



## Stephen Alexander Kempski

August 16, 1948 - August 23, 2024

Conway..... Steve Kempski, age 76, passed away Friday, August 23, 2024 after an extended illness.

Mr. Kempski was born in Chicago, IL, a son of the late Alexander John Kempski and late Pauline Kempski and was raised in Bangor, MI. He proudly served his country in the US Army's 82 Airborne Division during the Vietnam War. Mr. Kempski graduated from Wayne State University in Detroit, MI. While living in Michigan, he served as a Funeral Director before moving to SC, where he eventually opened Atlantic Healthcare Group in Conway, operating it alongside his wife. He had a passion for helping others and felt so incredibly grateful for his many wonderful and dedicated employees. Mr. Kempski had an extreme love for kayaking and enjoyed many trips with his kayak club. He enjoyed making eccentric artwork and telling stories behind them and how they were created. After retirement, his greatest joy was caring for his grandson Hunter. In addition to his parents, Mr. Kempski was predeceased by his siblings, Al, Scott, Mike, and Dan.

Surviving are: his wife of 31 years, Tracy Kempski, a son Damon Kempski (Beth), stepson Blake Cook (Kayla), grandsons Hunter Cook and Kye Cook, Siblings Sandy Ellsworth (Rex), and Rick Kempski (Shirley), many special nieces and nephews, family members and friends.

No funeral services are planned at this time.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Disabled American Veterans,  
P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250-0301.

Sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

WA

“ I first met Steve about 1982 when he came on board working together in Columbia, SC.  
Later Steve worked with me in developing business in financial management.  
We maintained our friendship after his move to Myrtle Beach and surprised me when he found a beautiful lady, Tracy, and you could see the adoration they felt for each other.  
Rest In Peace old friend and continued prayers of comfort for your family.  
Wade Thompson

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**WadeThompson** - March 17, 2025 at 07:42 AM

MZ

“ There was never a time I did not know Steve. What a privilege to have grown up in Bangor MI where all the townfolks were "family".  
To his family and friends my deepest condolences. He lives on in many hearts.

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**Melanie Zeiger** - September 01, 2024 at 02:22 PM

NB

“ I first met Steve in 2002 when we had our first meeting of The Longbay Paddlers Kayak Club. In those early days Steve, along with two others and I blazed the water trails in and around the area that we still enjoy today. Steve was a great friend and was always ready to assist others, was always upbeat and a joy to be around. Over the years we socialized with Steve and Tracy over dinner and at each others residences. Even during these last few years when he suffered with health issues Steve still maintained an upbeat and positive attitude during our phone conversations. He will be missed very much.

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**Norris Buck** - August 30, 2024 at 12:43 PM

GK

“ Tracy, Steve’s smile was second only to his love for you, both of which will be forever etched in my memory. It was an honor to serve with you both over the years and he will be greatly missed. I am praying for God to tuck you and the family under His great wing of comfort and help you through this sorrowful journey.



Gloria and Tom Kasler - August 27, 2024 at 11:27 PM

DP

“ Tracy my prayer is that God will wrap his loving arms around you and give you comfort and strength in the days ahead. Take one day at a time. My love to you and your family.



Dianne Hucks Porter - August 27, 2024 at 04:14 PM

SH

“ Mrs Traci  
Sending prayers for comfort and peace in the loss of your husband. Thank you for helping our family.



Dale & Sheryl Hardee (Elizabeth)

Sheryl Hardee - August 26, 2024 at 09:14 PM

BF

Sending my condolences and prayers of comfort to the family. May you find comfort during this time.  
Love, Bobbie Freeman

Bobbie J Freeman - August 27, 2024 at 01:47 PM

RN

*Traci,  
I am so sorry! When I saw Steve, he was always so sweet and cordial,  
It was like he had always known me. Sending my thoughts, prayers,  
and hugs.*

*Robin Nesmith*

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**Robin R Nesmith** - August 28, 2024 at 07:28 PM