



## STEPHEN P. STRATTON

February 9, 1957 - May 22, 2026

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS MEMORIAL DONATIONS MAY BE MADE IN  
STEPHEN'S NAME TO:

WEST MILFORD ANIMAL SHELTER  
PO BOX 72  
LYCOSKY DRIVE  
WEST MILFORD, NEW JERSEY 07480

OR TO:

TUNNEL TO TOWERS FOUNDATION  
<https://t2t.org>

MEMORIAL VISITATION:

THURSDAY: JUNE 4, 2026

4PM TO 6PM

STICKLE-SOLTESZ FUNERAL HOME

Stephen P. Stratton (69) of Hewitt, NJ passed away on Friday, May 22, 2026.

Born in February 1957 in New York City, NY to the late Marie L. (nee Saucier)  
Stratton

and the late Albion F. Stratton. Stephen's family moved from NYC to Paterson, NJ where he spent his childhood and attended Don Bosco Technical School.

Steve was a hardworking man his entire life. As a young teenager he worked at a local candy store in Paterson, stocked shelves on the overnight shift at Grand Union Supermarket, was a landscaper, a dump truck driver and a machinist at Kemp Industries in West Milford, NJ. In 1990 he joined the West Milford Police Department as a patrol officer and was a member of the Accident Reconstruction Team. Steve also volunteered with other members of the WM police force at Ground Zero after 9/11. He retired the force after 25 years of service.

Steve met his best friend and eventual wife, Marisa Staccioli in 1993 and they married in 2009.

Steve will be remembered for his love of all things 'fishing' at local lakes, deep sea and taking trips with friends to Canada. Amongst them he was known as a good "wheel man' since he enjoyed driving fast, whether it was a bicycle, car or motorcycle.

He loved all animals and had a special way with horses and dogs: with a special affection for German Shepherd dogs, past and present, who adored him as

much as he  
did them. They brought him joy and comfort, never far from his side, either  
sleeping  
near or ON his feet.

He will be best remembered for his good and caring heart and his loyalty to  
many  
friends. Although not known for being social, he thought and spoke of his  
friends and  
fellow police officers often.

Steve is survived by his beloved wife Marisa of 17 years and his dear niece  
Lisa Hall of  
S. Jersey.

A memorial visitation will take place on Thursday, June 4, 2026 from 4pm to  
6pm at the  
Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 La Rue Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in Stephen's name to:  
West Milford  
Animal Shelter; PO Box 72; Lycosky Drive, West Milford, NJ 07480 or to  
Tunnel to  
Towers Foundation; <https://t2t.org>

On line condolences and directions: [www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com](http://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUN 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home

187 La Rue Road

(Parallel to Route 23 North between Clinton Road and Union Valley Road)

Newfoundland, NJ 07435

(973) 697-6700

[info@sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com)

<https://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Our deepest sympathy to Marisa. May Stephen rest in peace.*

Ray & Maria Alex - June 04 at 02:18 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of STEPHEN P. STRATTON.*

June 02 at 09:13 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of STEPHEN P. STRATTON.*



June 02 at 09:13 AM



“ *I had the honor of working with Steve for many years. He was a dependable officer and a great asset to our Fatal Crash Team. RIP my brother.*

Gino Chiosie - May 28 at 12:26 PM