



Steven Quincy Lee

October 30, 1945 - September 13, 2024

Steve Lee was focused on just a few things during his life: he loved his boys (Quincy, Zachry and Travis), his wife (Jean), his business and the beauty of nature - to these things he gave everything.

Steve was born in San Antonio, TX in 1945 to Estine and Quincy Lee. Steve and his younger brother Bruce grew up under firm and traditional parenting, receiving their mom's tenderness and their fathers rigid and demanding oversight. Steve graduated from Alamo Heights High School in 1963 and completed his Masters in Business Administration from the University of Texas at Austin in 1969.

Following his studies, Steve joined his father's development business (Quincy Lee Industrial) and was molded into a thoughtful, honest and shrewd real estate developer. For the decade following, Steve was a calculated, risk-mitigating machine who developed millions of square feet of light industrial space in San Antonio. When the crash hit in '87, Steve's properties plummeted in value and he spent the next 5 years working tirelessly with lenders to restructure the debt. These years of hard work and perseverance saved his family business from bankruptcy. Even during the most stressful times, Steve's word was his bond. Honesty and fair treatment of others were his code of honor.

In the years after the crash, Steve would go on to facilitate creative, complex and successful real estate and business ventures including the development of the Concord Athletic Club, rescue of the Frost Bank Building, creation of the Bank of San Antonio and many others. His integrity, out-of-the-box-thinking and engaging personality brought him into the apex of dozens of impactful projects in San Antonio.

During the late 90's and 2000's Steve would focus his energies on training his boys in real estate and finance. Steve was the founding investor and advisor in the launch of his son Quincy's Teton Capital investment fund and participated as an original investor in Rackspace.com - another means of supporting Quincy's work. Steve then invited his recently graduated son Zachry to move to San Antonio to co-lead the development of the Tesoro headquarters building - a learning experience that would tee up Zachry for a future of real estate success. Years later Steve would be a regular brainstorming partner and initial investor in the real estate and entrepreneurial work of his youngest son, Travis, in Boston, MA. There was scarcely a time when Steve wasn't available to listen, advise or just commiserate over a challenging situation in his sons' lives.

Steve's boys witnessed a beautiful transition in their father as they aged from children to men. Steve would gradually relinquish his role as a teacher to that of a loving, caring, and often emotional father and friend. In Steve's final decade of life his attention gradually moved to knowing, loving and supporting his nine grandchildren.

While Steve loved his boys and his business - he also loved his wife. Steve and Jean were married in 1979 in San Antonio and would be celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary this year. Steve was surprisingly affectionate and romantic. Lots of hugs, puckered lips and words of endearment flowed from Steve to his wife. He'd rather be home for dinner and a glass of wine than be

out with the guys drinking beer and watching the game. Jean's presence provided a safety, an assurance and a rest that wasn't available elsewhere. Their home was more than just a physical space, it was a refuge of peace and refreshment curated by Jean. Even in the depths of Steve's illness he would occasionally tilt his head to the side, pucker his lips and audibly moan for a kiss from his wife. Their camaraderie was the real thing.

It would be an incomplete summary of Steve's passions to not mention his great awe and appreciation for the natural world. He was an avid hiker and adventurer in part because he felt compelled to exercise, but mostly because he was awed by the glory of sunsets and waterfalls and white-capped mountain peaks. He often requested that his hiking companions stop to admire the silvery bark and golden yellow leaves of Aspen trees at the top of Smuggler Mountain in Aspen Colorado or the endless views of the Rocky Mountains from atop Electric Pass. There was a piece of his soul that was uniquely fueled during these moments of heavenly splendor.

In addition to these core loves of Steve, he was a generous giver of time, money and expertise to initiatives that were larger than him. Steve shared innumerable hours advising public/private enterprises including San Antonio's VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority, the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts, the Mayor's Downtown Strategic Planning Task Force and the University of Texas at San Antonio College of Business. He gave himself to these projects because he believed in the Common Good - that his personal resources ought to help improve the quality of life of the average resident.

Steve succumbed to Lymphoma and dementia and is survived by his strong wife Jean, his sons Quincy, Zachry and Travis, his brother Bruce, his daughter in-laws Katie, Lora, and Lee, and many lovely grandchildren: Georgia, Wilder, Harkin, Mimi, Tobias, Simone, Sylvia, Landon, Rossi and his two pups Murphy

and Eddie.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to Steve's 3 favorite causes:

- The Alamo Heights School Foundation
- The Tobin Center for Performing Arts
- The Quincy Lee Centennial Professorship of Business Endowment Fund at UT Austin

Services to celebrate Steve's life will be at the Sunset Ridge Church of Christ located at 95 Brees Blvd in San Antonio on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at 2pm. The church that Steve's father loved so much.

For personal acknowledgement, you may sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com in the obituary section

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Sunset Ridge Church of Christ
95 Brees Blvd
San Antonio, TX , TX 78209
<https://sunsetridgechurch.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Steven Quincy Lee*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - September 18, 2024 at 02:16 PM

DB

“ *Jean & Boys,*

I just learned of Steve's death and would like to extend my belated condolences to you all.

I watched the funeral and was so pleased to see what well-spoken, appreciative young men the sons have become, When coupled with their beautiful extended family, Steve must have been very proud.

Just a wonderful man and taken too soon.

My best wishes to you all,

Danny Beauchamp.

Danny W Beauchamp - December 10, 2025 at 04:59 PM

MC

“ *Monica Connelly lit a candle in memory of Steven Quincy Lee*



Monica Connelly - September 21, 2024 at 04:35 PM

PF

“ *Jean, Bruce, and Families –*

My deepest sympathy on the passing of Steve. It was my privilege to have been his trigonometry teacher at Alamo Heights High School in the spring of 1962. It is impressive to hear of his accomplishments, especially his philanthropic activities that he participated in, while running the thriving Family business ventures. Bruce, it was Peggy's and my pleasure to have had you as a next-door neighbor on Lamont Avenue, where we still live after 21 years.



May the Lord be with you and give you strength and courage in this time of sorrow.

Paul

*Paul A. Foerster
Teacher Emeritus of Mathematics
Alamo Heights High School*

Paul Peggy Foerster - September 20, 2024 at 09:11 AM

JL

I knew of you through Steve. We were married 45 years this Nov. He spoke of you many times in the past! You were a favorite teacher! Jean

jean Lee - September 23, 2024 at 11:19 PM

BM

“ Steve was a dear friend who was much loved and will be greatly missed.

- Balous and Julie Miller

balous miller - September 19, 2024 at 05:38 PM

VP

“ Vicki Pitluk lit a candle in memory of Steven Quincy Lee



Vicki Pitluk - September 17, 2024 at 06:40 PM

VP

Steve was like the big brother I never had as he was a "son of the heart" to my beloved stepfather Melvin Lachman. Here's hoping they connect and start working on some deals in heaven.

Vicki Pitluk - September 17, 2024 at 06:42 PM

MB

“ We have been friends and business partners with Steve for about 50 years. In all those years Steve has been a great friend and outstanding business partner. He has always been more than fair and reasonable in all our dealings. No matter how big the project or how many people were in the meeting everyone always wanted to hear what Steve had to say about the project. He will be missed by everyone.

Beverly and Mike Birnbaum

Mike Birnbaujm - September 17, 2024 at 06:33 PM

JL

Thnx Mike!

jean Lee - September 23, 2024 at 11:20 PM

SW

“ Susan Ewing Wolfe lit a candle in memory of Steven Quincy Lee



Susan Ewing Wolfe - September 17, 2024 at 02:25 PM

SW

“ Steve was always a friend in high school and was ALWAYS pleasant to everyone. Rest In Peace Steve.

Susan Ewing Wolfe - September 17, 2024 at 02:24 PM

CS

“ Jean and Travis what a beautiful life you had with Steve. He was so articulate in everything he did. He will be a hard man for someone to follow. God Bless and know he is at peace watching down on you.

Claire Steves - September 17, 2024 at 12:04 PM

CT

“ A friend of 70 years we shared our child and young adult hood...you will be very missed my friend.

charles turbeville - September 17, 2024 at 11:56 AM

KB

“ Steve was the consummate gentleman who took time to speak, ask genuine questions and listen with respect. He adored Jean, his family and the San Antonio community. He reflected that love and commitment through his many acts of kindness and service. It was an honor to know him. Steve will be missed.

Kathy Biedenharn - September 17, 2024 at 08:51 AM

IB

“ Steve was truly a selfless man ,who thought of others more and his self less.Im thankful to have known him. Isabelle

Isabelle Badouh - September 17, 2024 at 08:49 AM

SP

“ Steve and Jean opened their arms to us when we were forced to leave our home in New Orleans. Steve cut his personal office in half to give me a space to work. Then they even shared their friends with a warm welcome. What a unique combination of friendship and generosity. Suzanne and I send our deepest sympathies.

suzanne and rusty palmer - September 17, 2024 at 02:15 AM

BV

“ Steve was a great mind and had a kind heart. I loved hearing his stories. I was the recipient of his knowledge as he shared his expertise with us every other Thursday in loan committee for 16 years! What a blessing he was to all who surrounded him. Brandi Vitier

Brandi Carberry - Vitier - September 16, 2024 at 07:25 PM

MB

“ Steve was the most intellectually curious person I’ve ever known. On our treks to distant parts of the world, he met and befriended all sorts interesting people, both native and fellow adventurers. He always asked questions that delved far beyond the first impression or explanation.

Steve saw the good in others. He was a steadfast friend, a positive and uplifting spirit.

mote baird - September 16, 2024 at 05:29 PM

KB

Steve was the consummate gentleman. He took time to speak, ask questions of genuine interest and listen. He loved Jean so much, his family and the community of San Antonio. All of this love was revealed through his acts of kindness and service. He will be greatly missed.

Kathy Biedenharb - September 17, 2024 at 08:41 AM

CO

“ My deepest condolences to you Jean and your beautiful family. Steve was such a wonderful ,warm, engaging person whom Al and I felt so fortunate to know. With much love Carol

Carol Olson - September 16, 2024 at 05:09 PM

DC

Dearest Jean and Family~
Our deepest condolences are with you all. We only knew Steve for a short time but our experience with you both was special as it was evident that your love for each other was strong and endearing. You both were gracious and caring hosts. We cherish our memories.
With loving thoughts,
Dianne & Jim Curry

Dianne & Jim Curry - September 22, 2024 at 12:55 PM

EK

*Nancy and I have been traveling, and I learned of Steve's passing while I was out of town. I am so sorry our travels kept us from attending Steve's Memorial Services, because I wanted to pay my respects to a wonderful friend and business associate. I knew Steve for well over 50 years, and always found him to be one of the most honest, astute and outstanding individuals I ever had the opportunity to know. He will occupy a special place in my heart and memory for as long as I live.
God's Blessings, Ed Kelley*

Ed Kelley - September 22, 2024 at 05:34 PM

JK

It was such a sad surprise to learn that Steve was gone. I was away, as it seems others were, too. I can't recall a time with him or the two of you that wasn't a joyful experience. I especially remember the time we spent together in Los Angeles. I've always felt that as long as someone is remembered, they're still with us. So many of us will remember Steve that he'll be here a long time. Much love, Joe

Joe Kaplan - September 24, 2024 at 11:34 AM

SG

Dearest Jean and Lee Family,

It was very sad to hear of Steve's passing. He will be greatly missed by anyone that had the privilege of knowing him on business and in life. He was such a gentleman, warm and caring, as he was a brilliant businessman. Being around him was always a pleasure. We will always remember him with a smile.

My heartfelt sympathies and love to you and yours.

Silvia Gangel

Silvia Gangel - September 24, 2024 at 04:11 PM