



Stephen "Steve" Yates

September 23, 1950 - March 30, 2020

Stephen "Steve" Yates, age 69, of Columbus, Ohio passed unexpectedly on March 30, 2020.

He was the proud owner and director of Buckeye Volleyball Club which he founded in 1997. He retired from Johnson & Johnson's Ortho Pharmaceutical Division in 2006 where he had worked his territory for 27 years in the Columbus area. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Jayne, daughters Kristen Yates and Lauren Kundla (Mike), grandson Noah Yates, mother Shirley Yates-Singer, brothers Raymond Yates (Kay) and Frederick Yates (Patricia), sisters-in-law Ginny Thornley (Tee) and Barb Shores (Bobby), brother-in-law Greg Nenninger and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Born and raised in New Jersey, he graduated from New Brunswick High School in 1969. He went on to college and graduated from Middlesex County College in 1971 and earned his BA from Bloomfield College in 1973. As a younger man, he was an accomplished Junior and SemiPro bowler. He earned many trophies and awards, including a couple of "300" perfect game rings. He was also an avid golfer. The family is planning a service in the near future, date to be announced, once we can all celebrate his life together without restrictions. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Heinzerling Memorial Foundation, 1800 Heinzerling Drive, Columbus, OH 43223 or www.heinzerling.org. Condolences to the family can be sent to www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Stephen "Steve" Yates

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ Jayne and family, I was sadden to learn of Steve”s passing, he was a great guy. We grew up across the street from each other and hung out from grammar school to high school. Memories of Steve came flooding back recalling all the sandlot sports we played, especially basketball in his backyard. I am very sorry for your loss. Rest In Peace old friend.

Bob DeMuro, November 23, 2020

Bob DeMuro - November 23, 2020 at 11:57 AM



“ So very sorry to hear of Steve's passing. He was a friend from our Little League days in New Brunswick right through high school. Rest in Peace my friend.

Rich Pellis - November 21, 2020 at 04:55 PM



“ My condolences to the Yates family. When Steve and I were 16 years old, we work together at our local A&P. It was a great guy a funny guy and a pleasure to work with. It was just 3 days ago I was talking to another classmate about Steve. Again I am so sorry for your loss. Rest in peace

Joe Maltese - November 21, 2020 at 11:32 AM

MR

“ Jayne,
Shocked to learn of Steve's passing. He was a great guy and am sure a wonderful husband and father. I hope your great memories have help sustain you through these months. God bless you and your family.
Mary Walen Remm

Mary Remm - November 20, 2020 at 01:12 PM



“ Kristen - *I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. My family will be praying for you and the rest of your family.*

-Nathan Young

Nathan Young - April 22, 2020 at 10:21 AM

LR

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you, Jayne, Kristen and Lauren. I have great memories of Steve, mainly through volleyball, middle school and high school. Steve was a great father to his girls and passionate about volleyball and his career(s). Lauren and I grew up playing together almost year round and we sure had fun :) lots of laughing and goofing off. So many great memories! You made your dad so proud Lauren. We always said we had so much in common with our families; unfortunately now we're part of the same "club." I'll always remember your dads great laugh and hearing him yell on the court! He will always be with you girls and Steve should be so proud of his great family and success with BVC. Hugs to you girls during this difficult time.*

Lauren Coulman Robbins - April 20, 2020 at 09:20 PM

TF

“ I am so sorry to hear of Steve’s passing. My daughter played at Buckeye for several years and he was always a great guy to deal with. We are sending prayers to Jayne and the girls during this sad time. Hopefully you can have a celebration of life in the near future to honor him.

The Dawson Family - April 19, 2020 at 11:31 PM

TG

“ Steve was such a devoted son to his mom Shirley. The excitement she had when he walked through the door at her assisted living was immeasurable . He would joke with her and reassure her that he would always be there for her. Steve was so pleasant and funny. He wanted the best for all the kids he worked with . He’d share stories every time I’d see him visiting his mom at The Ganzhorn Suites. He will be dearly missed. His outlook on life was so refreshing. Rest In Peace. May his memory be a blessing for you all . Terri Glimcher

Terri Glimcher - April 17, 2020 at 06:53 PM

GL

“ I knew Steve during my early days at Ohio State. His support of our educational and social programs went a long way to making residency "survivable" - back in the OLD DAYS. Rather than dinners and other resident-only social activities, he frequently found ways to involve our spouses and families. Obviously, this was important to him as well. My career path turned and I hadn't seen him in years - more's my pity. I look forward to catching up with "The Legend" on the other side. With his big, genuine smile and a special cake :) Sharing in your loss. You are in our prayers

George Lewandowski - April 13, 2020 at 09:34 AM

CB

“ Jayne, Kristen and Lauren, I don't even know what to say! I'm so so sorry to hear about Steve. I hadn't seen him for awhile but each time I ran into him it seemed like we chatted for some time, catching up on everyone.

After seeing the notice this morning I thought back to all the time we spent as room mothers doing things at your house and remembering the girls as they grew up. Steve was always so friendly and sweet.

Again I'm so very sorry. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers and give the girls my love. Cindy Harrison Blake

Cindy Blake - April 12, 2020 at 07:14 PM

AM

“ Jayne, Kristen, Lauren - so sorry to hear about Steve. Words fail; I enjoyed being with Steve, talking about volleyball, talking about life, every time I was with him. Steve meant a lot to me. Praying for all of you.

Andy Moye

Andrew Moye - April 12, 2020 at 11:14 AM

JS

“ I got to know Steve as his commercial banker. Steve was a great businessman who was always learning. We did a few deals together and he would ask me endless questions so he could learn the process and to try improve his business.

Our last deal needed to close quickly, so Steve and I spoke every night until the deal got done. Towards the end of our nightly conversations he would always inquire about my family and tell me about how his family was doing.

Steve will be missed. My thoughts are with Jayne and the girls.

Joseph Sofia

Joseph Sofia - April 12, 2020 at 09:12 AM