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WE ARE ALL SO LUCKY TO HAVE KNOWN STEVE HILGENBERG.

The twinkle in his eye, his determined spirit, his dedication to what was right and good: Steve had a special way!

He brought to politics and life characteristics which are all too rare. We feel honored to have worked with him - and to have called him a friend.

Steve served on the Leadership Council of Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin for several years before deciding to run for office. He brought to that assignment the same integrity and commitment to the common good that he later brought to all the residents of the 51st Assembly District. He is sorely missed.

To Mary and Molly and their family, we say thanks so much for sharing him with so many of us. And thanks, too, for your dedication and hard work for the people Steve served.

A memorial celebration of Steve's life is scheduled for Sunday, April 17, at Deer Valley Lodge in Barneveld, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. with a service at 2:30 p.m. Mary and Molly are asking folks to bring favorite "Steve" anecdotes to post. In lieu of flowers, they will be setting up a higher education scholarship fund (details to come) and also invite people to contribute to other local charities in Steve's name.