



Stephen J. LaHood

June 17, 1964 - July 8, 2022

Stephen J. LaHood, 58, of St. Peters, MO, formerly of Peoria, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, July 8, 2022, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on June 17, 1964, in Peoria, to Harry II and Gloria (Hetherlin) LaHood. He married his best friend, Drenna Shive in St. Peters on November 29, 2021; she survives.

Stephen carried Joy in his heart and loved to share it with others. He was a devoted son, father and brother. He leaves behind his mother, Gloria LaHood of Washington; his daughter, Natalie LaHood, of St. Peters, MO; six siblings, Rebecca (Richard) Parks of Peoria, David (Kelly) LaHood of Peoria, Joseph (Susan) LaHood, John (Zeina) LaHood BeShara, and Daniel (Cindy) LaHood, all of Washington, and Matthew (Lisa) LaHood of Suwanee, GA; his sister-in-law, Ruth LaHood of Morton; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harry II and his two brothers, Thomas and Harry III.

Stephen was a manager at Colonial Life as well as an independent agent for the last several years. He was of the Catholic Faith, and during his battle with cancer, drew strength from his faith to get him through.

Stephen loved nothing more than being a dad. In his free time, he was a musician, songwriter, and comedian, involving a stint at The Improv Second City in Chicago.

The family will receive friends from 4-6 p.m. on Friday, July 15, 2022, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Washington. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00

a.m. on Saturday, July 16, 2022, at the church, with an additional hour of visitation prior to the service at 9:00 a.m. Father John Steffen will officiate. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Peoria. Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria is assisting the family. Memorials may be made to his daughter's education fund c/o Natalie LaHood. Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Cemetery

2105 W. Heading Ave.
West Peoria, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 15. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
705 E. Jefferson Street
Washington, IL

Visitation

JUL 16. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
705 E. Jefferson Street
Washington, IL

Funeral Mass

JUL 16. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
705 E. Jefferson Street
Washington, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen J. LaHood*

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *Prayers for the whole Lahood family. So sorry for your loss.*

The DeSantis Family - July 16, 2022 at 09:38 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen J. LaHood.*



July 15, 2022 at 09:50 AM



“ *Your CLA Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Stephen J. LaHood.*



Your CLA Family - July 15, 2022 at 07:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stephen J. LaHood.*



July 14, 2022 at 08:18 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Stephen J. LaHood.*



July 14, 2022 at 05:46 PM



“ *Matt and family,*

I am incredibly sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family during this difficult time.

Ellen McCabe

Ellen McCabe - July 14, 2022 at 05:45 PM



“ *Steve brought joy to all who knew him. He was a true friend and helped me through one of the roughest patches in my life. We did comedy together and then music. He will always be in my memory and a part of me. May God's perpetual light shine upon him. Johnny Burnett*

Johnny Burnett - July 14, 2022 at 04:53 PM

BM

“ *Bill and Tammy Maruottolo purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Stephen J. LaHood.*



Bill and Tammy Maruottolo - July 14, 2022 at 01:42 PM

EM

“ *Emily, Matt, Tammy and Bill Maruottolo purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Stephen J. LaHood.*



Emily, Matt, Tammy and Bill Maruottolo - July 14, 2022 at 01:31 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen J. LaHood.*



July 14, 2022 at 09:15 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Stephen J. LaHood.*



July 13, 2022 at 09:43 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen J. LaHood.*



July 13, 2022 at 10:50 AM



“ *What a pleasure to know and care for Steve. He was an inspiration to my life with his love of God and life. I pray that family finds peace in knowing that Steve loved you all very much and he looked forward to heaven. Lori Huggs*

Lori Huggs - July 12, 2022 at 10:49 PM



“ *Todd and Teresa Burns purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Stephen J. LaHood.*



Todd and Teresa Burns - July 12, 2022 at 07:13 PM



“ *Eric & Mary Butler purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Stephen J. LaHood.*



Eric & Mary Butler - July 12, 2022 at 10:32 AM

EB

“ To Gloria, Natalie, Drenna, and all of the LaHood Family and Friends...I can't quite put into words both how sad I am at the loss of a lifelong friend, and how happy and honored I am to have known him. Since our meeting at Western Illinois University, years of playing music together, and staying in touch through the recent decades, Steve has always been like a brother to me. If I needed someone to bounce crazy ideas off of, or just a kind word to make me smile, Steve was always just a phone call away. He was a natural at shared comedy...the kind that hit you in just the right way to make you feel that you were in on the joke. It had no malice. And, he cared for everyone he met. The thing that he excelled at was making everyone smile. I'll miss that smile. But, I'll keep the memory of it with me for the rest of my days. Thank you, Steve, for being there and being such a fun part of my life. I believe that I and thousands of other people, are better for having known you.

Eric Butler - July 12, 2022 at 10:18 AM

RT

“ Rickie Richey and Altaworx Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Stephen J. LaHood.



Rickie Richey and Altaworx Team - July 11, 2022 at 09:55 PM

BK

“ *My deepest sympathy to the entire Lahood Family. Steve was one of the first friends I met at Spalding my freshmen year. Such a great guy. We had so much fun in high school and at WIU and the years that followed - he made the world smile and laugh with his sense of humor and wit. He had a huge heart and loved all his family and friends. I will miss you my friend but treasure all the memories over the last 44 years.*

Bob Keegan

Bob Keegan - July 11, 2022 at 07:36 PM

SH

“ *Forever a Funny Man and never a dull moment You will be missed*

sherrysmith - July 11, 2022 at 07:20 PM