



## Stephen Michael Murphy

May 17, 1949 - October 14, 2018

Stephen Murphy, aged 69, died on Sunday, October 14, 2018, following a brief illness. Steve was preceded in death by his father, Stephen Murphy, and his cat, Orange Guy. He is survived by his loving mother, Dolores; siblings Eileen (Jim) Busenbark; Dennis (Barb) Murphy; Mark (Julie) Murphy; and Mary (Rich) Swift. Additionally, Steve's beloved nieces and nephews mourn the loss of their Uncle Steve AKA Uncle Stevie-Bird, Uncle Oats, and Uncle Oatsie-Potsie: Veronica, Elizabeth, Emily, Brian (Megan), Kevin (Daina), Chris, Sean, and Ryan. Great nieces and nephews are: Eryn, Camryn, Kathryn, Andrew, and Atticus.

Steve had many friends here in Austin, which was his home for the past 20 years, as well as in Omaha, NE and the Georgetown-Washington, D.C. areas. Steve's friendships were not confined to those whom he could see in person, he had several on-line groups that he belonged to as well as his Facebook page and his cat, Orange Guy's , FB page! Steve loved and greatly enjoyed talking about any and all subjects with all who would listen and participate! He was prolific in his thoughts and took much delight in sharing them in both spoken and written form!

Folks who knew Steve knew that he had a great love for music from the 60s and early 70s! We played many of his favorites for him with lots of selections from The Eagles, per his request. Next time you are singing along to the radio

or at your local karaoke spot – pick a song to sing and dedicate it to Steve – He would love that!

Steve was raised in the Catholic faith and attended Archbishop Rummel H.S., Creighton University, and Georgetown University where he studied Philosophy, Sociology, and History. He admired and sought out conversation and learning experiences with his teachers and professors, particularly those of the Jesuit Order. Steve always admired those priests for their intellect and constant search for knowledge.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Russell and Sean (Steve's friends and roommates) for their loving support and care over the years, and especially during these last six months. A heartfelt thank you is also sent to Fr. Carlos Esparza, SJ, for visiting Steve and offering prayers of love and compassion for him and the family. There are several nurses and staff at West Oaks Rehab to thank: Adam, who connected so well with Steve and understood his concerns and pain and helped in any way that he could. Danita was Steve's nurse the night he died and she could not have been more kind or loving toward him or us. Bethany, the Social Worker, always had a soft word and sweet smile whenever we had questions. The staff with Guiding Hospice was incredible and helped Steve and the family in any way that they could. Mike, the hospice nurse for Steve's last hours was a true angel!

Memorial donations in Steve's memory are suggested to Austin Pets Alive! (APA), any animal shelter of your choosing, Guiding Hospice of Round Rock, and/or to the Democratic Party. Steve would want to impart that a big regret is that he wouldn't be alive to vote in this, and any other election. In memory of Steve, PLEASE educate yourselves on the people and items on your ballot and VOTE IN THIS AND EACH AND EVERY ELECTION! Remember, Steve was a political fundraiser and believed that it was every person's civic duty to be involved in all processes of local, state, and federal government!

Graveside service will be held at 10:00 AM, Saturday, October 20th, at Assumption Cemetery, 3650 S IH 35 Frontage Rd, Austin, Texas 78704. A reception and Celebration of Steve's Life will follow the burial at the home of Mark and Julie Murphy.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen Michael Murphy*

October 05, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *Stephen Michael Murphy*

October 04, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ *Stephen Michael Murphy*

September 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Steve's family. Steve was one of the nicest, most polite and respectful people I've ever known. His intelligence and wit were inspiring. I valued his friendship and will miss him immensely.*

*Steve loved his family, his friends and his "Orange Guy". He spoke of all of you often. I know he was grateful for all that you did for him and was comforted by your presence at his side.*

*I learned a lot from Steve. He was always patient with my questions. His thoughtful and intelligent opinions were always helpful and insightful. I'm going to miss those conversations. I'm going to miss his humor too. He sure knew how to tell a funny story!*

*He would be happy to know that I sent in my absentee ballot and for the first time, it was all blue! :-)*

*Keeping you all in my thoughts in the weeks ahead. Blessings to each and every one of you.*

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**Cheryl Ralston** - October 22, 2018 at 10:40 AM

JM

*Thank you for sharing, Cheryl. Steve spoke of you often and I know he wished you lived closer so you two could have visited in person! Yes! He would be thrilled that you have sent in your 'blue' ballot!! As sick as Steve was, he expressed his sorrow at not being able to hang on long enough to vote. Cheryl, thank you for being such a great friend to Steve.*

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**Julie Murphy** - October 23, 2018 at 09:00 AM

JS

“ *Murphy family I am so sorry for your loss. We were talking about Steve when Mark was in Omaha recently and the old gang got together. When I first met Steve he scared the crap out of me. Slowly we became friends and usually spoke to each other like old time cowboys and always called each other 'feller'. Later on I always hoped he would be around when I stopped by.*

*Rest in peace feller.*

*Jim Spitsen*

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**Jim Spitsen** - October 20, 2018 at 03:38 PM

DL

“ *I'll never forget you, dearest Steve. I'm listening to some Eagles right now, "Taking It Easy" and thinking of how much I admire and love you. Take it easy, you'll always live in my heart*

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**Diane Levario** - October 19, 2018 at 11:47 AM

RK

“ *Ruthie Ann Kincannon lit a candle in memory of Stephen Michael Murphy*



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**Ruthie Ann Kincannon** - October 19, 2018 at 10:48 AM

KR

“ Back in the day of BoM it was almost magical because it was a place that we couldn't wait to get to every night. We made each other laugh, were there to give advice and hold each other up during some really rough times in our lives. I'm so thankful for getting to know him and all those I forever consider real friends.

*It hurts my heart that he's gone. I'm so very sorry. Keeping all of his family and friends in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Kathy Kat Winstead Reeves** - October 19, 2018 at 01:14 AM

SH

“ Holiday dinner at the Murphy house, Steve and I sat next to each other and began a conversation that continued out in the backyard. We talked for a long time about many things, including earlier years of his life back east. His honesty, intelligence and openness were the hallmarks of that day/evening. He was friendly and welcoming to a newcomer and I really appreciated that. What I remember most, though, was the affection Steve had for his nieces and they for him.



*Into the Light, Steve.  
Sharon Heller*

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**Sharon H** - October 18, 2018 at 10:28 PM

RA

“ Steve was a guest at our house several times and hosted me at his house many times. We listened to the classic rock music from youtube, and discussed politics and society. He shared his cheap beers with me and I shared my cheap cigars which we both puffed on. A gentle spirit with a great love for his cat.

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**Richard P Aleksander** - October 18, 2018 at 09:19 PM

YM

“ *Your loving mom, Dolores Murphy purchased the A Fond Farewell Casket Spray for the family of Stephen Michael Murphy.*



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**Your loving mom, Dolores Murphy** - October 18, 2018 at 12:40 PM