

Stephan Robert Taub

November 30, 1933 - May 13, 2024

Stephan Robert Taub (90), born November 30, 1933, in Jamaica Queens, NY to the late Herbert Lester Taub and Helen Goldberg, died May 13, 2024. Preceded in death by his sister, Martha Taub; Stephan is survived by his loving children, Daniel Taub (fiancé Rachael Hammer) and Julie van der Vate (Jan) and grandchildren Eric Taub (RG), Justin, and Ryan van der Vate.

Stephan earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Rochester in 1955, and earned his PhD from Indiana University five years later. Having earned his doctorate, his career focused on teaching at both Harvard and Princeton University. Later, he would chair the Department of Biology at George Mason University, where he remains an emeritus professor.

Outside of his career, he was a life-long supporter of the community, arts, and science, volunteering weekly at Wolftrap and the Smithsonian. One of his favorite places to enjoy theatre was by attending The Metropolitan Opera.

In addition to his commitment to academics, he was also intensely passionate about his cycling and photography; having cycled over 70,000 miles in his lifetime.

In keeping with Stephan's passions, In lieu of flowers or food, the family requests donations to The Metropolitan Opera in Stephan's name with a goal

of raising \$5,000. In doing so, the Met will honor him by putting his name on a seat in the opera house. Below is the link if you are interested in making a donation in his memory.

It is important that you check the box "I am making this gift in honor of someone" and then input his name: Stephan Robert Taub, by selecting the "MetGala" button below:

MetGala (<https://www.metopera.org/support/make-a-gift/commemorative-gifts/#:~:text=Phone%3A%20Please%20call%20212.870.,credit%20card%20information%2C%20to%20212.870>)

Following the funeral service, a reception will be held at Godfrey's Bakery Cafe

421 w Broad Street Falls Church, VA

571-378-1144

[<https://www.godfreysbakerycafe.com/>]

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

King David Memorial Gardens

Directions: Take 495 to exit 50B follow signs to Fairview Park North Take Left onto Fairview Park about a quarter of mile make a Right onto Lee Hwy Take a Left onto Hollywood Road and stay on Road for 1/4 of mile (King David will be on your left) Once inside, King David is one big circle. Stay to your right and you will see a sign for the Stephan Robert Taub Service.

Reception

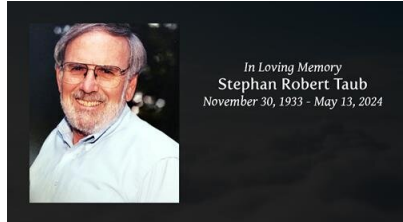
MAY 21. 12:30 PM (ET)

Godfrey's Bakery Cafe
421 W. Broad Street
Falls Church, VA 22046
<http://www.godfreysbakerycafe.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Stephan Robert Taub*



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - May 19, 2024 at 12:34 PM

JB

Julie, a lovely tribute to your Dad. I remember him stopping by the office, usually around lunchtime. I hope the precious memories help to lessen the pain. Know that you and your family are in my prayers.

Janet Bouchard - May 21, 2024 at 10:23 PM

JH

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



J Hart - May 16, 2024 at 04:08 PM

LW

“ We met Steve in 2006 when he and my wife and I moved into a new condominium, and we quickly became friends. He was sophisticated, humorous, and outspoken when he disagreed with the condo's leadership. His knowledge of the world of opera was encyclopedic, and a small group of us repaired often to his apartment to watch performances together. At first, Steve could drive and walk normally, but the condition that would take away his freedom of movement at first required him to use a walker but then, despite several operations, worsened, putting him into a wheelchair. I never heard this former cyclist, this once-frequent attendee at New York's Metropolitan Opera complain or seek pity. When he was unable to walk at all, and moved to an assisted-living home, his demeanor and optimism were the same, as they continued to be when my wife and I moved away and my communication with Steve was by telephone. He was a man of considerable spirit and dignity, always ready with a joke, never giving in to depression, buoyed undoubtedly by the successes of his daughter and son and by the memory of his own career at some of our country's top universities. I will miss him.

Lacy Wright - May 15, 2024 at 08:08 PM