The Steve Guse Memorial Athletic Scholarship was established in memory of Steven T. Guse, M.D., by his family and his School of Mines’ friends. Steve passed away on May 26, 2011, in Fayetteville, North Carolina, due to complications from leukemia.

Steve was born in Melrose Park, Illinois, to David and Karen (Schubert) Guse on January 26, 1965. He graduated from Sioux Falls Lincoln High School in 1983 and went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from the School of Mines in 1987. While a student at the School of Mines, Steve was a member of the Hardrocker football team and a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity.

This scholarship will be awarded to a student who is a member of the varsity football team at the School of Mines.

Steve worked as a mechanical engineer for eight years in Colorado Springs, Colorado, the last years of which he worked with the Apple Corporation. Steve earned his doctorate from the University of South Dakota School of Medicine in 1998. He completed a surgical internship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, before entering the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Residency Program at Loma Linda University Medical Center in Loma Linda, California.

Guse practiced at the Physical Rehabilitation Department at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls; the Independence Back Institute in Wilmington, North Carolina; and the RPK Center for Rehabilitation, Spine, and Pain Management in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Steve enjoyed playing baseball at a young age and played football with the Livonia, Michigan Cardinals, the Lincoln High School Patriots, and the Hardrockers. He was an avid fan of the Detroit Lions and a lover of fantasy football. He was a team owner in the Delta Sigma Phi Fantasy Football League (DSPFFL), and according to Leighton Lien (EE 83), Guzer’s Luzers have been in the DSPFFL for eight years, making the playoffs five times, and winning the league championship in 2006 while setting a league record for postseason scoring.

Guse was a true family man and a friend to many. He will be greatly missed.

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