



STEVE STAFFORD

January 11, 1954 - September 11, 2015

Steve Stafford, 61, of West Milford, NJ, passed away on Friday, September 11, 2015.

He was born on January 11, 1954 in Ridgewood, NJ to June Elizabeth (Pope) Stafford and William Warren Stafford.

Steve grew up in Franklin Lakes, NJ and has resided in West Milford, NJ for over 22 years.

He was an avid chess player, enjoyed playing pool as well as playing horseshoes and was on the West Milford Elks horseshoe league.

He was predeceased by his father William Warren Stafford, his brother Jeff, and his sister Joy.

Steve was survived by his wife Jennifer (nee Gilly); his children: Peter Stafford, Jackie Stafford and her husband Gerard Janesse, Ariane Stafford, Erica Cavanaugh, Matthew Stafford, Alex Stafford and his wife Paige, Warren Steven Stafford Jr, and Samantha Stafford; his brother Jimmy Stafford, and his sister Connie Stafford; his grandchildren: Brooklyn, Jayden, Lea, and Oliver; his nieces Kaitlynn and Olivia and his nephew Jack.

A memorial visitation will take place on Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 4pm to 7pm with a memorial service at 6:30pm during the last half hour of the visitation at the Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 LA Rue Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435 (GPS use 1 Post Place).

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in Steve's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908.

Log onto www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com tribute wall to personally post your condolences, memories, photos, and videos, as well as obtaining driving directions to the funeral home.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

SEP **19**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Stickle-Soltész 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

<https://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

SEP **19**. 6:30 PM - 6:45 PM (ET)

Stickle-Soltész 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

<https://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

BS

“ I just heard of Steve's passing was a friend of his who many years rest in peace my friend Blair Schwanwede

Blair Schwanwede - August 19, 2019 at 08:34 PM

TO

“ Tom lit a candle in memory of STEVE STAFFORD



Tom - October 19, 2015 at 07:23 AM

TO

Steve was "Cooler than the other side of the pillow" and so quick with a joke. One memory, in particular: Steve and my brother were in "trouble" over something stupid and trying to talk their way out of it with my (strict) father. My father said, "OK, let's set aside all the horse shit." Steve looked down at the "imaginary" pile, kicked his foot to the side and said, "Wait, you missed some."...immediately dissolving my father's anger into laughter...no easy task and CLASSIC Steve.

My sincere condolences to all of the Stafford family,

Tom DeLoca

Tom - October 19, 2015 at 07:37 AM

JS

I havent been on this page yet it has been too hard but to read all the things about my dad are AWESOME in so many ways. He was the funniest, friendliest and most loving dad I was sooo lucky to have him in my life!! Thank you for your awesome story it is soooooo my dad <3

Jackie Stafford - July 12, 2016 at 11:18 AM

AA

“ Steve lived down the street from my Family. He was one of my Best Friends in High School. He always went out with us Girls as the Bodyguard. We had so much fun at Shadow Lake swimming and Sunday Cookout at the lake. I am extremely sad to hear of his Passing.



My thoughts and Prayers are with his Family at this very difficult, sad time.

Allison Andrews - September 21, 2015 at 04:28 PM

RA

“ As someone already has mentioned; Steve is to be remembered as one of the 'good guys'. Hard to believe he is gone... I will certainly miss him.



Randy - September 19, 2015 at 12:17 PM

DO

“ My thoughts & prayers are with all of you ♥ I'm so sorry for your loss. Steve was a was a wonderful man.



Dottie - September 18, 2015 at 10:52 PM

RN

“ My memories of Steve extend many years. I first met Steve while I was living in Franklin Lakes. I will never forget how I thought I was an above-average Chess player until I met Steve through my long-time friend and Steve's younger brother, James. Steve could put me away with relative ease during our chess matches. I think I beat him once or twice. We became really close when Steve's Son Warren was a teammate with my Son Robert on the West Milford (NJ) varsity basketball team. Game after game Steve and I were in the stands rooting our boys on. My thoughts and Prayers to the entire Stafford family and all of Steve's Loved ones- past and present. R.I.P. Steven - you were one of the Good Guys. Sleep well in the hands of our Lord. - Robert (Bobby) Nylund

Robert Nylund - September 18, 2015 at 02:01 PM

BM

“ Our sincere sympathy to the Stafford family, so sorry for your loss.

Fondly,
Barbara & Dave MacMillan

barbara macmillan - September 17, 2015 at 05:11 PM

ED

“ Ed DeLoca lit a candle in memory of STEVE STAFFORD



Ed DeLoca - September 17, 2015 at 03:15 PM

 ED

I have some very fond memories of Steve and the Stafford family growing up in Shadow Lake. The Charger, Superbird, Chopper and trips to upstate New York. RIP Steve

Ed DeLoca - September 17, 2015 at 03:17 PM

 AA

I remember the same Ed, I am so sad. We had such great times.

Allison Andrews - September 21, 2015 at 04:31 PM

 JS

“ he was the best brother I had I loved making him laugh and his jokes also he will never be out of my mind and the memory's of my brother are all good prayers to all his children / adults I love you brother I know we I see him again and the fun will start up again,we will all meet again Its time to lite a candle Jackie, I am so sorry love uncle Jim

James Stafford - September 17, 2015 at 08:51 AM

 VM

We are so sorry to hear this

valerie milko - September 18, 2015 at 01:20 PM



“ We are so very sad to hear of Steve's passing. He was a wonderful neighbor and his smiling face and laughter will be greatly missed. Prayers to his family. Carol and John

Carol Cooper - September 17, 2015 at 12:07 AM

DO

“ To steve and his family, you are in our hearts and prayers. We are so sorry for your loss .
Love Dominique, Angelique, and jayden



Dominique - September 16, 2015 at 08:54 PM

PS

“ Godspeed to Steve and peace to the entire Stafford family...

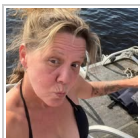
Paul M Smith - September 16, 2015 at 04:16 PM

AN

“ Angel lit a candle in memory of STEVE
STAFFORD



Angel - September 16, 2015 at 12:28 PM



“ Always made me smile - very sad to hear



Sue Voice - September 16, 2015 at 11:59 AM

KE

“ Kerry lit a candle in memory of STEVE STAFFORD



Kerry - September 16, 2015 at 11:54 AM

RB

“ Rena Berrios lit a candle in memory of STEVE STAFFORD



rena berrios - September 16, 2015 at 10:23 AM

MH

“ Sending my love to the Stafford Family. Steve was always smiling & making people laugh. He will be greatly missed.



Melissa Horton - September 15, 2015 at 11:42 PM

SS

“ truly are the greatest dad anyone could have you though me so much in life besides how to tell jokes cause I'm still not good at that! You believed in me like no one else did! Coming home from work and school papering myself before I walked in the door to hear a story you had probably told me 3x already but still listened cause it made you happy! I miss you more than anything and nothing will ever be the same I know you are going to look down at me one day and be proud of me cause all I want in life is to make you and mom happy and proud of me and I will! Love your little girl❤️



samantha stafford - September 15, 2015 at 10:40 AM

JS

<3

Jackie Stafford - July 12, 2016 at 11:20 AM

MS

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with the Stafford Family during this very difficult time.💕💕 The Schultz Family❤️



marilyn schultz - September 15, 2015 at 09:12 AM

SM

“ My sincere condolences to the family & friends of Steve...Prayers for peace & comfort to all. Fond memories will be cherished & He will be missed by many.

Susan Dzerk - Maiello - September 15, 2015 at 07:50 AM

PE

“ *Pete lit a candle in memory of STEVE STAFFORD*



pete - September 15, 2015 at 07:26 AM

PE

“ *You always made everyone smile and brightened many dreary days. You thought me a lot and I always looked up to you (had no choice) Now that you are looking down and smiling, you can rest assured that we all will always treasure the goodtimes that we had shared. We all will see you again soon my friend, but not just yet, not yet.....*

R.I.P.

Pete

pete - September 15, 2015 at 07:23 AM

 Brian Andrews

“ *Steve was larger than life, always smiling joking with everyone he met! I loved watching him play basketball at Ramapo High was another fond memory of Steve. Stafford family my Prayers are will all of you,*

Best always,

Brian T. Andrews

Brian Andrews - September 15, 2015 at 07:14 AM

MA

“ *I have many fond memories of Steve Stafford.*

All of us growing up in Shadow Lake looked up to Steve and his brother Jeff.

The Stafford household was the "cool " household to hang-out.

My sincerest condolences to the Stafford family .

I pray for your Eternal Rest Steve...

Miguel Andrews - September 15, 2015 at 04:56 AM

DW

“ *Don Webb lit a candle in memory of STEVE STAFFORD*



Don Webb - September 14, 2015 at 11:45 PM

JE

“ *Jennifer lit a candle in memory of STEVE STAFFORD*



Jennifer - September 14, 2015 at 09:27 PM

JE

“ *You will forever be my love*

Jennifer - September 14, 2015 at 09:25 PM