Steve Morgandale

The following are some photos, with descriptions, provided to us by Steve's daughter, Erica, at our request, after she sent us this first message...

"Hello, I was browsing the internet today and came across your website. Thank you for remembering my father. I would like to ask that he be placed in the "Those That Served" section of your website as well. I don't have the specific dates of his service but he was serving in the Air Force during the time of the Vietnam War. He was luckily sent to Korea instead of Vietnam during that time. He was also a Senior Master Sergeant in the Air National Guard at the time of his death. Thank You, Erica Morgandale"

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Here are some photos of my dad.

The first is of his fourth birthday.

The second is of his high school graduation. I recall him saying he went to tech school for his final year for auto mechanics. I remember him saying that it was the first year the tech school was open.

The third is of his wedding to my mom Kate. Her maiden name was Sherman and when she was young they called her Cathie. She graduated from Cardinal Dougherty. She was one of 8 children and some of her younger siblings did go to Cheltenham High. They grew up a block apart. My dad was good friends with my mom's older brother Bob. That's how they met.

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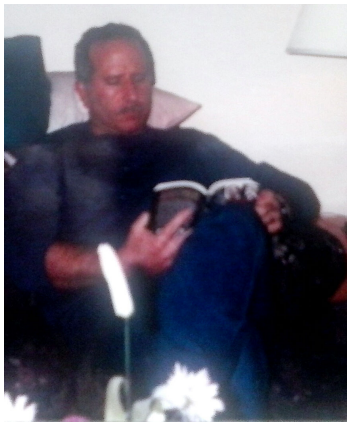
The fourth is Christmas dinner when I had just turned 1. My birthday's Christmas Eve.

The fifth is of my dad trying to coax my sister into letting him get a splinter out of her finger. Three years after my birth they had my sister Sara. She is also a December baby. Her birthday is the 16th.

The sixth picture is of my parents aboard a boat when they attended the Annapolis Sailing School. They were avid sailors. Our family first had a small sailboat that we would sail at Lake Nockamixon, and later my parents became involved with the Tall Ship Preservation Society of Philadelphia. They both volunteered on the tall ship the Gazela. They would help sail the ship to all different ports throughout the United States. The Gazela was actually used in the movie Interview with the Vampire starring Brad Pitt and Tom Cruise during the time in which my parents were crew members. Shortly before their deaths they purchased a large sailboat and became members of the Philadelphia Yacht Club.



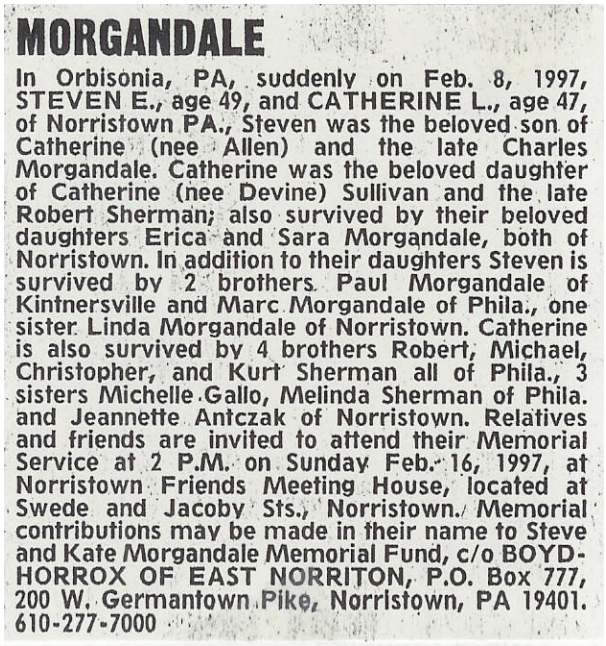
The final picture is of my dad a few years prior to his death. And of course he's reading, which is something my entire family loves to do.

Thanks, Erica

On Steve's and Kate's passing...

"My mom and dad passed in a car accident. They were traveling during poor weather in a mountainous area of Pennsylvania. They slid on a patch of black ice and into the opposite lane. They were hit head on by a large truck. They both died instantaneously."

This notice is from the Philadelphia Inquirer



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In Orbisonia, PA, suddenly on Feb. 8, 1997, STEVEN E., age 49, and CATHERINE L., age 47, of Norristown PA., Steven was the beloved son of Catherine (nee Allen) and the late Charles Morgandale. Catherine was the beloved daughter of Catherine (nee Devine) Sullivan and the late Robert Sherman; also survived by their beloved daughters Erica and Sara Morgandale, both of Norristown. In addition to their daughters Steven is survived by 2 brothers Paul Morgandale of Kintnersville and Marc Morgandale of Phila., one sister Linda Morgandale of Norristown. Catherine is also survived by 4 brothers Robert, Michael, Christopher, and Kurt Sherman all of Phila., 3 sisters Michelle Gallo, Melinda Sherman of Phila. and Jeannette Antczak of Norristown. Relatives and friends are invited to attend their Memorial Service at 2 P.M. on Sunday Feb. 16, 1997, at Norristown Friends Meeting House, located at Swede and Jacoby Sts., Norristown. Memorial contributions may be made in their name to Steve and Kate Morgandale Memorial Fund, c/o BOYD-HORROX OF EAST NORRITON, P.O. Box 777, 200 W. Germantown Pike, Norristown, PA 19401. 610-277-7000