



Stephen S. Rawe

August 26, 1948 - November 15, 2007

Steve's tool box was like his American Express Card - he never left home without it. Being a jack-of-all-trades, he could fix anything, and his friends knew it. He loved puttering and relished the challenge to repair anything that had stumped others.

Stephen S. Rawe passed away on Thursday, Nov. 15th and a celebration commemorating his life will be held on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Born August 25, 1948, Steve is survived by his wife, Lynn Waller Rawe, his sons, Garrett and Bradley Rawe of San Antonio, his brother Tom Rawe of Plano, step-sister Peggy Ford and step-brother Jim Ford. He was preceded in death by his mother, Carolyn Jones Rawe Ford, father, Clifford Leroy Rawe and step-father, Ernest Ford. Steve leaves behind his loving nieces and nephews and countless friends.

Steve was a compassionate, humorous, courageous and kind soul. His intellect was respected and all his friends knew that if they were to find themselves in the hot seat on Who Wants to Be a Millionaire, their Phone-A-Friend call would be to Steve. There were very few subjects he didn't know something about and to beat him at Trivial Pursuit was impossible.

No one enjoyed a joke more than Steve, even the ones about his fellow Texas Aggies. He proudly served in the Corp at Texas A&M, graduating in 1970 with

a degree in Civil Engineering. As a proud Texas Aggie, he wore his A&M ring the remainder of his life.

Steve was a romantic. In a setting found only in fairy tales, he married his beloved, Lynn on a beautiful day at Dallas' Turtle Creek Park twenty seven years ago. His gifts to her and the trips they made were things he knew she would always cherish. He got a kick out of doing special things for her like riding to the Rolling Stones concert in a limo. Lynn was the love of his life and their sons completed their union. Steve enjoyed being a father, letting his boys be boys in a time when men no longer take the time to teach their sons how to fish, build a go-cart and set off fireworks. Steve made time to do these things with his sons. Above all else Steve passed along to his sons the characteristics that made him a wonderful man.

He was a naturalist and he enjoyed hiking and camping, especially at Big Bend. A campfire or a simple Bar-B-Q was always made into a special event by Steve. He was loyal and dedicated to his family, a true patriot to his country, loved being a Texan, and enjoyed researching his ancestry. Steve made his living in an occupation that brought enjoyment to him and to others. As founder and owner of Brite Pools, he designed and maintained swimming pools. During his life, Steve called Houston, Dallas, McKinney and Fort Stockton, Texas home.

Steve's fortitude gave him the strength to battle for years an illness baffling to medicine. His compassion for his fellow man led him to endure periods of treatment which have proven victorious for others afflicted with the same disease. To say Steve will be sorely missed is a tremendous understatement. All who knew him will never forget him. To sustain us we take heart in knowing his memory will remain with us all until we can rejoice in being with him again.

Memorial Service will be held at 12 noon, Nov. 24th at Mission Park Funeral

Chapel North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive, San Antonio, TX In lieu of flowers,
donations are requested to be made in Steve's name to SPOHNC.ORG.

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OM

“ Lynn,
My sincerest condolence. I only met Stephen a couple of times but always enjoyed his company. My prayers are with you and your family during this time. He will surely be missed but never forgotten.

Oscar Mestas - December 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Lynn,
I was very sorry to hear of Steve's passing and want you to know we're all thinking about you and praying for you. I always struggle about what to share that might be helpful but I know your strength of faith and character along with the network o

Ruben Saldana - November 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Lynn,
Our prayers are with you and the boys. If you ever need anything, please let me know.

John Begnaud

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DC

“ Dear Lynn,

I just got back from the long Thanksgiving break and saw that Steve passed away. Please accept my most sincere condolences. I know that it has been a long, tough road for both of you. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Debbie Conner - November 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Lynn and Family,
Although I didn't know Steve personally, I have certainly heard and read much about what a wonderful person he was. I am so sad for your loss; I know you will miss him terribly. Though words can only help so much at times like this, pl

Linda Shafer - November 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Heartfelt sympathy for the Rawe family. Love, Rebecca, Bill and Hailey Boissonneault

Rebecca Boissonneault - November 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Lynn,
I have known you and Steve almost 30 years and have been fortunate to spend many, many good times with the both of you. Steve's wonderful sense of humor, his intellect, compassion, wit and charm will be missed. Steve was a man you could always c

Terry and Kimberly Wasson - November 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Dearest Lynn, Even tho Steve's departure was not unexpected, it is so profoundly sad for us. We are so glad that we did get to spend some time with you , Steve and the boys. He was a joy to know . I just wish we had gotten a little closer to him. Agai

Jeanne Born Piel - November 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Lynn:
I am very sorry to hear about Steve's passing. I hope he was not in a lot of pain, as now he will be resting. I didn't know Steve that well, but I know he will be missed by family, friends, and acquaintances. My condolences to you and the boys.

John M. White - November 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *I didn't know Steve well, but I always enjoyed our lively discussions the few times we met. His presence will be sorely missed.*

Mark Muegge - November 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Lynn,
Please know my thoughts and prayers for peace are with you and your family.
Doug

Doug Welsh - November 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Lynn.....*I am so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. You were tremendous support for him and I know that you and your boys miss him greatly. Please know that you are in my prayers. Bill*

Bill Welch - November 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Lynn,
My prayers and heart go out to you. I do not know how many times I
have told the story of you buying the chest at the antique shop.
Good memories. I also remember your pool in Ft. Stockton, wow!
May God fill you with His peace as only He can. My

Kathryn Burch - November 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

J'

“ Lynn:

In a time of loss it is hard to understand the masters plan.

Jim Rodgers '77 - November 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ Lynn, Garrett and Brad. You guys are in our thoughts and prayers.
God has taken Steve home and now he is pain free. You guys have
been a great blessing to me and Jonathan. Steve was a great man.
He carried himself with dignity, was honest, hard worki

Noemi & Jonathan Navarrete - November 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Lynn: so sorry to hear about Steve. We miss you guys. This is true:
I never look at my pool esp filter w/o thinking about Steve. Try
finding talent like that is a little place like this. He was handy - and a
really good guy.

Love, Bruce and Dena

Bruce Carpenter - November 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ Lynn you are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Nanette

Nanette Johnson - November 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Lynn and Family,
Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this time. I wish each of you peace and just want you to know that you have many, many friends who care for you.

Sara Allen - November 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Lynn and Sons,

It was amazing to me that Steve always had a smile even in the face of his disease. He was such a trooper, even coming down to help with Rodeo construction when he was ill.

I know your hearts are heavy but one day you will rejoice wi

Shanna Ciano - November 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Dear Lynn and Sons,

Sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this time. May God Bless you and your family.

Grace Guerra - November 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Our only regret is that we knew Steve for only a short time. We enjoyed being with Steve and Lynn and especially swapping A&M tales with Steve. Steve was a great friend to all. Lynn, you will always be in our prayers.

Mike & Kay Foster - November 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *"Death is not extinguishing the light; It is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come."*

Please accept my heartfelt sympathy, Lynn. I'm so glad the four of us experienced ZZ together. Wasn't that a great evening? I'll always remember Steve's con

Sharon Hutto - November 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM