

Steve and Peggie Sue Dygert Introduction

Steve Dygert is originally from Omaha Nebraska. He was a teacher for 32 years, having taught in public and private schools, and on the college level for over 20 years as a band director, choir director, and administrator. Steve's son Cameron is a 26 year-old graduate of the University of Nebraska in Computer Game Design.

His education was received from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona, and Suffield University in Idaho.

Steve's performance experience as a musician has been extensive over the years. He has played with various groups ranging from the Omaha Symphony Orchestra to the Glenn Miller Orchestra. For ten years, Steve made his living playing in the pit orchestra for musical comedies such as the first two national road tours of 'Annie' with Harv Presnell and Kathleen Freeman; 'Sugar Babies' with Mickey Rooney and Ann Miller; 'Hello Dolly' with Carol Channing; and 'Anything Goes' with Cid Caesar. He has also been a member of the Nelson Riddle Orchestra. In a different mode of musical performance, Steve directed a 44 voice male barbershop chorus in Pinetop, Arizona, the White Mountain Chorus, which is associated with the Far Western District of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Steve was selected to present the music for the Lutheran Student Movement Convention (LCA) in Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1982 along with LCMS Pastor Dave Kehret. Pastor Kehret was also the campus pastor at Valparaiso University for almost 20 years. Steve has also been on the Board of Elders in four Lutheran Churches; Peace Lutheran in Omaha, Nebraska; The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, Omaha, Nebraska; Faith Lutheran in Safford, Arizona; and First Lutheran in Papillion, Nebraska. Steve also served on the Vestry for the Episcopal Church of Our Savior in Pinetop, Arizona. The Nebraska District Campus Ministry Board was also part of Steve's service to the Lutheran Church in the late 1970s. He was also elected Vice-President of the Ennis Christian Minister's Association in 2017.

Steve comes from a Russian/German family that has produced over 60 pastors for the Wisconsin and Missouri Synods, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America over the last century. Now the family is represented in the newest branch of Lutheranism, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ.

Athletics was important for Steve, coming from a baseball family. He played baseball for Omaha Central High School, and was a member of the United States Olympic Judo Team in 1982, which led him to an intimate relationship with traction for over four months after that experience. He has also been selected on three different occasions for Who's Who Among America's Teachers, and he is also listed in Who's Who in America, and Outstanding Young Men of America. Steve was also selected as Teacher of the Year in 2007 in Missouri Valley, Iowa. He was also picked as a Community Leader of the Future in 1996 by the United States Air Force. Because of this selection, Steve was invited by the Air Force to have lunch with the president at the White House in the summer of 1996.

Peggie Sue McClellan Dygert was born in Montgomery, Alabama, and grew up on the Gulf of Mexico in Mobile. She later lived near Birmingham, Alabama, in Gardendale. After high school, she joined the Air Force and served in Germany, where her 33 year old daughter Rachel was born. She then served in California at Edwards Air Force Base, and then moved to Virginia where her now 29 year old son Joshua was born. Josh is a professional cook and is studying to be a Sous-Chef at a college in Kansas.

While in Virginia, Peggie was a Department of Defense civil servant working for the United States Navy as a Transportation Clerk. While serving in the same capacity at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska, she was blessed with a beautiful grand-daughter, Katie, now 15 years old, and a great clarinet player.

Peggie Sue has been in many career fields including the banking industry at Pentagon Federal Credit Union for eleven years. While in Fort Wayne, Peggie served as an adult care giver for Bethesda Lutheran Communities. Peggie also is extremely interested in zoology, and has served as a Docent at the Henry Doorly Zoo for many years, as well at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo. She has taught Sunday School for 20 years and has especially enjoyed working with three year olds.

Steve and Peggie Sue met in 2005 and began their life together to the sound of a Scottish Pipes and Drum Band at their wedding. (And yes, the paint stayed on the walls!) They have enjoyed spending time with their granddaughter, traveling, and visiting with family and friends. Peggie enjoys working with children. Steve and Peggie have a mixed marriage, with Steve rooting for Nebraska in the Big 10, and Peggie rooting for Alabama in the Southeastern Football Conferences.

Peggie has been known to make a mean jambalaya for Mardi Gras along with other Cajun delicacies, and Steve is known for his Czech, German, Russian, and Chinese cooking. They both look forward to their new adventure that God has in store for them.