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Steven Mackin was one of those magnetic, warm and fun loving people that you come across so rarely in a lifetime. He loved life and enjoyed meeting new people. His spirit captivated the hearts of people that he met in person, over the Internet and on many of his various trips. Steven Mackin was a beautiful friend.

In October, 2006 a rare form of bone cancer called Ewing's Sarcoma took Steven's life, and he passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by friends and family. Out of tragedy and heartache, though, our grief manifests into something positive.

That "something positive" was the foundation of Stomp Out Cancer (stompoutcancer.com), which works to raise awareness about Ewing's Sarcoma, and also raises money to find less toxic treatment methods and early detection tests.

Steven's love for music inspired us, his loved ones, to create an annual CD in memory or tribute to those who either have passed away from Ewing's Sarcoma or who are in remission. I know that Steven wouldn't have it any other way, because to him, everything had a soundtrack, and life was a journey.

In the end, my friend, we carry your memory forward and are working to help others. You will never be forgotten. You are always in our hearts.

Love, Jake A. Wheat
President, StompOutCancer.com