



Steve Bender Sr.

June 22, 1950 - July 26, 2017

Steve Bender, Sr., age 67, passed away Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at his residence.

Steve was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a son of the late Charles Bender and Helen (Weber) Bender. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his brother, Charles "Sonny" Bender.

Steve loved to go fishing, crabbing, and also cook. He was someone who enjoyed talking with people and having a nice time. He had a wonderful sense of humor and could make people laugh. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and neighbors.

Survivors include: his wife, Valerie Wilmer; his children, Darlene Graham and her husband, Tom, Tina Bender and her husband, Carlos Gonzalez, Sr., and Stephen Bender, Jr. all of Philadelphia, PA; his grandchildren, Justin and Sarah Graham, Alyssa, Isabella, Leah, and Carlos Gonzalez, Jr. all of Philadelphia. Steve is also survived by his step-children, Charles Wilmer, II. and his wife, Barbara, Valerie (Wilmer) Nucera and her husband, Chris, all of NJ; his step-grandchildren, Timothy Hughes, Jr. and Brianna Hughes, Charles Wilmer, III., Angela Stamotellis and her husband, Jarryd; and his sisters, Rosemarie Bender, Eleanor Bender, and Kathy McCoy.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Philadelphia, PA, directed by John F. Givinish Funeral Home, 10975 Academy Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19154 (215) 281-0100.

Please sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is serving the family locally.

Tribute Wall

PC

“ *Paul McAllister & Cindy lit a candle in memory of Steve Bender Sr.* ”



Paul McAllister & Cindy - August 01, 2017 at 08:59 PM

PR

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Paul McAllister & Cindy Rich - August 01, 2017 at 08:52 PM



“ I am sure Steve put up a very hard fight to beat this cancer. He was a very determined man. He has always went out of his way to make us feel comfortable and welcome in their home. We always enjoyed our Happy Hours and visits to S.C. with Steve and Mom. I am happy he is no longer suffering and I am sure he is up there enjoying all the Happy Hours. Steve will be missed by all of us. Cheers... Love Chalie, Barb, Angela, Jarryd, and Chalie... xxoo

Barbara Sheffer Wilmer - August 01, 2017 at 11:22 AM

VA

“ I have been with this man for almost 25 years and loved him so much. He would always be around to help anyone. He would always worry about me and couldn't do enough for me. We had our ups and downs but every relationship has one. He went through so much and tried so hard to beat this cancer. He even adjusted to being a Type 1 diabetic. Nothing could stop him. I think he just got tired and couldn't fight anymore. Now he is with all of his loved ones. It's going to be hard not having him here with me. Love you Steve and you will always be in my heart.

Valerie - July 29, 2017 at 10:12 AM

DH

“ Donald & Diane Hudson lit a candle in memory of Steve Bender Sr.



Donald & Diane Hudson - July 28, 2017 at 01:15 PM

WL

“ Wendy & Paul Larkins lit a candle in memory of Steve Bender Sr.



Wendy & Paul Larkins - July 28, 2017 at 08:49 AM

WL

Steve is someone you can't forget he will always be in our memories and part of our family here in Myrtle Beach. I want to remember how he was so funny and joking around with us. Paul and I will miss him dearly.

Wendy & Paul Larkins - July 28, 2017 at 08:55 AM

JD

“ Jack And Judy Deeck lit a candle in memory of Steve Bender Sr.



Jack and Judy Deeck - July 28, 2017 at 08:33 AM

JD

We will miss him terribly! We were so happy when Steve and Val moved into the neighborhood. Steve was a loving and wonderful friend. He just couldn't do enough to make his friends happy. It won't be the same on Talon without him.....



Jack and Judy Deeck - July 28, 2017 at 08:35 AM

DH

“ To Val and family, we are so sorry for your loss. We have been neighbors for the past three years. Steve was a very joyful person, he loved talking with his neighbors and having fun. May God bless each and of you and keep you in his care. We will keep each of you in our prayers and Val we're just across the street if you need us.

Donald & Diane Hudson - July 28, 2017 at 07:58 AM

DG

“ Steve is my Dad, I have soo many memories so it is hard to pick just one. The 1 that sticks out happened recently when he reached up and caressed my face and told me that he loved me. Even though we would butt heads I am and always will be your little girl. Love you Dad.

Darlene Graham - July 27, 2017 at 02:59 PM