



Stephen G. Jenkinson, M.D.

December 9, 1947 - April 18, 2021

It is with great sadness that my loving husband of over 48 years has gone to be with our daughter in heaven. Steve accomplished many great things in his lifetime but the most important to me was that he was a wonderful husband and friend. He was born December 9, 1947 in his hometown of Shreveport, Louisiana where he went to Centenary College and was in the first class of the LSU Medical School in Shreveport. His mentor there was Dr. Ronnie George, a professor of pulmonology. Not surprisingly, Steve became a pulmonologist and critical care doctor who eventually became the Chief of Pulmonary Critical care at the UT Health Science Center and the South Texas VA. He held that position for 25 years. He loved what he did and had the best time working with all of the doctors, respiratory therapists and nurses. Under his leadership, he along with the late Dr. Kent Trinkle, established one of the first lung transplant programs in the country. He was a well-funded and respected researcher and published more than 100 articles, book chapters and textbooks. Dr. J trained many of our nation's top pulmonologists and critical care doctors. He recruited, and mentored numerous faculty and trained more than 100 fellows, many of whom still practice in our San Antonio community today.

Steve was the Doctor that everyone loved. He worked endlessly and has touched lives all over the country.

He enjoyed numerous speaking engagements and traveling to different conferences. Steve was involved with the ACCP, American College of Chest

Physicians for many years because of the important work they do. Steve had an extensive list of hobbies including bird hunting, golfing and was an amateur archeologist.

Steve loved spending time with his wife and best friend Suzie, and their Yorkie, Charlie. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Preceded in death by their daughter Dr. Stephanie Jenkinson in 2010, his mother and step-father, Jane and Harold Terry, his father, Steve Jenkinson, his step-brothers David Terry, and Clay Jenkinson. Steve is survived by his wife, Suzie Jenkinson, his sister Sharon Reed (Tom), his niece June Bennett, and step-sister Shannon Wiley (Ken).

Suzie would like to offer a special thank you to the loving and compassionate nurses and caregivers at The Landing at Stone Oak Memory Care and the incredible team of doctors, respiratory therapists and nurses at Stone Oak Methodist Hospital

SERVICES

Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 23, 2021 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive. The Graveside Service will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at Mission Burial Park North, 20900 IH 10 West Richard Graves, officiating. Serving as pallbearers will be Tony Anzueto, Frank De La Garza, Rocco Miele Jay Peters, Bill Phelps and Chris Sprute.. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American College of Chest Physicians at <https://foundation.chestnet.org>.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park North

20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 23. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Graveside Service

APR 24. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mission Burial Park North
20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Stephen G. Jenkinson, M.D.*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - April 21, 2021 at 03:31 PM

DW

Beautiful video of a very special doctor and person. Thanks you.

David Walsworth - April 25, 2021 at 09:28 AM

NP

beautifully done. Great memories

Norman Pledger - April 28, 2021 at 11:46 AM

AP

I have many favorite memories of Dr. Steve, but the one that describes him the most is when he would bring his collections of special arrowheads and share them with my Kindergarten class. His eyes would light up when he was talking about them and I could see the joy in the children's eyes as they listen to Dr. Steve. You could sense the passion in his heart as he shared this passion with the children. He was so patient with each and everyone of them as they had endless questions about how he found them and where they came from and on and on. He was in his element. He brought so much joy to the children as he experienced endless joy sharing his passion. Dr. Steve, we love you and you will be missed.

Angela Phelps - May 03, 2021 at 08:03 PM

PH

“ Steve was my mentor and Chief of our division when I was a Fellow with him. He shaped my practice in so many ways, he always helped me, was the most caring, open minded colleague and leader I have known even up to now, in my late 60s. I think of his kind smile and his steady hand. We were reviewing abstract posters one day at a national conference, and there was one from Africa that had been created by a young doctor there with pencil and paper, clearly by hand. In my un-educated way I was critical, and sure enough I learned and relearned respect again when he commented he thought this was one of the best abstracts in the meeting. Of course it was. His work on pleural effusions is still part of what I teach, quoting him the best I can regarding what he said on the topic. I knew he was great when I was with him, and yet somehow I failed to recognize just how great he was then. I miss him and think of him often as I practice the principles he taught me so well. What a fantastic person.

Paul Harford - October 11, 2025 at 12:03 PM

NP

“ Lots of memories at Centenary. I remember Steve and Steve collecting bugs for our entomology class. They went nuts over it.

Norman Pledger - April 28, 2021 at 11:48 AM

SC

“ What a beautiful video and so perfect for Steve--I'll never forget how we used to search for and catch butterflies--so much fun and laughter--we had some special times and I cherish those memories--so sad to lose an old friend--rest I peace brother

Steve Cole - April 26, 2021 at 09:20 AM

DL

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Dr. Bob Little - April 26, 2021 at 01:16 AM

HH

“ Prayers are with you and your family. 🙏 I loved seeing the video.

Hallie Hart - April 25, 2021 at 12:38 PM

DW

“ A friend shared this obituary with me, and it makes me so sad to think of his passing. I was a freshman at LSU Med School when Steve was a senior. We had small classes then, so there was something special about each class, but I always thought his class was extra special. They were the first and led the way.

Pulmonary was our strongest department; it seemed everyone wanted to be a pulmonologist. Steve was at every conference, and was obviously going to be great.

I went years without seeing him, but then one day on a plane ride, he was across the aisle from me. It was so great to see him again and get to visit. I wish I had more visits with him. I'm sure I will think of him often.

David Walsworth - April 25, 2021 at 09:42 AM

WG

“ Dear Suzie:

I only met Steve a couple of times on my visits to my cousin Rocco 's house. He was such a humble, decent, and most interesting individual. I still remember with great clarity and warmth the wonderful stories he told of his childhood in Louisiana. He was truly a delight to be with and he will never be forgotten.

My sincere condolences to you and your family. May Steve rest in eternal peace.

All my love

Billy Giuliani

william giuliani - April 23, 2021 at 08:03 PM

MH

“ Suzie and Dr J's family: I am so very sorry for your loss. Dr Jenkinson will always be known to my generation of fellows as "Big Daddy". He had THE best stories, and the best practical advice about everything. He gave me the chance of a lifetime..I would not have had a career in San Antonio without him. He taught me so many things. One favorite diagnosis of his was pulmonary embolism. He told me, "Angela, whatever is going on, you always have to think pulmonary embolism...wherever you 're going, whatever you're doing.. you always have to think pulmonary embolism,..If you're walking down the aisle, you should always think pulmonary embolism." Here's a picture of my wedding day with Dr Jenkinson at the reception.. Big Daddy: I love and thank you so much for everything, Sir! God bless you and May you Rest in His Eternal Peace ---- Angela Hospenthal



Maria Angela Hospenthal - April 23, 2021 at 04:48 PM

AF

“ Angela Hospenthal and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Stephen G. Jenkinson, M.D..



Angela Hospenthal and family - April 23, 2021 at 04:26 PM

PD

“ Pulmonary Division purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Stephen G. Jenkinson, M.D..



Pulmonary Division - April 23, 2021 at 09:56 AM



“ Beautiful photographic journey of Dr. Steve's life. ❤️

Bob McWilliams - April 23, 2021 at 01:41 AM

JM

“ Steve and I both trained at LSU Med Center Shreveport LA. Both born 1947. I've never heard one disparaging word about Steve in my life. Everybody I know loved and respected him as a person and physician. So sad to hear of his demise.

*Jim Wade
Retired General Surgery
Lafayette Louisiana*

Jim Wade MD - April 22, 2021 at 11:45 PM

LR

“ Suzie, this video is such a beautiful tribute to Steve. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.

Layla Rauch - April 22, 2021 at 09:39 PM

WB

“ I can honestly say I loved EVERY minute spent with Steve. He was one of the great characters in my life. He was always cheerful, kind and understanding. Most of my time with Steve was spent at EL Olmo ranch in Mexico. He loved to hunt and you never got a shot standing near Steve. Like all the alumni of El Olmo, we few, we band of brothers, will never forget the years there. Sam Bennet and had lunch with Steve at Papadeax's at least quarterly after we had to leave El Olmo but, Suzie, you know how special he was and he lives with me in memories, fond memories. Love to you Suzie and if you need anything let me know. Good bye, Steve, i will never forget you. Walt

Walt Busby - April 22, 2021 at 07:45 PM

RF

“ Suzie
Old Marines like me are not suppose to cry-----but I am crying. I just remember the good old days at Centenary and the fact that Steve and I had a great chat late last year. I know you are so strong and ours prayers are with you. Moose

Ron Forrest - April 22, 2021 at 05:22 PM

SJ

My rock (my brother) is in a better place. I will miss him and love him for ever. Sharon Jenkinson-Reed

Sharon Jenkinson-Reed - April 22, 2021 at 05:44 PM

RS

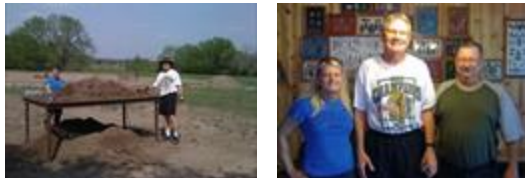
I remember Steve from our Centenary days as one of the most easygoing and friendly people I have ever met. Rest in peace brother.

Richard Schmidt

Richard Schmidt - April 25, 2021 at 04:15 PM

SW

“ *Suzie, please accept my heartfelt condolences on Steve's passing. I can't even begin to say how much Steve influenced me - when I first started working at CHEST he was so supportive and encouraging. Working with him on the Publications Committee and other groups was a pleasure, and of course post-meeting socializing was always a blast. I'll never forget the artifact digs and Rudy's BBQ, and enjoying lunch with you and Steve and Stephanie. Sending love to you and cherishing the memories of Steve and his big heart and even bigger sense of humor. - Steve*



Steve Welch - April 22, 2021 at 10:09 AM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen G. Jenkinson, M.D..*



April 21, 2021 at 05:52 PM

JM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



John J Di Maggio - April 21, 2021 at 05:25 PM

JM

Suzie, please accept my heartfelt sympathy, and know that you are in our thoughts & prayers. Doctor Jenkinson was one of the most remarkable Physicians, and one of the most incredibly kind Human Beings, that I have ever known. A brilliant clinician, talented leader, accomplished scientist & teacher, and a warmhearted, caring Gentleman with a delightful sense of humor, Dr. Jenkinson brought joy to the hearts of so very many People & Patients.
John DiMaggio

John J Di Maggio - April 21, 2021 at 05:35 PM

DJ

“*Suzie, I am so sorry to hear about Dr. J. He was a great man who I enjoyed working with, in making his travel arrangements - even though he knew I didn't like being a travel agent! My thoughts & prayers are with you. Dava Sue Johnson*

Dava Johnson - April 21, 2021 at 05:00 PM

BM

“*2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Bob McWilliams - April 21, 2021 at 12:36 PM



“*Nolan, Nathan, and Aleah will never forget the magical time they spent in the garage learning a little archeology from Steve, they still have some arrowheads from him. I will never forget the kindness and love in his eyes and the example of true marital love and commitment that he and Suzie displayed until the end.*

Noel Brunet-Ales - April 21, 2021 at 08:08 AM