



Stephen "Steve" Herbert

November 12, 1951 - November 17, 2022

Pawleys Island, SC.....

Stephen "Steve" Herbert, age 71, passed away suddenly at his home on November 17, 2022.

Steve was born in Dayton, Ohio on November 12, 1951 to Charles and Helen Herbert.

Steve met his best friend and wife, Diane, when they were classmates at Ohio University in the fall of 1973 and they married soon after in 1974. This began their 48 year journey as partners in marriage, friendship, and as parents to their two children, Holly and Mike. He went on to get his Master's degree from Southern Illinois University and eventually settled down with his family in Terre Haute, Indiana, where he worked in abandoned mine reclamation for the state. With a job he loved so much, he and his family spent 31 years in Indiana.

Steve's family was very important to him. He enjoyed telling stories to anyone who would listen. With a strong tendency to stretch the truth, Steve was known for turning memories into tall tales that his children loved to fact check even to this day. He was a constant goofball and jokester. Steve was also very active and a dedicated enthusiast for the outdoors. A perfect fit for Pawleys

Island, Steve loved anything water related – fishing, swimming, kayaking, and the beach. Steve would ride his bike all over Pawleys Island and he loved to hike. He had a goal of hiking to the highest point in every state east of the Mississippi, and was able to do so in 22 states. He was a lifelong St. Louis Cardinals fan - a joy that he shared with his wife and kids - and he would watch as many games as possible. Never one to be idle, Steve enjoyed being handy and he dedicated much of his time in retirement building houses with Habitat for Humanity and restoring historic buildings with HistoriCorps. A long, activity-filled day, ending with a beer in hand and telling stories to his family was where he found the most happiness.

Steve is survived by his wife Diane; daughter Holly Herbert of Charleston, South Carolina; son Mike Herbert of Alexandria, Virginia; siblings James Herbert and his wife Sandra of Boston, Massachusetts; Mary Louise McNee of Salt Lake City, Utah; Joe Herbert of Ohio; Ken Herbert and his wife Marg Glenn of Rosebud, Australia; and Barbara Witte and her husband Dave of Cincinnati, Ohio; and numerous nieces and nephews. Steve will be missed by all who knew him.

Those wishing to make a memorial contribution are asked to consider Habitat for Humanity at <https://www.habitatgeorgetown.com>. Or Habitat For Humanity Georgetown County Administrative Office 1907 Hampton Ct, Georgetown, SC 29440

A Celebration of Life is planned for Saturday, November 26 at 3 PM at his Pawleys Island home. At that time, 71 years of stories and memories will be shared.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is assisting the family.

Tribute Wall

LC

“ *Diane and Family, Please accept our deepest sympathy at your loss. With warm aloha, Linda and Charlie Chandler*

Linda & Charlie Chandler - November 26, 2022 at 12:55 PM

KH

“ *My Little Brother Steve, grew to be such a generous person. Steve always gave his time for just one more: one more rivertrip or hike, another joke or a beer, one more growing tree or young person to nurture. His Circle of Life is now complete. Within the wide circle of his family, Steve will always be remembered with gratitude. Ken*

Ken Herbert - November 24, 2022 at 05:54 PM

JY

“ *Diane, I am a friend of Carol Turner and I met you on a couple of the cruises that you attended. I am so sorry to hear about your husband, Please accept my sympathies. (Joan Younce)*

Joan Younce - November 23, 2022 at 08:54 PM

SH

“ *Just received the news of Steve's passing, and my heart goes out to his family.
I know what is like to lose a sibling. Prayers for all the Herbert Siblings Love Stephanie*

Stephanie (Korte) Herrmann - November 21, 2022 at 08:03 AM

LS

“ As a Habitat volunteer I really enjoyed working with Steve and I'll definitely miss his company. This has come as a real shock when my last memory of Steve was of him at the very top of a ladder hanging siding. John mentioned Steve building a boat for the boat show and I had the pleasure of working with Steve on this project. What John didn't mention that our boat - the handsome horse - can in first place for cardboard boats.
I wish the very best for Diane and family during this difficult time.

Larry Snyder - November 20, 2022 at 05:54 PM

JH

“ To me Steve was more than a dedicated hard working Habitat volunteer. As a friend he organized kayak trips down the Black River, across the Waccamaw or through Huntington marsh. Several times he pulled us guys together for a deep sea fishing trip on a friend's boat. Hell, Steve even built a boat at the Georgetown wooden boat show. Always first to pitch in with a helping hand, some advice or bringing people together for pizza and beer on thirsty Thursday. Steve was a special person who will be greatly missed.
My best wishes to Diane and family.

John Hyll

John Hyll - November 20, 2022 at 04:54 PM

JH

“ Steve was 10 years less 10 days younger than me. When we were growing up, the space between us was fully populated. We had 2 other brothers, both older than Steve and younger than me. An ample supply of partners for games of catch and H-O-R-S-E. But our father, who was not given to observations like this, once took me aside to point out that Steve, who was devoted to us, was often invisible to these pick-up activities. About then Steve and I began to develop an unspoken but complementary relationship. I was the serious, diligent one; Steve got to be the rowdy, joyous one. Of course, each of us was a private trustee for a tiny part of the other. Recently the tiny part I held died.

-- Jim

James Herbert - November 20, 2022 at 01:21 PM

BW

“ When Steve was in college and I was still in high school, he gave me two plants for my birthday. I still have both of those plants and they have gone to every home my family has lived in. Every time I care for those plants I am reminded of my brother and the delight he could bring to all. Barbara Witte

Barbara Witte - November 20, 2022 at 11:49 AM

DW

“ I am so sorry to hear this. I knew both Steve and Diane when we were still kids right of college and was happy to reconnect with Diane a few years ago on Facebook. It was wonderful to see that they had made it through the many stages of life together and obvious that they still enjoyed each other's company and their shared interests. From an outsider's view, he knew how to live a life well spent with those he loved. What a legacy he has left for those that knew and loved him back.

Debbie Watt (Howe)

Debbie Watt - November 20, 2022 at 08:51 AM

SH

“ Steve with the big smile, great laugh, and warm heart. That's how I'll remember my uncle Steve - he always seemed to bring his own joy. As my Dad Jim said often, Steve thought life was a bowl of cherries and he had the biggest spoon! Much love to you all, Sonja Herbert

Sonja Herbert - November 19, 2022 at 05:58 PM