



## Robert Steven Blois

November 23, 1951 - October 26, 2025

Robert Steven (“Steve”) Blois passed away on October 26, 2025, due to complications from mesothelioma.

Steve was born on November 23, 1951 in Phoenix, AZ. He moved with his family to Santa Barbara and then to Goleta in 1965. He attended Dos Pueblos High School and became an Eagle Scout. He graduated with a degree in Industrial Engineering from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 1973, where he also served as president of his chapter of the Delta Tau fraternity. He settled in Camarillo, CA in 1978 with his first wife (Barbara Ray Blois) and had two children, Jessica Blois and Jaime Blois Lewis. He married the love of his life, Brenda Kennedy Blois, in 2022, and they split their time between Lake Nacimiento and Goleta.

Steve spent his career setting the foundation and leading Blois Construction, Inc. into one of the most respected heavy civil contractors in the Southern California region before retiring in 2003. His respect for and ability to connect with everyone, from the brand-new laborer to the highest executive, is what made Steve special. After retirement, he established Valley Vista Consulting, serving the construction industry with his extensive knowledge and experience. Steve was passionate and active in advancing his industry through the Ventura County Contractors Association (President, 1990), the Associated General Contractors of California (President, 2007) and the

Construction Education Foundation.

One of Steve's other interests was water policy. He served for many years on the Board of Directors for Crestview Mutual Water Company in Camarillo and was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2008 to serve on the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Board. Steve also served on the Calleguas Municipal Water District (2014 - 2022), where he served as Calleguas' representative to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Most recently, he served on the Board of Directors for the Nacimiento Regional Water Management Advisory Committee.

Steve contributed to many other efforts. He was a management Trustee for the Laborers of So. Cal. Health & Welfare Trust Fund. He served as an advisory Board member of the Camarillo Boys & Girls Club. He also served on Cal State Channel Islands' Foundation Board from 2003 - 2012, with service as Board Chair from 2009 - 2011 and he received CSUCI's Robert J. Lagomarsino Award in 2013 for his support for the university.

As a high school senior, Steve was an exchange student in Germany through the American Field Service intercultural program. As an adult, he was active for many years in AFS programs in California, serving as a host family for young students and helping support student placement and programming.

Steve's year in Germany had a big influence and he enjoyed traveling to new places. Steve enjoyed spending time with people - he was very social and made sure to check in with everyone in his life regularly. At the Northshore community at Lake Nacimiento, he would "make the rounds" most evenings he was there and check in with everyone in the community. Following in the footsteps of his parents, Bob and Jean Blois, Steve had a huge commitment to service and community. He was generous with his time and knowledge. He respected everyone and was great at connecting with and bringing people

together. He prized education and was excited to learn new information and skills. His daily question to his daughters at the dinner table was “What did you learn today?”

Steve is survived by his wife Brenda, his daughters Jessica Blois and Jaime Blois Lewis, his son-in-law Blake Lewis; his three grandchildren Claire, Owen, and Jacob Lewis; his brothers Doug Blois (Dian), Scott Blois, Jim Blois (Alice), and Mike Blois (Juli), and their families; his stepchildren Jeff Kennedy (Trudy) and Kristin Kiefer (Scott) and their families; and numerous extended family and friends.

A memorial service will be held in the future. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jessica Blois at [jessicablois@yahoo.com](mailto:jessicablois@yahoo.com) for details. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Steve’s name to AFS Intercultural Programs (<https://afs.org/donate/>), Boys and Girls Club (<https://www.bgca.org/ways-to-give>), CSU Channel Islands (<https://www.csuci.edu/giving/causes/annual-giving.htm>), or the Associated General Contractors of California Construction Education Foundation (<https://www.agc-ca.org/resources/workforce-development/construction-education-foundation/>).

# Tribute Wall

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“ I wanted to share a few thoughts about Steve Blois, who has been a major part of Blois Construction. Even though Steve had retired before I joined Blois in 2005, I had the chance to see him at least once a week since then. Whether he was checking on the work status at Blois or borrowing a shop tool (often mine), Steve's presence was always welcomed.

Over the years, I've worked on countless projects with Steve, ranging from his garden tractor, motorhome, UTV, boat, a two-story dock, Chevy Tahoe, and more. I used to worry that Jim Blois might be upset about me working on Steve's personal projects, but that never happened. Instead, we made time and helped wherever we could with whatever ambitious project Steve was working on.

One thing I truly learned from Steve is that any of us can handle almost any project, no matter how simple or complex. His ambitious, "do anything" personality was a huge part of his success and the success of Blois Construction. Many of his professional colleagues might not realize the extent of his skill set. Not only could he manage an office or run a company, but he was also a pipe layer, operator, mechanic, welder, framer, mason, and electrician. Steve had an incredible ability to take on any task that came his way.

Steve will be dearly missed. His dedication, versatility, and can-do attitude has left a lasting impression on all of us. I'm grateful for the time I spent working with him, hanging out and even having a beer together and for the many lessons he taught me.

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Tyler Boggs - November 05, 2025 at 04:45 PM

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“ *What was supposed to be a temporary placement ended up becoming a six-month stay that shaped my life in ways I’ll never forget.*

*I met Steve back in 2002 during my time with AFS. Living with him and Barbara was where I truly began to understand the American dream — not from books or TV, but through the warmth, generosity, and everyday moments we shared.*

*Steve loved sports. It was with him that I learned how to water ski at Lake Nacimiento, snow ski, go boating, and attend my very first Dodgers game. We’d spend hours talking about basketball and football (the American kind), and I still remember how seriously he took his weekly game picks.*

*He had a real passion for woodwork — I still recall helping him build Jamie’s desk one summer — and an even deeper fascination with diggers, water systems, and pipes. That was classic Steve: curious, hardworking, and hands-on with everything he did.*

*Years later, I had the privilege of returning the favor when he came to visit me in Malaysia in 2016. We might not have spoken much after that, but I have never forgot him. I sent him a birthday greeting last year, not realizing it would be the last.*

*When he visited, he handed me one of those blue Blois Construction hats — I still keep it to this day. A small reminder of a big-hearted man who opened his home and shared his world with me.*

*Gone, but never forgotten. Rest easy, Steve.*

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**Keith Wu** - October 31, 2025 at 11:25 AM



“ Steve was one of the good guys. I met him when we were both volunteers with the AFS organization and have been friends for many years since. When our family lived in Salinas CA Steve came to stay with us and I enjoyed our talks and our mutual like for the AFS student exchange organization. He invited us down to his place at Nacimiento Lake on a couple of occasions to BBQ and swim. We learned too that we both grew up in Santa Barbara California. I went to Santa Barbara High and Steve went to San Marcos High. Steve will be very much missed.

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**Roy Michaels** - October 30, 2025 at 02:56 PM



“ My name is Nan from Thailand. 24 years ago, I was an exchange student who spend about one month at the house on Valley Vista Drive before being placed to my host family. I remembered that we went to the lake for AFS orientation, we were trying to do water ski and had fun playing the ring. Steve also took me to see a football game at USC the University Jamie went.

Steve was a very kind person and has been supporting others in many ways.

Thank you Steve. Thank you for playing a big part of our AFS community. Thank you for helping others with your big heart.

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**Warongsiri (Nan)** - October 30, 2025 at 02:36 PM