



Claude Stephen Thomas

July 31, 1961 - January 1, 2021

Claude “Stephen” Thomas, 59 of St. Augustine Florida peacefully passed away with his wife Karen Reedy Thomas by his side on January 1, 2021 at Mayo Hospital in Jacksonville Florida. Stephen was born and raised in St. Augustine, a proud Menorcan, a 2nd generation graduate of St. Joseph Academy and a Flagler College alumnus. Stephen loved computers and earned a living working in the field of technology most of his adult life currently serving as the Systems Administrator at St. Johns River State College in Palatka, Florida.

Stephen adored life, his family and friends and was most happy outdoors camping, fishing or just enjoying nature in the mountains or at the beach with the ones he loved. Stephen was an avid sports fan loving the Gators, Astros and the Rays. He was always available to help others with their technology challenges and provided his family and friends with copious amounts of personal IT support. Stephen also loved to cook, garden and build things with his hands and his many tools. Stephen was a great cook and enjoyed making and sharing Menorcan Sausage Pilau, southern favorites and long-time family recipes of macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes and oh so many biscuits. Stephen was a devoted husband who never missed an opportunity to show his wife Karen how much he loved her. They met in high school and were blessed to find each other again later in life and shared many wonderful adventures together while enjoying life to the fullest.

After being diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma, a rare blood cancer, in 2015 Stephen never complained as he endured multiple treatments to extend his life. He was fond of saying that he had a lot to live for and every day was a great day. Stephen rarely let his health become a reason to stay home from work or turn down an opportunity to enjoy life even when it was laborious for him to do so. Stephen became a Multiple Myeloma Coach helping those newly diagnosed and was active in the Health Tree Foundation/Myeloma Crowd where they fund new research to find a cure.

Stephen was preceded in death by his father Freddie Thomas, mother Jennell Thomas, grandson Jacob Spiedel, and brother-in-law Ed Edwards.

Stephen is survived by his wife Karen Reedy Thomas, children Ren Thomas, Gregory Pandoff (Miranda), Janelle Thomas, grandchildren Riley and Jason Spiedel, O’Rion and Arianna Pandoff, sisters Fredda Thomas Edwards, Danita Thomas Heagy (Mike), nieces

Joy Edwards, Hannah Reedy, Rebekah Reedy, and nephews Jonny Edwards, Jacob Reedy (Danni), Seth Reedy (Caroline) and Caleb Reedy.

A private mass will be held for the immediate family with an open invitation for those who wish to drop by and celebrate Stephens life on Saturday, January 9th from 3:00 – 5:00 at the home of Mike and Danita Heagy. 916 South Forest Creek Drive, St. Augustine FL 32092, if you have any questions please call Danita at 904.501.1141.

In lieu of flowers a memorial donation may be made to one of Stephens favorite charities. The Freddie Thomas 4-H Memorial Scholarship, 916 South Forest Creek Drive, St. Augustine FL 32092

SJA Alumni Scholarship Foundation, P. O. Box 777 St. Augustine, FL 35085

Health Tree Foundation/Myeloma Crowd <https://www.myelomacrowd.org/healthtree/> CrowdCare Foundation, PO Box 1286, Draper, UT 84020

Comments



“ Karen, I an so sorry for your loss.

Carol Schwartz - January 12 at 06:08 PM



“ Dear Karen,
I'm so sorry for your loss. Steve was a wonderful person. I remember running into you both a couple years ago at the Amphitheater. You seemed so happy and I was so happy for you both to have found each other. Keeping you in my prayers. God bless you and your family. Love you, Barbie

Barbie Pellicer Roach - January 09 at 11:00 AM



“ What a profound loss for our College Community. Stephen was a genuinely kind soul, and he is already sorely missed! Always so helpful, he had a way of making you feel like your IT issue was the most important thing to him. Karen, my most sincere thought and prayers are with you and your entire family.

Rebekah Wilson - January 08 at 11:58 AM



“ He was one of my brother's best friend in school. He was like a big brother to me. I remember the day he decided to teach me how to drive a stick shift. My thoughts and prayers to his family.

Beverly Hersey - January 07 at 07:01 PM



“ I worked for Stephen just out of college back in the early 90's in the Tampa area. I can see from the other post he hadn't changed in all these years. He was always kind and up for a good laugh. Rest in peace my heartfelt condolences to his family. He was a nice man.

Tanya Savas Mazur - January 07 at 02:58 PM



“ Painting desks, and ending up with more paint on ourselves than what we were painting. Your bright smile that made any chore fun. Your jokes, bad, but always a ray of sunshine . You will be missed Steven.

Cheryl O'Connell Butler - January 07 at 12:28 PM



“ Dearest Karen and Family,
Our hearts break as we hold all of you close in our thoughts and prayers. We will miss Stevie's laughter, smile and mischievous nature. What a glorious reunion he must be having with Ms. Janelle and Mr. Freddie!! He will be missed but never forgotten, we loved him too!
Sincerely,
The SG McElroy family

Pamela Weber - January 07 at 11:40 AM



“ Karen thoughts and prayers for you and your family. He was a kind soul and I enjoyed working with him. He will be missed.

Debbie Ryster - January 06 at 03:15 PM



“ God speed, Steve. You were one of my favorite parents and always had a kind word for SJA teachers. The light of your smile shall remain etched in the hearts of those who knew you. My deepest condolences to Karen and Abby.

Cathy Windish - January 06 at 01:22 PM



“ Karen,

My heart aches for You and Stephen. I know you are surrounded by people that love you two. I hope you feel all the love from all of us here.

Patrick

Patrick Arnwine - January 06 at 09:18 AM



“ Karen I'm so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you my friend.
Connie Giannotta Mulligan

Connie Mulligan - January 06 at 07:01 AM



“ Karen, we are saddened to hear the news of Stephen's passing. You and your family are in our prayers. Stephen was a loving and kind father, husband, co-worker, and overall human being. He truly cared about people and always seemed to enjoy a good laugh. To know him was an honor.

Ginger Bernal - January 05 at 08:48 PM



“ Karen I am very sorry for your loss. I will be praying for you in your family.

Debbie Smith

Deborah T Smith - January 05 at 01:46 PM



“ I would often see Stephen on campus, and every single time he greeted me with an open, cheerful, and friendly smile. I did not know him well, but it was clear in those many, though brief, moments, that he was a warm and kind man. I will miss seeing him, and send my deepest condolences to Karen. He was taken far too soon

Bruce Fox - January 05 at 11:08 AM



“ Doug Lobo purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Claude Stephen Thomas.



Doug Lobo - January 05 at 11:06 AM



“ Stephen always had a smile and a friendly hello whenever you saw him on campus. He was always willing to go the extra mile to help out. I never knew about his illness, and I guess that's the way he wanted it. He wanted to show how to live! And he did. My deepest condolences to you Karen, and I pray for peace and comfort for your family. <3

Paula Harris

Paula Harris - January 05 at 11:04 AM



“ Stephen was our dear friend. His love of life, his willingness to help others, his ability to always find the good in any situation, and his sunny disposition will be deeply missed. Rest In Peace Stephen. We love you and miss you, always.

Linda and Tony

Linda Raby - January 05 at 07:04 AM