



Steven A. Gavey

April 15, 1948 - September 20, 2020

Steven A. Gavey (72)

Of Darnestown, Maryland, passed peacefully with his family by his side. He is the beloved husband of 47 years of marriage to his wife, Lynn, loving father of Shannon (Kevin), Marielle (Josh), and Erica (Cory); grandfather of Kayden, Brooklyn, Olivia, Ava, and a grandson due late October.

Steve was born April 15, 1948 in Washington to the late Elizabeth and Harry Gavey. The son of a Navy officer, Steve lived in California, Virginia, Ohio, New York, Hawaii, Spain, and Germany until he moved to Maryland where he earned his degree in marketing from the University of Maryland and met his wife.

In 1972, he started his 48 year career as a field representative with the Guardian Life Insurance Co. During his career as a financial advisor, Steve achieved many honors. Among his achievements, Steve earned membership in the Leaders Club of Guardian Life 27 times.

He achieved lifetime member status in the Million Dollar Roundtable, an international association of financial professionals. He attained the title of Agent of the Year several times including from the General Agents and Managers Association of D.C. He was a frequent recipient of the National Quality Award given to advisors for excellence, permanence, and quality performance in the life insurance industry.

He was president and owner of Benefit Planning Associates, Inc. which was established in 1989 to broker group health and other major medical and group disability contracts with other insurance carriers.

Steve enjoyed several hobbies over the years. His deep level of interest inspired many of the great trips he took with Lynn before they started their family. Steve was an avid rose grower and a past president of the Potomac Rose Society (PRS.) He exhibited roses and earned status as a Consulting Rosarian for the American Rose Society. They travelled to

London to visit the Royal National Rose Society headquarters and made several trips to Canada to get roses that were not available in the US.

Having lived in Spain, he spent his summers working construction with the locals in the naval base. He immersed himself in the Spanish culture and became quite proficient in the Spanish language. He never missed an opportunity to “habla” with anyone who spoke it back in the states. They made many trips to visit his beloved Spain throughout the years.

His passion for photography took him and Lynn to Machias Seal Island to photograph a puffin colony. Later they travelled to Germany to attend the Photokina, a trade show for photography and imaging industries. He built several computers over the years and was fascinated with weather and climate forecasts.

He loved to share his many teenage and college adventures, mostly mischievous, (don't gasp) that he had in Hawaii, Spain and Germany. As the father of three daughters and four granddaughters, Steve used to joke that he could write a book about the “estrogen effect.” But he truly loved being surrounded by so many girls! He adored all his girls and was so proud of each and every one.

The family spent many memorable and wonderful summers in Ocean City, Maryland. He told us about surfing in Hawaii and the time he got stung by a man o' war. He serenaded us a few times playing songs on his ukulele. Surprise!

Steve was a dedicated father and devoted husband who loved his family more than anything and we will all miss him so much.

A private viewing will be held at Jefferson Funeral Chapel. A graveside service will be held at the Gate of Heaven cemetery, Silver Spring, MD on Saturday, October 3, 2020 at 1PM.

For those attending the service at Gate of Heaven, please pull into the cemetery and park along the curb in front of the cemetery office. Remain in your vehicle for procession to gravesite where service will be held.

Events

OCT **Graveside Service** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Gate of Heaven Cemetery

13801 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD, US, 20906

Comments



“ Steve-

So sorry to learn of your passing. Has been a while since we talked but we shared over a 20+ year interest in the weather. Was happy to know you and will miss chatting and emailing. Who knew that all those years ago when we met on the AOL weather chat boards we would remain friends for all these years. My sympathies to your family.

Rest in Peace my friend. Sorry we did have more contact this past year but was a difficult year for me....I now regret not reaching out to you.

Blessings-

Mike (NJ)

MIKE - December 28, 2020 at 01:35 PM



“ Dear Gavey Family,

It is with great sadness to hear of Steve's passing. While his work was very important to him, his family was much much more, He spoke of Lynn and his 3 daughters with such love. He was very proud of you all and then the grand babies came along, They were the twinkle in his eyes. His family was everything to him. I hope in time all the love and memories you all shared will bring you strength during this difficult time, My thoughts and prayers are with you today and always!

Judy Adler
(Work friend)



Judy Adler - October 07, 2020 at 07:50 AM



“ Steven was a beloved brother-in-law. He introduced me to Canon cameras and purchased my first of many modern, automatic Canons! Using them for portraiture, publications and event photography, he in essence encouraged a love for the medium that began in my own father's darkroom. After Steve photographed our wedding, I followed his lead into doing the same for other family members and friends! Rest In Peace Steven Rox McIntosh

Roxanne McIntosh - September 30, 2020 at 06:22 PM



“ Majestic Heart was purchased for the family of Steven A. Gavey.



September 30, 2020 at 11:20 AM



“ Feeling extra sad right now, it comes and goes. My dad was such a sensitive guy. Not afraid to show vulnerability or apologize for a mistake made. One time we got into an argument, and later he showed up at my door with two dozen roses and an apology hug. I have no idea what the argument was about now... but the point is that he ALWAYS wanted to make things right by his girls. I can't say the same about a lot of people. He was special that way.



Marielle - September 30, 2020 at 08:55 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Steven A. Gavey.



September 29, 2020 at 02:45 PM



“ Ken Shall purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Steven A. Gavey.



Ken Shall - September 29, 2020 at 12:43 PM



“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



Erica Evans - September 28, 2020 at 10:00 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven A. Gavey.



September 28, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven A. Gavey.



September 28, 2020 at 04:19 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven A. Gavey.



September 28, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ Laurie Chin, Brian Johnston, & Eliot Johnston purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Steven A. Gavey.



Laurie Chin, Brian Johnston, & Eliot Johnston - September 27, 2020 at 01:37 PM