



Steve Evans Gardner

October 7, 1946 - December 16, 2022

Steve Evans Gardner passed away, unexpectedly, on Friday, December 16, 2022. He died peacefully, surrounded by his family and close family friend, at UVA Prince William Medical Center in Manassas, VA.

Steve was born on October 7, 1946, in Washington, DC, to James and Dorene Gardner. Steve is survived by his wife “Peggy” Margaret E. Hammond, his bonus daughters, Kathleen Hetzer (Tom) and Kelly Sheldon (Frank), his brothers, James Gardner (and family) and John Gardner. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Steven Patrick Evans Sheldon, Robert Hetzer, Christine Nelson (Khalil), Amy Hetzer Peterman (Brett), Rachel Tubbs, four great-grandchildren, two nieces and a host of friends. Besides his parents, Steve was predeceased by stepson Michael D. Tubbs.

After a short stint in the United States Army (Vietnam), Steve went to work for the C&P Phone Company (now Verizon) until he retired. In his free time, Steve enjoyed playing and watching golf, attending Indianapolis 500 races, going to the beach, and a nice glass of Dewars, on the rocks.

Steve was not just a stepfather, he was a “stepped-up” dad. As the saying goes, “Anyone can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a dad.” And that’s what Steve was, a great “bonus” dad, who accepted his stepchildren as his own.

Steve will be greatly missed. He will be honored with a military service at Arlington National Cemetery on December 5, 2024.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA 22211
<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/>

Previous Events

Burial

DEC 5 (ET)

Arlington National Cemetery
1 Memorial Ave
Arlington, VA 22211
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