



Steven W. Crone

February 19, 1954 - March 1, 2025

COLEBROOK, NH – Steven W. Crone, 71, died peacefully at home on March 1, 2025, following an extended battle with cancer. Steve is survived by his wife, Leonarda Joost.

Steve was born on February 19, 1954, in Meriden, CT, to his late parents Paul R. and Nancy (Ridley) Crone. Following graduation from O. H. Platt High School, he graduated from the University of Rhode Island, followed by focused alpine ecology studies at Western Colorado University. While in school, Steve was involved formally in athletics, from his early days in little league and high school baseball and football programs to quarterbacking his college team.

Raised in a household where winter mountain sports were held in high regard, Steve became an excellent Alpine skier/racer, the result of his family's proverbial trips each weekend during the winter to Okemo Mountain in Vermont. Steve's love for skiing rubbed off on his hometown friends as well, recognizing from his lead just how much fun skiing can be. Somewhat later in life, he also became involved and advanced in the Nordic winter sports, including cross country and particularly, telemark skiing.

After his educational pursuits, Steve traveled extensively throughout the country, exploring remote areas from Florida to Alaska. His love for nature and need to connect closely with the environment was a driving force throughout his life. He was particularly drawn to northern New England, establishing homesteads with his wife in southern Maine and northern New Hampshire. An early passion that defined Steve's life was running a bed and breakfast (Telemark Inn Wilderness Lodge) in Bethel, ME, with guests participating in outdoor adventures, including llama treks, horseback riding, nature walks and his absolute favorite activities, dog-driven skijoring and mushing as part of his New England Dogsledding business. Both enterprises were featured in newspapers, magazines, online videos, and television news programs over the years.

Steve's lifelong relationship with dogs gave him much joy, a remarkable bond that all friends and family recognized was part of his fabric, one based on unconditional friendship

and love for one another. Steve's devotion to animals extended well beyond his dogs, including the cats he rescued later in life, and many llamas, horses, and goats considered members of his extended family. His interest in the natural world knew no bounds as well, being a committed observer, ecologist, and conservationist—Steve was an active and vocal proponent for healthy ecosystems, both flora and fauna. He projected a simple vision in life, using the medium of outdoor adventure as a vehicle for connecting people to nature in a tangible and meaningful way, with all embracing his enthusiasm and parting with their own commitment to protecting our natural resources.

In addition to his wife, Steve is also survived by his brothers Paul Crone and Eric Crone, sister Susan Berry (Jonathan), aunt Lorna Bolger, uncle Peter Ridley (Ann), nephews Robert Berry and Jonah Berry (Shaelen), and several cousins.

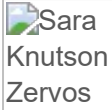
Heartfelt thanks and much gratitude to David Pill and Hillary Maharam for their friendship and generosity that helped Steve undertake newer innovative therapies for combating cancer. Many thanks to anticancer researcher Dr. Young Hee Ko for her invaluable knowledge and compassionate guidance throughout Steve's long-term fight against the disease.

A celebration of Steve's life will be announced at a later date.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home of Colebrook is entrusted with final arrangements.

Tribute Wall



Sara
Knutson
Zervos

“ I’m just destroyed by this news. Our family visited Steve’s place years ago, and we had an amazing time with the dogs, llama soccer, jumping into pools, and eating the best cauliflower of my life. I’ve loved sharing comments with him especially over the last few years, as we both discovered how amazing cats are (as previously dog- only lovers). I had no idea he was battling the Cancer. I’ve thought many times how I want to visit, see the farm and the animals, pet Mando and flirt with the hummingbirds. I’m so sorry for the sorrow for all who loved him, and I hope he is enjoying other pastures with no pain.

Sara Knutson Zervos - March 11, 2025 at 11:11 PM



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“ Steve was my High School ski coach (TRHS in Maine).....on telemark skis. He was my first up close introduction to tele skiing. Later in life I followed his lead and have never looked back - great guy, a ton of passion and energy. He will be missed.

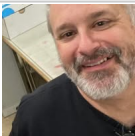
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“ The Roberts family was very much connected to the Crone family. Mostly through football at Platt and those Sunday’s at the Crone homestead. But obviously the bond was closer than just sports.I ware the famous “Crone Hat”proudly. There is sorrow in my heart and a tear in my eyes as I pray for Steve and his family

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“ So sorry to hear about Steve. Last time I saw him was at Paul's (his Dad) Memorial here in Meriden and we had a few laughs. Good guy who will surely be missed.

Jim & Denise (Mailhot) Rinaldi

Jim Rinaldi - March 11, 2025 at 08:10 AM