



Stephen Chadwick Stec

May 29, 2002 - January 14, 2023

Conway.....Stephen Chadwick Stec, age 20, departed this earth on January 14, 2023.

Stephen was born in Conway, SC to Paul Stec and Amanda Hendrick Stec. He is predeceased by his Dziadzius (grandfather) Fred and Babcia (grandmother) Mary Jane Stec of Westfield, Massachusetts, his Pappy Jimmy Hendrick of Conway, SC and his PaPa Walter Paul of Conway, SC.

Stephen was nothing short of brilliant, especially academically. He attended the Scholars Academy where he thrived and was educated, but he was always happy to be a Conway Tiger at heart and graduated as Salutatorian for the class of 2020. He was attending Baylor University where he majored in Astrophysics and Mathematics. In the summer of 2022 he did an internship with CERN where he worked remotely and was an asset to that research development. In May of 2023, Stephen will receive his bachelor's in Mathematics, that is a true testament of his academic excellence.

Stephen was a beacon of light for his family and all around him from the moment he entered the world until he was called to his forever home in Heaven with our Lord Jesus Christ. He had a heart made of gold and was always willing to help anyone do what needed to be done. He was a devout Catholic and a member of St James Catholic Church, where he was an usher

at the age of 13. He also enjoyed attending Pine Grove Baptist Church and was proud to be a member of that community. You could always find him wearing the armor of God no matter the day. He was always willing to tell anyone about Jesus and His gift of salvation. Stephen was always ready to persevere through any difficulty or hardship. He had a fighting spirit and was determined to do whatever he was doing to the best of his ability. He would have no acceptance of anything that was not done the correct way. His life was a reflection of that in so many ways, from his long list of academic achievements, to caring for his family in whatever way was needed, to being a great friend for many. Despite the magnificence of all his accomplishments he remained humble, and often begged his family to not be boastful of his greatness. To say he was a brilliant, beautiful soul, is not saying enough. He will be missed beyond belief, but all who knew him will be forever changed for the good.

Let the tragic unexpected end of his earthly life be a reminder that tomorrow is never promised. Live your life for Jesus today and do everything to be a reflection of the Glory of God.

Surviving are: his parents Paul and Amanda Hendrick Stec of Conway, his grandmother Millie Bratcher Paul of Conway, his uncle and godfather Chris Stec (Amor) of Murrells Inlet, SC and his Uncle Jamie Hendrick known as his Bubba. Also surviving is his Godmother Sarah Ann Richardson King (Kevin) of Littleton, NC, his Uncle Greg and Aunt Libby of Conway, SC. He also left behind many other family and friends he was proud to have.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 AM Monday, January 23, 2023 from St. James Catholic Church with Rev. Robinson Leon and Rev. John Holmes officiating. Burial will follow in Graham Cemetery. The funeral Mass will be web cast at stjamesconway.org.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM Sunday.

Memorials are to be made to Pine Grove Baptist Church, to the building fund or the youth fund. Pine Grove Baptist Church 4686 Old Reeves Ferry Rd. Conway, SC 29526.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

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

Cemetery Details

Graham Cemetery

Old Reaves Ferry Road
Conway, SC 29526

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **22**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel
606-610 Beaty Street
Conway, SC 29526

Mass

JAN **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. James Catholic Church
1071 Academy Drive
Conway, SC 29526

Tribute Wall

SH

“ You guys have been in my thoughts and prayers daily. So sorry for your loss. Sean Hurley



Sean M Hurley - January 23, 2023 at 03:38 PM

ME

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and sending thoughts, prayers and hugs. Mari Evans



Mari Evans - January 23, 2023 at 10:16 AM

LD

“ Paul its' me "the crook". We love you guys.....always your friends ; Leon & Linda

Leon Davis - January 22, 2023 at 08:33 PM

KA

“ We are so sorry for your loss. May 'the God of all comfort' be with your family at this difficult time. Isaiah 41:13

Kathryn - January 22, 2023 at 02:55 PM

FJ

“ *Finola And Tom Jacobucci lit a candle in memory of Stephen Chadwick Stec*



Finola and Tom Jacobucci - January 22, 2023 at 07:52 AM

BH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Amanda, Paul, Millie, Jamie and the family. Stephen will be miss not t forgotten in our hearts. We love you Stephen! Fly high*



Beth, Bo, and Colby Hood - January 20, 2023 at 12:02 PM

LB

“ Dear Mr. and Mrs. Stec,

I came to know Stephen, not only through Scholars Academy, but through my daughter, Ryley, and her good friend, Fallon.



Stephen presented as a very kind-hearted, positive, polite, intelligent, well-spoken young man who smiled easily and embodied God's light and love. I feel blessed to have known such a fine, young man!

My sincere sympathies to you and your families. I will keep you and Stephen in my daily prayers and ask God to bring you comfort and peace of mind, today and always.

Love,

*Lynn Bethle
School Nurse*

Lynn Bethle - January 20, 2023 at 10:53 AM

LL

“ *Liz and Dave Lawson purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Stephen Chadwick Stec.*



Liz and Dave Lawson - January 20, 2023 at 08:18 AM

CG

“ Sending our deepest sympathies & condolences to Amanda & Paul , such special people who we love & admire 🙏 May our Lord cover your family with his strength & love in the days ahead & just know we are praying for you. Stephen was a unique & blessed child of God and he will be missed by so many .

Crystal Graham - January 19, 2023 at 10:45 PM

DD

“ Rest assured that you all have a guardian angel to watch over you now and forever ❤️
Sending love to you all,
Dorothy Jordan Dunn and family



Dorothy Dunn - January 19, 2023 at 07:54 PM

BV

“ Betty F Viles lit a candle in memory of Stephen Chadwick Stec



Betty F Viles - January 19, 2023 at 06:59 PM

BV

Mandy, Paul & Family, With our sincere love & prayers, we ask that God will give each of you the Peace, Comfort & Strength you need during this difficult time and in the days ahead. Stephen was a very bright young man & touched many lives. He will truly be missed.

Sincerely:
Vaughn & Betty Viles

Betty F Viles - January 19, 2023 at 07:18 PM

AK

“ Stephen,
You were always larger than life...thank you for your friendship! My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Amy King - January 19, 2023 at 06:06 PM

AK

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Amy King - January 19, 2023 at 05:54 PM

AK

Stephen,
You were always larger than life...thank you for your friendship!

Amy King - January 19, 2023 at 05:56 PM

RM

“ It was supposed to be with my deepest sympathy I'm so sorry.

Rose Miklitsch - January 19, 2023 at 05:08 PM

RM

“ My cheapest sympathy for you both and your family. Shiva was such a wonderful boy I will always remember him be watching him grow up here in St James Church before my very eyes. Loved his hugs and we'll miss him terribly.

Rose Miklitsch - January 19, 2023 at 05:04 PM

TE

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Stec family during this special time. Stephen was such a pleasure and joy to be around. He was so loved! My deep love and sympathy go out to Amanda and Paul and grandma Millie! Stephen will be missed so much!* ”

Tessa Edmondson - January 19, 2023 at 04:04 PM

JB

“ *I will always remember him being my boyfriend at Pearson 's wedding. My thoughts and prayers are for all of you.* ”

Judith Ball - January 19, 2023 at 03:34 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Chadwick Stec.* ”



January 19, 2023 at 02:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Stephen Chadwick Stec.* ”



January 19, 2023 at 02:34 PM

RA

“ Dear Paul and Mandy, my heart breaks for you. Only God can give you the strength to overcome this loss. Call upon Him and He will answer. Our job is not to understand but to trust. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Rachel and Johnny Allen - January 19, 2023 at 02:04 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Stephen Chadwick Stec.



January 19, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen Chadwick Stec.



January 19, 2023 at 12:12 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Stephen Chadwick Stec.



January 19, 2023 at 12:08 PM

RB

“ Rhonda Butler lit a candle in memory of Stephen Chadwick Stec



Rhonda Butler - January 19, 2023 at 11:55 AM

LH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. May the memories give you peace and the unending love give you strength. Praying for you.



Lynda and Kevin Hoover - January 19, 2023 at 11:37 AM

TT

“ The IMC Charleston, LLC Team purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Stephen Chadwick Stec.



The IMC Charleston, LLC Team - January 19, 2023 at 11:02 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Stephen Chadwick Stec.



January 19, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stephen Chadwick Stec.*



January 19, 2023 at 10:21 AM



“ *Skylar Hoover lit a candle in memory of Stephen Chadwick Stec*



Skylar Hoover - January 19, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Lana lit a candle in memory of Stephen Chadwick Stec*



Lana - January 19, 2023 at 09:27 AM



“ *Love, Your MGC Real Estate Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Stephen Chadwick Stec.*



Love, Your MGC Real Estate Family - January 19, 2023 at 09:17 AM

DM

“ *Debbie Murrell lit a candle in memory of Stephen Chadwick Stec*



Debbie Murrell - January 19, 2023 at 08:21 AM

AJ

“ *Andrea Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Stephen Chadwick Stec*



Andrea Jenkins - January 19, 2023 at 08:21 AM

EG

“ *MILLIE, I AM SO SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF LIFE FOR CHIS HIS SMILE WILL LIGHT UP THE STREETS OF HEAVEN. HE CAN SHARE HIMSELF WITH JUDY AND LARRY AND ALL OTHERS .*



Elsa Goff - January 19, 2023 at 05:23 AM

TH

“ *Tammy Howell lit a candle in memory of Stephen Chadwick Stec*



Tammy Howell - January 18, 2023 at 11:47 PM



“ *Sherrill Andrew lit a candle in memory of Stephen Chadwick Stec*



Sherrill Andrew - January 18, 2023 at 11:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen Chadwick Stec.*



January 18, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *The Stec Family- prayers for peace and comfort during the days ahead. What an amazing young man taken way too soon. You will never know the impact he made on others during his days on earth. May God hold you up and keep you strong! Love y'all!*

Irene Patrick - January 18, 2023 at 07:33 PM



“ *John Bratcher lit a candle in memory of Stephen Chadwick Stec*



John Bratcher - January 18, 2023 at 06:13 PM

PR

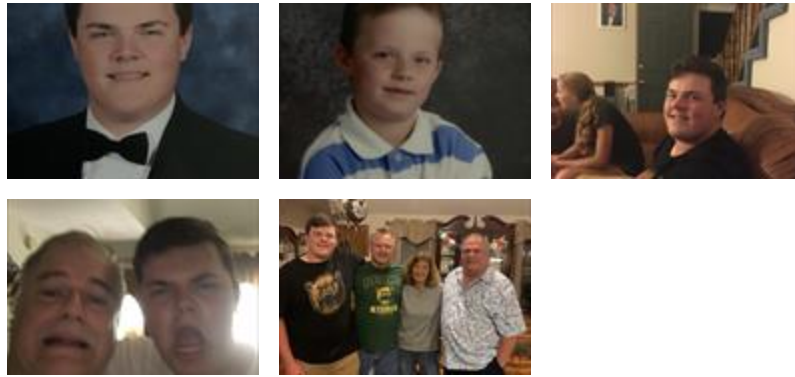
“ *Patsy Ray lit a candle in memory of Stephen Chadwick Stec*



Patsy Ray - January 18, 2023 at 05:25 PM

CS

“ *17 files added to the tribute wall*



Chris Stec - January 18, 2023 at 05:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stephen Chadwick Stec.*



January 18, 2023 at 04:17 PM

PB

“ Words cannot express the sorrow that I feel for the family. May God comfort us all during this time of sadness.



Paul Bratcher - January 18, 2023 at 03:40 PM

MO

“ MGC LAW Myrtle Beach office purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Stephen Chadwick Stec.



MGC LAW Myrtle Beach office - January 18, 2023 at 02:12 PM

DS

“ Our deepest condolences go out to the Stec family during this most difficult time. We will continue to pray for you all as you all are part of our family. The joy that Stephen brought will never be matched- a wonderfully loving young man who will be missed. Sending prayers today and always,
Dee, T'Asia and Sanaa

Derrika Singleton - January 18, 2023 at 01:59 PM

CS

“ 1 file added to the album Stephen



Christopher Stec - January 18, 2023 at 01:52 PM

CS

“ Stephen, you brought out the best in everyone you touched. There is more love in the world because you were in it. That is your real thesis. Bringing out the love everyone has in there heart but don't know is there.

Christopher Stec - January 18, 2023 at 01:48 PM

LC

“ Love, Aunt Amor and Uncle Chris purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Stephen Chadwick Stec.



Love, Aunt Amor and Uncle Chris - January 18, 2023 at 01:44 PM