so incredibly close that I feel like I am missing a huge part of my heart now.

I can't imagine not having him around to entertain me. If you knew him, you know what I'm talking about. He was the fun one, the crazy one, the one who just went out there and did whatever he felt like doing. I am the reserved one, the one that worries about everybody, the one that kept everyone in line. Right when I would be trying to reign him in, he would imitate me or do something so crazy I would bust out in laughter! He could ALWAYS break my composure and make me smile and laugh. He brought such joy, such incredible joy.

To you brother, I miss you tremendously already and I can't imagine the days ahead without you. But I will uphold your memory, the way you lived and laughed and I will continue to try to do the same, because I know you would never want us to hurt like this. Thank God you are with Mom and Dad. Thank God that he has you now. I love you so much. Even though I told you often, I'm telling you again. I love you with all my heart!

Sandy DeBosschere - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ Sandra,

I was Scott's college roommate at the U of Illinois. You probably don't remember me, but I met you over 30 years ago at your parents' house on the West Side of Chicago. I live out in Oregon now, and was informed of Scott's passing by the circle of friends from college.

I am incredibly saddened by this news. Scott and I had a lot of good times together and I benefited greatly from his friendship, as well as the halo of strong character that obviously came from his family.

We will all miss a piece of something very important until the day when we can rejoin him in a place of eternal happiness.

Matthew Bohnert - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ Scott, I remember you fondly and am sorry that you are gone. However, I celebrate your life and I am grateful for the good will you dispensed so selflessly. To make everyone you came into contact better off, is the greatest expression of God's will. Please be at peace, know you are loved and lived life well.

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“ So sorry for your loss.....James Reno

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“ Scott you will be deeply missed your sense of humor was contagious. The first time I met you / you just picked me up!!! You were too young to leave but I know your resting peacefully in our Fathers arms.

Esther Diaz de Leon - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ Scott was a great person. I will miss his smile, his laughter and his jokes. Rest in peace.

Vichet - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ Matt - I completely do remember you! I hope you are well and I appreciate your kind words!

Sandy DeBosschere - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ scott say it aint so. rest in peace brother.

mike egan - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ Sandy:

Scott was a grammar and high school classmate, teammate and consummate Semenik kitchen nerf basketball court opponent gone too soon. Knowing his love of golf, I felt oddly drawn to the course, and walked 5 holes yesterday in 42 degree weather.

It was sunny and the breeze subsided just as I teed off. (I found myself wondering if maybe Scott briefly looked in on me, and was cutting me some slack as it would have been nasty in that wind.) As I walked the near empty course I thought about the fragility of life and about the six plus years Scott and I were small parts of the others daily life.

I was drawn to Scott for his quick wit, ready smile and facile mind. While the two of us lost touch after high school, the video slide show and comments from others show he'd not lost any of those qualities over the years. In fact he enhanced them.

He certainly continued to touch family, friends and colleagues with the same qualities I recall fondly. He also lived up to his early promise, leveraging his intellectual horsepower and finding time to be credited as inventor/co-inventor on 15 US patents over 20 year period. (That's amazing!) It also sounds like he even managed to squeeze in a round of golf on occasion . . . or maybe I should say pretty regularly.

My prayers for Scott, you and the entire Semenik family.

Joe Beckman

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“ Sandy:

Scott was a grammar and high school classmate, teammate and - on the Semenik kitchen "court" - the consummate nerf basketball opponent. Out of deference to his disdain for a card that "didn't have much to say," I'll write a few more lines.

This upsetting news about his passing contributed to an inability for me to focus. Finding myself unexpectedly in town on an "off day," I decided to head out for a walk to reflect on "Otto" and the fragility of life. I did this despite the 42 degree thermostat.

The day's wind abruptly stopped halfway down the first fairway. My first thought was to wonder if Scott - after all these years - was looking down and doing one last solid. I recalled those silly nerf games, and how your mom would insist we stop and drink some grape juice "between periods." I recalled how, as a "late arrival" at SFB during 6th grade, I found myself drawn to Scott's quick wit, ready smile and facile mind.

We lost contact after high school, but the wonderful slide show and comments from others illustrate he'd not lost any of those fine qualities. In fact, it appears he only enhanced them over the years. He also "let his light shine" by applying his considerable intellect to strike out from Motorola, found a company, and be named as an inventor/co-inventor on 15 US patents over 20 year period. (My own soon to be mechanical engineering degree candidate was blown away by that accomplishment, as he should be.)

I join you in grieving for your loss. Your brother and family will be in my prayers.

Joe Beckman

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“ oh scott! i love you so much! I'm glad i had some time to be closer with you, my neighbor. i miss you so much! you will always be in my heart. you made me laugh a lot and were so much fun to be with. i will remember all of our good times, your generous nature and your loving soul.your favorite sister,verna

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“ Scott will be greatly missed by many. He was one of the most giving people I've ever met. God bless you Scott.

Ted Schwartz - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ I am shocked and saddened to hear of Scott's sudden passing. Please accept my deepest condolences.

Ceil Kruczek - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ Scott was one of the most exciting, funny, and genuine people I have ever known. Knowing that he had such a wonderful group of friends and family surrounding him every day warms my heart. Rest in peace Scott.

Matt Dean - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ Always called him Scotty to annoy him..but that was hard to do as you all know - plus he always came right back at me with some witty joke(s) (that he always laughed at the hardest). Scott was a great friend..I can say I am truly better off for having known him...kind, giving...wonderful person.
All our love and wishes for peace - Moses family

Erik Moses - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ Scott was a great guy to have worked with who epitomized working hard and having fun. His sense of humor and dedication will be sorrowfully missed. It was a privilege to have known him. Rest in Peace and God Bless.

Amar - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ I met Scott recently, in March of 2014. I was fortunate enough to be invited to spend a few days with him and his great group of buddies. It did not take long for me to realize that Scott was the "Go to Guy" for making sure that everyone was having a great time. He was charming, funny & sincere and he always made sure his buddies had an ice cold refreshment for March Madness.

I marveled at his ability to say "hello" or crack a joke to 100+ people that walked past us at our little pool party. Remarkably, everyone smiled back or offered a high 5 or some sort of friendly acknowledgement. His positive energy was unmatched but it was contagious and if Scott was around, it only meant that we were all having a good time. I know that his huge "Inner circle" of friends are all really hurting right now. I am proud to say that Scott was a friend of mine who impacted me and I will never forget him. He will RIP.

Coleman Conneely

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“ To Scott's biological and PDT families. I am sorry for your loss. I knew Scott for 15 years and he brightened every day I saw him, with his quick wit and great sense of humor. It was always a good day to stop by his desk when I was at PDT. He was smart, inventive, and cared greatly for the family formed at PDT over the years. May he rest in peace and the rest of us let the good times roll in our hearts as we look back on our time with him. Regards, Jim Grotelueschen

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“ Scott lives on for me in many bright and fond memories of our mutual 'professional youth' era at Moto in the 80s. I'm glad our lives coincided for that brief period. My deepest condolences go out to his family and to all the other friends he's also touched: we've lost him too soon.

Steve Green - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ Scott, I am deeply saddened to hear of your passing. Since your passing, I have prayed for you and your family. Our recent outing at the Bull's games was so fun. You and I were jamming to the oldies (80's music). We laughed and had a great time and I will forever remember that smile. My heart goes out to your family and friends. The Lord received another angel.

Ronda Allen - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ I'll never forget our work travel and golfing times together (Especially at Ryan Diam events). Scott had so much energy and competitive camaraderie. He will be sorely missed. Karl

Karl Schmitt - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ Scott was one of the bright lights in my brother Mark's life. Mark loved him like a brother. They have shared so much history, so much success and so much fun and laughter. May all the wonderful memories of Scott warm my brothers heart forever. Love and prayers to your family. Rest in Peace Scott...you have earned your place in paradise.

Jill Muschong (Schwartz) - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ I am deeply sorry for loss.

Orlando Burgos - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ We will miss you very much, I will remember your laughter and fun times you had with my grandchildren, Ryan and Andrew.

john and Mary Ann Raffaelli - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ I known Scott for 15 years. Even thou I worked in two of PDT's branch offices, Scott was always avabile when needed. I enjoyed his humor and I will always have respect for him. He made the branch offices feel that they were part of the PDT family. He truly cared about people!

My Prayers go out to Scott's Family and Friends!

Scott Johnson - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ Scott: Was a great person and a good friend.
I knew Scott for the past 15+ years thru business and was fortunate to play golf with him several times. I will miss his passion and friendship. Best Regards- Brad Rendell

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“ Scott was so full of life and considerate of others I am at a loss of words and thoughts. Scott was a great listener and always contributed in a positive way to me professional and personally.

Chuck - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ I wish to express my condolences to Scott's family and friends. I worked with Scott for over 16 years and considered Scott like a brother. He was there for me whenever I needed help and was a great mentor. He taught me to always strive for doing the best job possible while all at the same time finding fun in everything I do. I absolutely know I am a better person for knowing him and my only regret is that I left PDT and missed out on 6 additional years I could have spent with him. Life is an unknown and does not always make sense but I care to live the remainder the way Scott lived his every single day. Honest, caring, compassionate, generous, and insanely funny and filled with laughter. Peace bit with you. LPB

Paul Kudrna - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ Dear Sandra,

Like Matt Bohnert, from whom I learned of Scott's passing this morning, I knew Scott at the University of Illinois. He and I both studied Mechanical Engineering there. Unfortunately, I saw him perhaps only once or twice after graduation on rare occasions when I happened to be in Chicago.

I have vivid memories of him, however, to this day. He was a very intelligent, thoughtful, gentle, funny young man. Unusually thoughtful, kind and gentle for his age, it occurred to me at that time. Over the years I've carried memories of him with me and was happy to hear of his successes as an engineer and entrepreneur through mutual college friends.

I'm so sorry for your loss. He obviously touched many people, as is evident from the comments here. Even if their regular interaction with him (like mine) ended long ago, his kindness, spirit, and generosity has accompanied them through their lives and will continue to do so.

Very truly yours,
Bill Pegues

Bill Pegues - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ I want to thank everyone who came to the visitation and mass in honor of my loving, wonderful brother Scott. Thank you to those who sent cards, called, visited, and brought food, or offered prayers and support.

Thank you to so many of his friends from childhood and Holy Cross, NIU and U of I, Motorola and PDT. Thank you to family, extended family, and friends. And many, many golfing buddies and business associates.

And thank you for all your stories. The stories and memories are the absolute best way to honor him.

We are so grateful for your support of our family and remembrance of our amazing and loving brother.

I was thinking today about how competitive my brother was. How he would never just 'let' someone win. How he was so challenging and had such quick wit. For those of you who are thinking of looking up to heaven and sinking that hole in one - forget about it, you're on your own!

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart!

Sandy

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“ Celebration of Life video that my friend Mike made for me:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jCK-PL_9Z0k

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“ Deepest sympathy on the loss of a dear brother and friend, our prayers are with you.

Allen Podgor - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ My heart-felt condolences to the family.Scott, going to miss you. I fondly remember the times you and Mark S. were working late into the night doing your CAD thing.God Bless You.

Stuart Garner - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ Scott I will always love you and hold you in my heart. I can't believe you've been gone for almost 6 months. I miss you horribly. You will always be my baby brother, my friend, my confidant, my partner in crime, my hero. The world lost an amazing man that day. A great brother, friend, uncle, and son. You were an amazing human being!

Sandy - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ Scott I can't believe you're gone a year. Hardest year of my life. I miss you every day although you already know that. May you bask in God's peace and love. I'm spending all day today with memories of you. We have a ton. A ton of crazy moments, made crazier because of you! I love you brother. Always in our hearts!

Sandy - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ Little brother I miss you. I miss your smile and your laughter. I miss your impressions. Nobody can imitate Dad's crabby face like you can. Nobody can imitate all the characters in Rudolph. I miss how you could always one-up me and make fun of me and I would get mad but still laugh because you were hysterical. You were the best brother ever and I will keep you in my heart forever! Love you my dear!

Sandra DeBosschere - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ Thinking of you, Sandy, Jacque, Danny & all the loved ones of Scotty. Love, Laura

Laura Grimes - June 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ Scott was a great partner to work with. He always took into consideration how things would affect his team members before himself. He will be missed and my condolences to the PDT family for their loss. May Scott rest in peace. - Adriana and Mesirow Financial family

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