



Steven Vilaro

May 14, 1956 - September 7, 2017

A gathering of family and friends to celebrate the life of Steve Vilaro will be held from 4-7 p.m., with a prayer service starting at 6:30pm, on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at the RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME in Worthington, OH. Steve passed away at Riverside Hospital, with the best view of OSU campus and surrounded by a dozen loved ones, on Thursday, September 7, 2017. He was born May 14, 1956 in Columbus, OH to Samuel and Charlotte Vilaro. Steve is preceded in death by his father, Samuel F. Vilaro, and brother, Sammy, Jr. He is survived by his mom, Charlotte (Cunningham) Vilaro, sister, Susan (Vilaro) Tehan (John) and their children, his beloved niece and nephews, Lauren "Pee Wee" (Daniel) Grams and their daughter Emily, Sean and Nick (Carly), and many loving cousins. Steve also leaves his Beta Theta Pi brothers (Ohio State University), as well as many life-long friends that he would call family. Steve graduated from Worthington High School, Class of 1974, and The Ohio State University, Class of 1978. Always the entrepreneur and love of real estate, from selling Agler Davidson athletic shorts at Flea Markets at a tender young age, to being the largest land contract holder in the city of Columbus at one point in time, Steve took such pride in everything he did, and displayed the best work ethic until the day he passed. He had such a creative mind. As hard as Steve worked, he also played. His life was one big adventure after another! Steve was a diehard OSU fan and loved the campus life and "his kids". He enjoyed boating, jet skiing, horseback riding, flying his ultralight plane, playing sports, "singing"

karaoke, traveling with his family and friends-especially loved his annual trips to Cedar Point/Put-in-Bay with his family and to Lake Cumberland with his “brothers”, throwing the best & biggest parties at his farm, his mom’s spaghetti & meatballs, Bruce Springsteen and The Andy Griffith Show. Steve adored his time with his friends and family, and his menagerie of animals most of all! He was a devoted son, brother, uncle, cousin, friend and multiple pet owner. He was every kid’s “Uncle Steve” but Lauren, Sean and Nick were #1 in his heart. Steve’s love of life, generous manner, optimism, kind heartedness and sense of humor was unmatched. He is one of the few who could make you laugh so hard you would cry, or wouldn’t be able to catch your breath. We thank you Lord for Steve’s life and the amazing way he loved. May God welcome Steve into His loving arms and let him hear “well done”! We will miss our Wonderful World with Steve, our beloved son, brother, uncle, cousin and friend!

In lieu of flowers, and for Steve’s love of children, especially Michael, the departed son of his faithful friends, Lori and Tony Iacovetta, please consider donating to the Michael Iacovetta Endowment at Nationwide Children’s Hospital Foundation at nationwidechildrens.org/giving or mail to Nationwide Children’s Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 16810, Columbus, OH 43216-6810. Whether mailing in or donating online please indicate "In Memory of Steven Vilardo; Notification Recipient-Susan Tehan. Or donate to Make-A-Wish Foundation in Steve’s memory by going online to <http://site.wish.org/got> o/SteveVilardo

Previous Events

Calling Hours

SEP 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Prayer Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Steven Vilaro*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I went to Catechism class with his brother Sammy at St. Philip in the mid 1960's. Never have forgotten reading the Dispatch the day of the accident at Sherwood Jr. High School and the next day's paper saying Sammy had gone away.*

John M. Collinsworth - May 08, 2021 at 10:16 PM



“ *Bye, Love you
Fred.*

Fred Klaus - November 29, 2017 at 08:45 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathies & prayers to the entire family.*

Love The Lesperance Family

Mary Jo Lesperance - September 14, 2017 at 10:27 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Steven Vilardo.*



September 13, 2017 at 11:17 AM



“ *I knew Steve as a Buckeye and a Beta. Steve had a passion for these two fraternities. He was a great guy to be around with a dry sense of humor. He will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family during this difficult time. His memories will go on forever. Rest in Peace.*

*Tim Racher & Family
Forever in _kai_*

Tim Racher - September 12, 2017 at 03:05 PM



“ Steve was my brother Daniel's "Big Brother" Beta, and of course, I fell in love with this charming, funny, sweet, generous, kind, fun-loving guy -- such a special, one-of-a-kind person who I have thought about so much throughout the years. We connected a few times over the years - because we could really connect. His compassion and humility were unmatched, at least to anyone I have met; his giving and laughter held such heart, and I know he would appreciate me saying - he was the ultimate goofball!! I am so sad that his life became so much to bare - much like my brother Dan's. When my brother passed away in 2011, my then young son, at 16, knew of my pain, and told me that he heard something in psychology class that was helping him (as he was in pain too...) He said "Death ends a life, but not a relationship." Damn right. It's true. I "source" my brother all the time - memories, crazy outlook:, his tenderness, his love of fun...and I know, I will continue to know the heart of Steve - a heart like no other I have ever met. RIP Major Goofball - you did it the way you did it, and of course, that's how you did everything. Love, Jennifer

Jennifer Thomas - September 11, 2017 at 09:02 PM

DS

“ I met Steve our freshman year at Ohio State University. He was one of the most friendly and unselfish individuals I have ever met. Steve gave my wife Cindy and children Andrew & Dani so many fond memories and great times together. I can truly say, I am a better person having known Steve. May God bless his soul & his family. Love always...Dan, Cindy, Andrew and Dani

Dan Schneider - September 11, 2017 at 11:52 AM

TF

“ *The Riedel family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Steven Vilardo.*



The Riedel family - September 11, 2017 at 10:14 AM

DK

“ *So many wonderful memories of Steve and the times I visited the Beta House on campus during his "House Mother" years, while on catering deliveries to campus. We had many interesting discussions about anything and everything. Steve will be missed by many of his Beta Brothers. Now, he and Mike "Riles" Riley, will be making trips together to Lake Cumberland and to OSU football games. Steve, you are now in a great place. Rest In Peace My Friend.*

*Dave Kelch
Beta Theta Pi, '77*

Dave Kelch - September 11, 2017 at 09:53 AM

AL

“ *Steve was a kind & caring person, he will be missed.*

Ann Logan - September 10, 2017 at 11:43 PM



“ *So many great memories of working and learning from my old friend Steve. Our trips to Key West and so many other things will create stories that will live on and reflect the free spirit that was my buddy Steve. Find Peace. Greg Babbitt*

Greg Babbitt - September 10, 2017 at 12:20 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Steven Vilardo.*



September 10, 2017 at 11:59 AM



“ *Worked with Steve for many years. Had many dinners with him. Enjoyed every "Vilardofest" at the ranch. I planted a garden in his field and grew the biggest tomatoes ever back in the 90's.*

Michael Duve - September 09, 2017 at 10:26 PM



Back in 1989 I went to work for Steve Vilardo selling real estate. It completely changed my life. We all worked very hard together building an amazing company that we were all very proud of. My family (especially my 3 boys) have very fond and special memories of Steve (on the farm). My son Brandon just thought that Steve hung the moon. He would go to Steve's house on the weekend and Steve taught him how to run a backhoe at the age of 12. Brandon also worked at our office on the weekends with Steve. Some of the most fondest memories was when Brandon and Steve would ride around in Steve's convertible listening to Frank Sinatra. There are too many memories to mention. Unfortunately I will not be attending the services and I'm very sad about that. Steve has a special place in my heart and he knows I'm with him. He was for sure "one of a kind". Robyn Prewitt

Robyn Prewitt - September 10, 2017 at 11:56 AM