



Stephen H. Bauer Sr.

April 9, 1941 - June 1, 2020

Stephen H. Bauer, 79, went home to be with Jesus on June 1, 2020. Beloved husband of Joan A. for 55 years, Steve leaves behind family, loved ones, and friends with whom he shared a lifetime of devotion, support, love, and laughter.

In addition to Joan, the love of his life, Steve is survived by his children: Constance, Coleen (Joseph), and Stephen Jr. (Allison), to whom he gave all his love and support, and his beloved sister Marian. He was the best Pop-Pop to his grandkids: Gregory, Joseph, Peter, Angelina, Jacqueline, and Chloe Anne. Steve is reunited with loved ones that passed on before him, including his parents Herman and Marian, as well as beloved Gregory, his “Study Buddy” and eldest grandchild.

Steve put his heart in everything he did. Proudly born and raised in Philadelphia, a graduate of Olney High School and Drexel University (B.A. Mechanical Engineering and MBA), he was always eager to learn new things. For many years, Steve was a respected member of his profession in the plastics industry, serving as regional President of The Society of Plastics Engineers, and took pride in Molding Methods, Inc., the company he founded in 1977 and later ran with his son, Stephen.

Steve’s passion for life was reflected in all he did, from forming a 1960s dance band to raising puppies for the Seeing Eye Foundation for the past 15 years. Steve always was seeking new horizons and opportunities to learn and inspire those he met along the way. Steve loved his Philly sports teams, deep-sea fishing, flea marketing, antiques, vintage cars, big band, and dance—these and so many other endeavors were packed into a life well-lived. He always had a “plan for the day” and kept busy with every conceivable project. No mechanical challenge was beyond his grasp, and he enjoyed a good Sudoku, always completing the hardest puzzles first.

Steve’s love for Cape May was rich, and always with Joan at his side, he took great pride in volunteering for the Seeing Eye, knowing the difference that commitment made in enriching the lives of people he would never know. Parishioners at Our Lady Star of the

Sea knew it was not uncommon for a service dog to attend mass, an extended privilege Steve always valued.

Service was important to Steve. He was a longtime coach of Hatfield baseball in the 1970's and 80's, an enthusiastic organizer of the Olney High reunion committee, and a dedicated volunteer with the Mid Atlantic Center for the Arts (MAC) in Cape May.

Steve was selfless, and his love of family was paramount. Throughout his life he modeled a way to live with integrity, compassion, enthusiasm, industriousness, and love.

Remember Steve with a smile. He is at home now with the Savior and leaves a legacy of love. His presence will be forever missed, but his life has been a gift to us all.

Steve's Catholic Prayer Service will take place on Monday (June 8th) at 11:00am with live-stream accessibility only, by using this link: <http://client.tribucast.com/tcid/76177065> The live-stream will be accessible at 10:45am.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to Seeing Eye (1 Seeing Eye Way, Morristown, NJ 07960) or a donation to a charity of your choice is appreciated and will perpetuate Steve's memory.

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Spijker Funeral Home - June 08, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ Steve was the best brother anyone could have. He was always looking out for me.

Now he is watching over me and his family in Heaven.

Will miss him always.

I loved him with all my heart.

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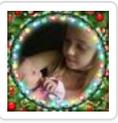
Marian McWilliams - August 25, 2020 at 03:26 PM



“ Connie and Extended Family,
May time ease the pain of your loss and may your hearts be filled with happy memories of your time together with your beloved father.

Fondly,
Donna Gagliardi

Donna Gagliardi - June 08, 2020 at 02:28 PM



“ Joanne Meindl lit a candle in memory of Stephen H. Bauer Sr.



Joanne Meindl - June 08, 2020 at 11:57 AM



“ Best Dad Ever!!!

Keep it simple, Bud . Will always remember what you showed me to be a better man. PopPop and you have some antiques to make, and tell Greg to choke up and stand back in the box a little.

“There goes my hero”

Stephen Bauer - June 08, 2020 at 09:24 AM



“ To my other “dad” in the neighborhood growing up you will be missed so much. There are so many memories but mostly I remember The lessons you taught us even without knowing you were doing so. Your laugh was infectious and I am blessed to have known you.

Karen Chiodo - June 08, 2020 at 07:50 AM



“ To the Bauer Family,

It has been our honor to have your parents as friends and neighbors on Maryland Ave. Your Dad was always a gentleman who led by his actions, not his words. His quiet courage and dignity were on full display the last fourteen months. He and your Mom battled every day, but never complained. They are great role models for all of us.

We would see Steve walking their service dogs rain or shine, in fact many times in the snow, not for himself, but so others could have better lives. That tells a great deal about what kind of man he was.

May he rest in peace.

Mary and Michael Potts

Michael Potts - June 07, 2020 at 04:43 PM



“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



marybeth walpole - June 07, 2020 at 10:48 AM



“ Marybeth Walpole lit a candle in memory of Stephen H. Bauer Sr.



marybeth walpole - June 07, 2020 at 09:52 AM



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Dear Dad,

The love you shared with us was beyond measure, and from your example, my life was shaped. I have been blessed to have shared your life and all the the enjoyment you took in it, and as I write, I am comforted to know this morning's warm sun and blue skies are forever yours.

My earliest memories include holding your pinkie finger when we walked, my little hand in yours. I have known the safety of your love throughout my life. You have been my sage, my rock, my hero. Life's most important lessons I learned from you.

Your smile, laughter, wit, and charm were boundless. I have been blessed by your love and all of the many ways we shared our lives. The simplest times we shared have been a gift. I will remember and cherish them, and will be forever grateful that I was blessed with your love for 55 years.

You always put our family first, giving of your self for each of us. Thanks for teaching me first and for inspiring me to "apply myself" every day. "Go make the world go round," you would tell me, and I knew those words had deep meaning.

One summer morning a couple of years ago, while visiting you and Mom, I came downstairs for coffee and paused upon seeing you and Mom dancing in the kitchen. To me the that simple moment was all about love and the joy it brings. You and Mom didn't know I was there, but I hope that my life continues to be filled with the love I saw that day.

The honor of calling you Dad and Pop is one that I will always hold in my heart. My heart is broken, but I know you would tell me not to fret. I have been blessed to share my life with you, and the lessons you have taught me, the memories we have made, and the love we have shared, will be forever in my heart. I know you are at peace.

I will miss you every day of my life, but I know you are there for me still, quietly watching over to gently encourage me to be strong, make a difference, be happy and loyal, live humbly. and love endlessly.

We have it from here and will take care of each other, especially Mom, so rest easy, Dad, until we meet again.

With all of my love,
Connie

Constance Bauer - June 07, 2020 at 08:55 AM



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Connie my dear I am so sorry for your loss this is such a beautifully written Letter to your dad oh, he definitely was a sweetheart xoxo

Karen - June 07, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ Connie, I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. I remember him coming to Lewis School with one of the dogs he was training. Hope the memories of your Dad bring you peace at this very difficult time. Thinking of you and your family.

Susan Beetle - June 07, 2020 at 02:33 PM



“ A very bright light has gone out in Maryland Ave. But our wonderful memories of you and your family will last forever. Steve Bauer: thank you for being all that you were. We will deeply miss you. Barb and Joe Weber

Cape May Neighbors: Joe and Barb Weber - June 08, 2020 at 08:07 AM



“ I didn't know Steve but to say Hi to my neighbor over the fence and see him walking the dogs he trained. I could tell he was a good humble man that was at peace with his life that God had blessed him with. After talking with Joan and Connie his daughter and than reading what Connie wrote about her Father, I realized than he was a great man that I'm trying to be each day of my life. May God bless his family always and may we all look forward seeing a great man of intergity at the banquet table in eternity. Garry Gilbert

Garry Gilbert - June 24, 2020 at 05:51 PM



“ You were always incredibly nice with me and I'll always value the time we shared. Thank you so much for always making me feel welcome. I wish you the best in the next chapter of life. - Tyler Dunham

tyler - June 06, 2020 at 09:47 PM



“ We were deeply saddened to hear of Steve's passing. He was a kind and generous man, a true gentleman, who was devoted to his family. We will remember him as a strong person, a warrior, who lived in accord with his faith throughout his life. Steve's actions with his family, his church and his community reflected that throughout his life. Charlie and I hope that you all find the inner strength and the support of one another to get through the loss of your beloved Husband and Father.
With Love and Sympathy, Charles and Joanne Puglia



Joanne Puglia - June 06, 2020 at 05:38 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

MaryAnn Grenfell - June 06, 2020 at 12:42 PM



“ Adam Konyves lit a candle in memory of Stephen H. Bauer Sr.



Adam Konyves - June 06, 2020 at 11:57 AM



“ Amy Schultz lit a candle in memory of Stephen H. Bauer Sr.



Amy Schultz - June 06, 2020 at 11:55 AM



“ “They may forget what you said — but they will never forget how you made them feel.”

Carl W. Buehner

‘Uncle’ Steve’s kind, loving and welcoming ways always made you feel special. By his example may we ‘pay it forward’ to keep his goodness alive.

Truly a life well-lived! Steve, a gentle giant, will be forever missed and loved. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Pat (Will) Rogers

P.S.

He always made me my favorite, Salisbury Steak, but threatened me with a fried egg and scrapple...

Pat Rogers - June 06, 2020 at 10:05 AM



“ Sending love, prayers and our deepest sympathies to Connie and all family members during this difficult time of loss. Hoping all the incredible memories you've created together throughout your lives will carry you through. We know your dad will forever live in your heart. Warmly, Tom & Nancy Seddon

Tom & Nancy Seddon - June 06, 2020 at 08:46 AM



“ A life well lived, indeed . . . and a beautiful legacy left behind. You are truly an inspiration to all who knew you and shared in your acts of charity, fellowship, faith, citizenship, and love for family.

Eliza"beth" (Yerkes) Scalzo

ELIZABETH SCALZO - June 05, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Connie and Marybeth and family. God Bless You



Cindee Rotunda - June 05, 2020 at 04:20 PM



“ Lit a candle in memory of Stephen H. Bauer Sr.



Charlie & Joanne Puglia - June 05, 2020 at 02:59 PM



“ Allison Bauer lit a candle in memory of Stephen H. Bauer Sr.



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Charlie & Joanne Puglia - June 05, 2020 at 02:57 PM



“ Stephen and I first met when my family moved from Tioga to the Logan/Olney areas of Phila. when I was 12 years old in 1953. I lived at 958 Wagner Ave and Steve was at 1054 Wagner Ave. We became best friends and almost like brothers over the years. I was 1/2 year ahead of Steve and graduated from Olney High School in Jan. 1960 and Steve in June 1960 (my wife Lorraine Pizzola's class). Steve and I were like brother's for many years. He went on to Drexel day college and I started work with Honeywell and went to Drexel at night. Over the years we drifted apart with my Navy time and family and he with his family. I've always missed Steve and looked forward to seeing him at any reunions. Lorraine (my wife and Steve's classmate [Lorraine Pizzola]) and I will surely miss him and wish his family the most wonderful and fondness of memories of a truly great father and friend.

David Lachman

David E. Lachman - June 05, 2020 at 11:00 AM



“ Enjoyed all the years we shared as neighbors. May he rest in peace.

Paul Bacak - June 05, 2020 at 09:24 AM



“ Lisa Splendido lit a candle in memory of Stephen H. Bauer Sr.



Lisa Splendido - June 05, 2020 at 07:38 AM



“ Coleen Splendido lit a candle in memory of Stephen H. Bauer Sr.



Coleen Splendido - June 04, 2020 at 12:09 PM



“ Dear Dad,

Thank you for being my teacher, guide, hero and my friend. You have always stood by my side with your support and your wisdom. Your strength carried me through good times and difficult days. I will miss hearing, "Well, hello there dearie" when you picked up the phone. When I played "Daddy's Little Girl," in the 1980 musicale, I knew how proud you were that day. You always were by my side as I played the organ at Sunday mass at St. Marie Goretti. You loved when we ended the mass with "Let There Be Peace on Earth" and sang it so joyfully. You have given me a lifetime of happy memories. This sentiment is to my entire family that are hurting so badly now.

MAY YOUR JOY BE AS DEEP AS THE OCEAN AND YOUR SORROW AS LIGHT AS THE FOAM.

When you went to Heaven, you took a piece of my heart. I will always love you so much. God Bless You Dad.

Love,
Your Daughter Coleen and Daddy's Little Girl

Coleen Splendido - June 04, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ Very sad to hear. Always thought the world of Mr. Bauer.

Dan Splendido - June 04, 2020 at 12:24 PM



“ We didn't get the opportunity to know you well, but from the moment we met you, Joan, your wonderful children and grandchildren, we knew that you were a very special, spiritual, and loving family. May you rest in peace Stephen Bauer...a life well-lived!!

Bud and Georgia Thatcher

Georgia Thatcher - June 05, 2020 at 05:10 PM



“ Joan,
Bill and I send our love and prayers to you and your family. Steve was a happy person and always there for you. Our reunion committee will never be the same. I sent the information to our son Dan, who was very sad to get the news.

Love,
Carol and Bill

Carol Cochran - June 06, 2020 at 11:26 AM