

Steven Gaul, 42 ✓

Dec. 10, 1969 - Aug. 31, 2012

CALLAHAN, FL — Steven

Andrew Gaul, the son of Robert and Joan Gaul, Harlan, was born on December 10, 1969 at Eglin AFB, FL. He was baptized at Hurlburt Field, FL and was confirmed at Soesterberg AB, Holland. He attended schools at Okinawa AB, Japan; St. Joseph's Catholic School, Earling; Soesterberg AB, Holland, and Minot High School, Minot, ND. Steven graduated from the Harlan Community High School, Harlan, in 1987 as class Valedictorian. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry from Iowa State University, Ames, in 1994. In 2009 he received a Master of Science degree in Agricultural Education and Communication from the University of Florida, Gainesville.



After graduation from Iowa State, Steven began working for the Florida Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry, Tallahassee, FL. During his years in forestry, he also worked with the Interagency Incident Management Team, to fight forest fires in the western US. In 2006, Steven, a member of the faculty of the University of Florida, joined the Nassau County Extension Service as an Agricultural Agent I. In July 2012, he was promoted to Agricultural Agent II and earned permanent status from the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida. In August 2012, he was installed as president-elect of the Florida Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals (FANREP).

January 17, 2004 Steven was united in marriage to Marie Carter of Hilliard, FL at Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church, Callahan, FL. Steven was a loving husband, father, son and brother. Steven loved trees, plants, and being out in nature. Even as a child, he would collect seeds and plant them in containers on his window sill. He had a small garden in Holland and wore his wooden shoes as he worked in it. At Iowa State, he worked in the university greenhouse. He enjoyed being a forester so that he could plant trees, help take care of them, and try to save them during forest fires. Steven enjoyed being an extension agent because he could teach children and adults in schools, 4-H events, county fairs, and extension events. He was so proud of the Farmers Market that he helped bring to Callahan and his recent Robotics class. He loved sharing his Catholic faith, as he and his wife taught high school students at their parish CCD programs. He was an athlete who enjoyed biking, hiking, swimming, playing tennis, and running. His love of running began when on the track team in high school. He ran in many events, such as the Jacksonville River Run. Steven died at Shands Jacksonville Medical Center in Jacksonville, FL on Friday, August 31, 2012 at the age of forty-two years.

Steven is survived by his wife Marie and daughter Aeleyni of Callahan, FL; his parents Robert and Joan Gaul of Harlan; sister Julie and her husband Dr. Kevin Allemagne of

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Fitchburg, WI; grandmother Margaret Feldman of Harlan; nieces, Cecilia and Madeline Allemagne; nephew Jonathan Allemagne; other relatives and many friends and co-workers.

Rev. Richard Perko celebrated the 6:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church in Callahan, FL.



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