



Stephen J. Fisher

April 14, 1954 - August 26, 2019

Delmar - Stephen J. Fisher, 65, passed away peacefully, in the arms of his loving siblings, in the early morning of Monday, August 26, 2019.

Stephen was the beloved son of Joan Hoffman Fisher and the late J. Raymond Fisher and the adored brother of Barbara Lyons, Linda Neidl, Jay Fisher, Nancy Driscoll, and Betsy Ryan. He was predeceased by an infant brother, Harold John, and brother-in-law Tom Neidl.

Born in Albany on April 14, 1954, Stephen attended St. Catherine of Siena School and Christian Brothers Academy and graduated from Marquette University.

Stephen was expert at making life fun and enjoying simple, pure pleasures. Whether lounging by the pool, biking along the dunes, swooshing down ski slopes, decorating his Christmas tree, or savoring a Broadway musical, Stephen did it all with infectious delight and humor and shared every experience generously with his family—and always with his camera in hand to capture the moment. He relished cutting-edge technology and was a true autodidact when it came to mastering the latest “state of the art” communication or entertainment devices and introducing them to his technologically helpless family and friends. He was our fun facilitator, our go-to guy, our rock, our center. We will forever be asking ourselves, “What would Stephen do?” and aching for his presence.

Stephen’s preternatural problem-solving ability made him excel as Director of Operations at Anthem Health Services, where he worked for over twenty years and helped build an extraordinary caregiving company. Legions of people benefitted from Stephen’s talents, and countless lives are the better for it.

Stephen is survived by a large and loving family. In addition to his mother and siblings, he leaves his brothers and sister-in-law, Mark Lyons, John Driscoll, Bill Ryan, and Denise Fisher, and his nieces and nephews and their families. He was the most excellent Favorite Uncle to Ben (Cyndy), Jessica (Bill), Chris (Reena), and Phoebe (Paul) Neidl; Katie (Jared), Sarah (Ashwin), and Matthew Fisher; James and Michael (Lizzie) Manzione; John, Kerry, and Bridget Driscoll; and Grace, Wil, and Jayne Ryan. Uncle doted on and delighted in them and his great nieces and nephews, Annabelle, Eloise, Lucy, Som, George, Rouny, Sam, and Dorothy. He also leaves many dear cousins, friends, neighbors, and colleagues to cherish his memory. Stephen's family want to give special thanks to lifelong family friend Linda Searfoss for her tireless support and comfort these last many months and the staff at St. Peter's Hospital, who took beautiful care of Stephen in his last week.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Stephen's family on Thursday, August 29, 2019 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

Funeral services Friday, August 30, 2019 at 10:45 am in the McVeigh Funeral Home, thence to the Parish of Mater Christi, 40 Hopewell Street, Albany at 11:30 am where Stephen's Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Interment will immediately follow the Mass at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

Those who wish may send contributions in Stephen's name to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, NENY Chapter, 455 Patroon Creek Blvd., Suite 108, Albany, NY 12206 or www.cff.org.

To leave Stephen's family a message on their guestbook, light a candle, obtain directions, or view other helpful services, please visit www.mcveighfuneralhome.com

Cemetery

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY,

Events

AUG **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St, Albany, NY, US, 12206

AUG **Service** 11:30AM

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Parish of Mater Christi
40 Hopewell Street, Albany, NY, US

Comments



“ Barb and Family, I learned of Stephen's passing when I returned from vacation. I am so sorry for your loss. Stephen was a bright light in this world with a beautiful soul. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very difficult time.

Jane Kieper

Jane Kieper - September 03 at 07:52 PM



“ Sarah lit a candle in memory of Stephen J. Fisher



Sarah - August 31 at 10:43 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. I had the absolute pleasure of working with Stephen at Spectrum. He had a great sense of humor! Always helpful. Heaven gained a beautiful soul.

Debra Williams - August 30 at 02:01 PM



“ RIP my dear friend - you will certainly be missed - Woodgate will never be the same & across the street will never be as pleasant. God bless you & the entire “special” Fisher family.

With love,
Kay Hendrick

Kay Hendrick - August 30 at 01:24 PM



“ Dear Joan, Linda, Jay, Betsy, Barbara and Nancy:

What a great loss you have sustained. I think of all the fun times we had as kids at the ranch, skiing, Lake George and just being kids! Over the years since, when Stephen and I met, we had enjoyable times catching up on family news. Stephen was one of my favorite people and a stand-up guy. How we all will miss him. While I cannot be with you today, please know that my prayers will be with you all.
Love, Nonnie

Juanita Maswick - August 30 at 08:59 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed seeing Stephen out with his dogs, Lily and then Millie.

Cindy Perlin

Cindy Perlin - August 29 at 09:30 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Stephen's passing- my thoughts are with the family, along with prayers for comfort and solace for all of you...
Donna (Schaffer) Minassian

Donna Schaffer Minassian - August 29 at 08:50 PM



“ Donna Minassian lit a candle in memory of Stephen J. Fisher



Donna Minassian - August 29 at 08:43 PM



“ Stephen will live on through the wonderful memories and love he has given all of us. He made the world a better place and enriched all our lives. Jim Manzione

Jim Manzione - August 29 at 02:32 PM



“ Earl And Tina Lyons And Family lit a candle in memory of Stephen J. Fisher



Earl and Tina Lyons and family - August 29 at 01:54 PM



“ John T. Garry III lit a candle in memory of Stephen J. Fisher



John T. Garry III - August 28 at 06:00 PM



“ My dear cousin; I wii miss you so much.
Our lives where so intertwined. May you Rest In Peace!

John T. Garry III - August 28 at 06:08 PM



“ Other than a few handshakes and welcomes, I never really got to know Stephen, but I know Linda quite well, and I am sure that Stephen had some of Linda's spirit of service, dedication to excellence, and love of life. Debbie and I extend our heartfelt regrets to Linda and the family at this time of loss.

Paul O'Brien - August 29 at 07:10 AM



“ Stephen was one of the originals here at Woodgate. He certainly loved life, and lived it to the max. it was a privilege to have known him. He will be missed.
Mary and Mike Snyder

mike snyder - August 28 at 02:30 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Stephen's untimely passing. He was part of the glue that held Woodgate I together and will sorely be missed. I'm sorry I missed seeing him when I was in Albany this summer. My love goes out to Joan and the entire Fisher family.
Dom DeCecco

Dominick DeCecco - August 28 at 08:35 AM



“ I will miss Stephen so much as a friend and neighbor. With his fun loving spirit and also hard work he helped to make Woodgate an interesting and fun place to live.

Linda Hardy - August 27 at 09:30 PM



“ Dick and I were so blessed to have moved to woodgate and to have spent time with Stephen. We had many of the same interests from the pool to cooking and our collection of PortMeririon china. We would always say I or He had the most. Than we would laugh and he would try to take mine home with him. He will surely be missed. Our sincere sympathys to the family and friends that will miss him dearly.



Ellen Morone - August 27 at 06:44 PM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen J. Fisher.



August 27 at 04:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Stephen J. Fisher.



August 27 at 02:52 PM