



Stephen Anthony Neri

May 14, 1962 - March 16, 2020

Stephen Anthony Neri, age 57, passed away peacefully on Monday March 16, 2020 at the Kobacker House surrounded by his loving family. Steve was born on May 14, 1962, in Belleville, Illinois. He attended Upper Arlington High School where he graduated in 1980. During his time at UAHS he was a member of the Swimming & Diving team and Water Polo team. Steve attended Kenyon College where he swam and was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Steve had an astounding college swimming career where he was awarded multiple All-American awards and won four NCAA Division III National Championships with his fellow teammates. He worked for several pharmaceutical companies right out of college before going into business with his brother. They co-owned Builders Trash Service in Columbus from 2004 until 2014. Steve had a passion for recycling and most recently pursued a career as the Director of Operations for both Universal Paper & Plastics and United Reuse. Steve was a big believer in giving back to his community. He volunteered with his wife at Childhood League where he enjoyed performing on stage at Merry Go Round, a benefit for the center. Steve brought joy to many with his numerous appearances as Santa at various events during the holiday season. Steve was a passionate fisherman and an avid Upper Arlington, Ohio State & Blue Jackets fan. He had a passion for all music and enjoyed playing the harmonica. Nothing made him happier than watching his children compete at their high school & collegiate swim meets and water polo games. Steve is preceded in death by his brother Michael Neri. Steve will be deeply missed by his wife of 31 years Carolyn Neri; children Ashley, Sean & Parker Neri; parents Anthony & Peg Neri; sister Julie Neri; in-laws Bernard & Diana Woolford; sisters & brother in-laws Penny Woolford, Andrew (Elaine) Woolford, and Sarah Mitcham; nieces & nephews Reid & Nicole Neri, Michael & Amanda Marshall, Emma (Eric) Wyld, James Woolford & Matthew Woolford, and Kylie Mitcham. Due to the current health restrictions, a private family Memorial Service will be held at Schoedinger Northwest Chapel and a Celebration of Life will be planned for later this year when conditions allow. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in Steve Neri's honor can be made to:

Hepatopancreatobiliary (HPB) Cancer Research fund at The James Cancer Hospital
(Fund Number: 312980) <https://www.giveto.osu.edu/makeagift/OnlineGivingDonation.asp>

x?Source_Code=DEV_AG-MED_CHRI-JamesWeb-ON-S&Fund=312980; Or The Kobacker House, 800 McConnell Drive, Columbus, OH 43214, <https://foundation.ohiohealth.com/programs/hospice-giving>; Or the Upper Arlington Swim Club, c/o Steve Neri Memorial Fund. P.O. Box 20229. Columbus, OH. 43220.

Comments



“ I am thinking of Steve today. He remains alive in my heart. -Peace

Morris Thorpe - March 16 at 06:21 PM



“ To the Neri Family,

I just learned of Steve's passing and I am heartbroken. I will always remember Steve with a smile on his face and kind word for everyone around him. Our UA Class of '80 has lost a truly "golden" Bear.

Praying for God's grace to shine upon you.

Judy Schnoor

Judy Schnoor Miller - March 28, 2020 at 07:49 PM



“ To the Neri family,

I just read about Steve's passing having seen it in the parish register at FCC. I am so so so sorry. I haven't seen Steve in many years (except once at a swim meet, go figure), but he was my first boyfriend. We "went together" when I was in 7th grade and he was in 8th and formed a foursome with Neal Havener and Karen McCord. I remember also seeing him swim many times in high school.

He was a great guy who has left this world much too soon. Please accept my condolences for him as well as Mike. My sister Julie was in Mike's class at UA.

Love,
Ann Eliot

Ann Eliot-Naille - March 20, 2020 at 05:03 PM



“ To Caroline, Ashley, Sean, Parker and all the Nero family
We are so sorry to hear of your sudden and tragic loss of Steve. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. We got to know Steve over the years through, our good friends and his in-laws, Dianna and Bernard Woolford in Toronto. At the Woolford parties we always enjoyed Steve's friendly and outgoing nature- he was fun to be with. He will be greatly missed.
Joyce and John Moffat

John G Moffat - March 20, 2020 at 03:04 PM



“ Mr. and Mrs. Neri and Julie, it is with sadness I read of Steve's passing on Monday. Seeing his name in print brought back memories of him in physical science class at Jones back in the late 70s. He and (I think) Stu Jones shared a lab table near my desk and there would be banter back and forth at times between them and sometimes me. I also remember you, Julie, when you too learned of physical science intricacies in that same classroom a year or so later. God bless each of you and carry you in your loss. Joe Caruso - Steve's and Julie's former science teacher.

Joe Caruso - March 19, 2020 at 08:23 PM



“ Our sympathies to the Neri family. Keeping you all in thought and prayer.
God bless and be with you and send you comfort and healing.
Sincerely,
Nancy Fagan
(Your Spangler, PA friend)

Nancy Fagan - March 19, 2020 at 04:16 PM



“ My condolences to the Neri family. Steve was such a happy easy going person to be around. The memories that were made spending hours waiting in line for tickets at the State meet! Steve was loved by many. I hope your wonderful memories can offer you some comfort this during this difficult time.

Sara Weldon

Sara Weldon - March 18, 2020 at 08:04 PM



“The Kelch Family sends its loving condolences to Caroline, Ashley, Sean and Parker. Our connection to Steve and the family has been through Upper Arlington Swimming, both the Upper Arlington Swim Club and Upper Arlington High School Swimming & Diving. Steve was a true champion of Upper Arlington Swimming, and his joyful and tireless work and achievements through a 4-year run with the UA Night of Champions will never be equaled. Steve and Caroline are directly responsible for thousands of dollars raised for the swim club and high school swimming and diving programs. We will miss Steve as a dear friend and as a champion of the Upper Arlington community.

God bless you Steve, and our heartfelt love and affection for Caroline and the Neri Family.

Dave, Maggi and Zach (UA Class of 2010) Kelch

Dave Kelch - March 18, 2020 at 02:57 PM



“I count myself lucky to have met you and your family, to have worked for all of you, and to call you friend. I will always remember your visits to my hospital room and our visits on the patio with the fish.
Even when I was angry, I loved working with you!
Your lessons in “forward focus” brought me through some very bad times and will continue to help me through the rest of life.
I am thankful for our conversation and prayer with Carolyn and to God for answered prayer.
Enjoy your promotion to the home office my friend! I look forward to seeing you again on the other side.

Kevin D Kildow - March 18, 2020 at 01:53 PM



“A Full Life was purchased for the family of Stephen Anthony Neri.



March 18, 2020 at 12:50 PM



“ Such a special, dear, dear friend! We send our love, thoughts and prayers!! Donna & Gary Glanzman

donna glanzman - March 18, 2020 at 08:53 AM