



## STEPHEN LEYDEN

May 26, 1960 - April 30, 2012

Stephen A. Leyden, 51, of Oak Ridge, passed away on Monday, April 30, 2012. He was born in Brooklyn, NY to Regina (nee Power) Leyden and Arthur Leyden. Mr. Leyden married Marlene (nee Petty) in 1987 and together they raised their three children. He worked as a computer network manager for many years. Mr. Leyden was an adult Scout Leader with Troop 151, and also an assistant coach for soccer and baseball. He will best be remembered as an avid Jets and Mets fan, as well as a history enthusiast, particularly WWII. Mr. Leyden was predeceased by his mother in 2000, his father in 2002 and his father-in-law Henry Petty in 1988. He is survived by his beloved wife Marlene, his cherished children Nicholas, Ryan, and Sarah; his dear brothers Arthur Leyden and his wife Pamela, Gregory Leyden and his wife LeAnn, his dear sisters Regina Jasinski and her husband Joseph, Mary Garbarino and her husband John, Cecilia Leyden, and Therese Potter and her husband David. Mr. Leyden also leaves behind his many loving nieces and nephews, his dear mother-in-law Christina Petty, his dear brother-in-law Richard Petty and his dear sister-in-law Jane Inserra and her husband Michael. The family will receive visitors on Thursday, May 3, 2012 from 2-4pm and 7-9pm at the Stickle-Soltész Funeral Home, 187 LaRue Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Friday, May 4, 2012 at 9:30am at St. Thomas the Apostle RC Church, 5635 Berkshire Valley Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438. The interment will follow at the cemetery adjacent to the church. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to Stephen A. Leyden Family Memorial Fund, 11 Summit Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438. On line condolences and directions: [www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com](http://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com)

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“ Marlene, Nick, Ryan and Sarah...We are truly sorry for your loss. Steve was always smiling, just a genuinely nice person who will be deeply missed. May you find peace and strength at this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

**The Napolitano Family** - May 04, 2012 at 07:46 PM

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“ I meet Steve 'Gus' Leyden in the on-line, WWII flight game when I joined his squadron where he was serving as the XO. We never meet in person but he came across as very loyal and always did his best. He did not always have the best luck in the game, but always kept his composure. And when he did have some success, he would get excited and it would be pure joy over the radio -- something I'm going to miss hearing. His absence is going to be felt.  
My deepest sympathy to his wife Marlene, family, and friends.  
God's Speed, Gus.

**Gary 'MachNix' Rumbaugh** - May 03, 2012 at 08:35 PM

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“ Steve, I am so honored and blessed to have known you. I will always remember you as a genuinely freindly and positive man. A person I alway gravitated to. I enjoyed watching many baseball and basketball games with you, even though our sons often played on opposing teams. I also enjoyed watching our sons through the Cub Scout Years and bridging over to Boy Scouts. Thank you for helping with and sharing in those activities. What a blessing it was. I will miss you dearly. Cheers!  
To Marlene, Nicky, Ryan, and Sarah, My deepest sympathies. We pray for strength and comfort during this difficult time. Please know that we are here to help in any way. We love you all.  
Ruby

**Ruby Luciano** - May 03, 2012 at 02:23 PM

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“ I first met Steve at the Burger King in Wayne. He was friends with my brother Joey and along with Jack, Hal and others went over my parents house to play poker Friday nights. They were some crazy times... but Steve was always level headed and smiling. Years later, I now work with Jane his sister-in-law at AAA North Jersey. Steve... you were a cool guy. My condolences to all his family.

**Stephen Rajczyk** - May 03, 2012 at 11:58 AM

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“ ;This is a really sad day, and a great loss to all who knew him, may lord give your family courage and strength and keep you going through this tough time. The Meyer's Family

**Gil Meyer** - May 02, 2012 at 08:17 PM

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“ Steve was truly a genuine and unique person. He always seemed so happy and content. He was a great neighbor and will truly be missed. I will continue to pray for Marlene and the kids. Couldn't ask for better neighbors! God Bless!

**The Pickard Family** - May 02, 2012 at 07:37 PM

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“ We are so sorry to hear about Steve. He was such a nice man with a lovely family. We will forever remember his smile. Holding you all up in prayer.

**The Gugliotta Family** - May 02, 2012 at 04:40 PM

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“ Dear Marlene, Nicky, Ryan and Sarah, We were so sadden to hear about Steve. He was a kind, gentle and friendly man. He will truly be missed! Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. God Bless!

**The Leming Family** - May 02, 2012 at 02:27 PM

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“ By reading about his life, you can see how Stephen has touched the lives of many for Jesus. He was a great servant in the Lord, and Stephen you will be greatly missed. My condolences to his family and friends.

**Peach Knaut** - May 02, 2012 at 02:17 PM

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“ Steve was in my DePaul High School class. He was one of the nicest, most genuine guys in the class. I am so very sorry for your loss. Mary Keane

**Mary Keane** - May 02, 2012 at 12:31 PM

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“ I was sorry to hear about Steve's passing. I remember him from DePaul, and had such great memories of him, we were always in homeroom together. He was such a nice person. My thoughts and prayers go out to your loving family. ~Deborah Loehr

**Deb** - May 02, 2012 at 12:05 PM

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“ My Uncle Steve was a great guy. We had a lot of fun together when I was younger. I'll always remember our epic whiffle ball games at Grandma's house. We would spend time playing catch and video games, and he was always having just much fun as me. I remember his laugh and that he had a great sense of humor. My Uncle Steve was a great guy.  
Our hearts go out to his family and loved ones.

**John and Amy Von der Heyden** - May 02, 2012 at 11:42 AM

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“ Dear Marlene and Family,  
I couldn't believe it when Jack told me about Steve. We had so many great childhood memories of him and we always enjoyed seeing both of you at different events throughout the years. Steve was such a gentle man. I know he will guide you and watch over all of you from above. My heart and prayers are with you. Love, Kerry, Frank, Kaitlin and Caroline

**Kerry (Gibbs) Capriccio** - May 02, 2012 at 11:09 AM

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“ I was so sorry to hear of Steve's death. I have so many fond memories of all of us playing together outside after school and in the summers while growing up. He was a fantastic individual.  
My thoughts and prayers are with your entire family.  
Alice Bain Breeman

Alice Bain Breeman - May 02, 2012 at 09:42 AM

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“ Steve's son, Ryan was in my cub scout den. I have known Steve for many years as a parent who is very involved with his children and their activities...scouts and baseball to name a couple.  
I will remember Steve as a wonderful father and husband...a really great guy. He is gone too soon.  
Deepest sympathy to Marlene, Nick, Ryan and Sarah.

Michelle Palus - May 02, 2012 at 08:15 AM

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“ Steve you will be missed! I will always remember you standing up for Gregg at our wedding and those days at the shore. You are in our hearts!

LeAnn Leyden - May 01, 2012 at 11:38 PM

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“ On behalf of the Pezzola family we send our thoughts and prayers to the Leyden family in their time of need. We are so sorry for your loss.

Frankie Pezzola - May 01, 2012 at 10:36 PM

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“ Dear Regina and Family, Please know that we are thinking of you all and holding you and your family close to our hearts. with love The Oliveira Family Betsy, Jose, Lucas & Delina

Betsy Oliveira - May 01, 2012 at 09:36 PM

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“ I will always remember Steve as a wonderful dad and husband....just a really great guy. You are gone too soon.

**Michelle Palus** - May 01, 2012 at 09:15 PM

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“ I will always remember the great times I had with Steve playing basketball at the East Beach and going out after the games for a few beers. He will be greatly missed.

**Al Krotoff** - May 01, 2012 at 12:40 PM

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“ I will certainly cherish all the good times I had with Steve. Since 1st grade, he was my best friend. He was like a brother to me. Steve was the most even tempered and caring man that I've ever known. He leaves behind a wonderful wife and three fantastic children. Future get togethers will never be the same. Steve, I love you and I miss you! Jack

**Jack Gibbs** - May 01, 2012 at 12:22 PM

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“ Steve was a classmate and friend during our elementary school years at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Steve was the most sincere boy in our grade. His Irish eyes sparkled when he smiled which was often. Steve was easy to talk to and always caring. I pray for comfort and peace for the entire Leyden family. Patti Donnelly Maciag

**Patti Donnelly Maciag** - May 01, 2012 at 11:37 AM

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“ I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you.

**Kerry** - May 01, 2012 at 10:58 AM

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Our deepest sympathy to you and your entire family. You will always be in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless. Debby, Dave & Melissa Cox.

**Deborah Cox** - May 01, 2012 at 09:44 AM

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“ Noah and I remember Steve well from our many Cub Scout outings. He was a very kind, friendly man, always involved with his kids' activities.  
Our sincerest condolences on your loss.  
Jim Toothman & Noah Toothman

**James Toothman** - April 30, 2012 at 09:41 PM