



Stephen J. Bruski

November 3, 1956 - July 31, 2015

Walkerton - Stephen J. Bruski, 58, died July 31, 2015 in Walkerton, IN after a courageous battle with cancer. Steve was born November 3, 1956 in Flint, MI to Fred and Anna M. (Zehner) Bruski. He married Lizbeth Pease on July 6, 1985 at the Grace Episcopal Church in Lockport, NY.

Steve graduated from DeSales Catholic High School in 1974. He went on to study pharmacy at the State University of New York at Buffalo, graduating in 1982 as a registered pharmacist. He started his pharmacy career at Nuclear Pharmacy, Inc. in Chicago, IL. At the time of his marriage, his employment shifted to Starke Memorial Hospital in Knox, IN as a staff pharmacist and was eventually promoted to director. Later, Steve held positions as staff pharmacist at Memorial Hospital of South Bend, LaPorte Hospital and Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center at both Plymouth and Mishawaka campuses.

While in high school, Steve achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He continued to be active in Boys Scouts of America as the Scoutmaster for Troop 4 in Lockport, NY and Troop 13 in Knox, IN

Steve enjoyed a lifelong love of astronomy. He shared his enthusiasm and passion for the stars with everyone he met, often offering to take his telescope to the backyard of a friend and show them the wonders of the universe. Steve frequently traveled near and far to attend star parties, eclipses and various other astronomical events. He was a frequent listener of WVPE, the local National Public Radio station. Steve found peace and solace at The Bahá'í House of Worship in Wilmette, IL. His prayer life of recent years was often

based on the Bahá'í book of prayer.

Steve is survived by his wife of thirty years, Liz Pease and their daughter, Savanna, of Indianapolis. He is survived by his mother, Anna M. Bruski, of Lockport, NY, two brothers, Paul Bruski (Linda Ferdinand) of Holland, NY and John Bruski (Ruth) of Littleton, CO, two sisters, Mary Bruski of Sanborn, NY and Patricia Schaffer (Gregory) of Whitehouse, OH. He is also survived by sister-in-law, Cindy Goehle of Lockport, NY and brother-in-law, Chris Pease of the Dominican Republic. He will be missed by several nieces and nephews as well as several great-nephews and great-nieces.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Caitlin Rebecca Bruski and his father, Fred J. Bruski.

Visitation will take place Friday, August 7, 2015 at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel beginning at 12:00 p.m. ET until 3:00 p.m. ET, to be followed immediately by a brief Celebration of Life/Sharing of Memories. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to WVPE (the local National Public Radio station, 2424 California Rd., Elkhart, IN 46514), Doctors Without Borders or the charitable organization of your choice.

Tribute Wall

TZ

“ Deepest condolences to the Bruski/Pease families. Steve was a wonderful person with a heart of solid gold. Steve wouldn't hesitate to share his outer space knowledge with anyone who asked. Showing Michael how his telescope worked, calling us to come watch the space station fly over, setting up in a dark location to watch some once-in-a-lifetime phenomenon to taking the kids to Potato Creek State Park to recreate the solar system to scale, he will be missed more than we can even imagine. May he always shine brightly from the stars above, God is so lucky to have him in His family now.

The Zehner's - June 18, 2018 at 10:50 AM

WD

“ To my good friend Steve, I shall look for you among the star's Farewell for now until we meet again.

Warren M Disaverio - June 18, 2018 at 10:50 AM

MH

“ God bless Steve and his family. I worked with Steve a number of years and recall his enthusiasm and dedication as a pharmacist. He will be missed in the pharmacy community.

Michael Higgins - June 18, 2018 at 10:50 AM

JW

“ So sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in your memories. Steve was always a joy to work with. My prayers are with you.

Janelle wesley - June 18, 2018 at 10:50 AM

PW

“ You will always have a special place in my heart, We were born the same year just weeks apart, and growing up with lots of visits to Grandma and Gram-pa's Farm. The memories are cherished. You will be missed by all who knew you.

Paula (Zehner) Weintraut - June 18, 2018 at 10:50 AM

KJ

“ Thoughts and prayers to Liz and family. Steve was great to work with at the "old" Starke Memorial.

Kathie Jones - June 18, 2018 at 10:50 AM

RS

“ When reading the obituaries in the South bend Tribune today, I was surprised and pleased to see that Stephen had found solace in the Baha'i prayers. On behalf of the Baha'i community of South Bend, allow me to express our condolences to you for your loss and assure you that Stephen will be in our prayers as well in the upcoming days. May he find an ample reward in the next life, and may his loved ones in this world find solace.

Robert Stockman - June 18, 2018 at 10:50 AM

PH

“ I had the pleasure of working with Steve for years at Memorial and was lucky enough to be befriended. Smart, funny, gregarious - and a moral compass second to none. I think of him frequently even though it's been years since we spoke. I am sorry to hear of his passing and offer my condolences to you for the loss of a wonderful man.

Paula Ho - June 18, 2018 at 10:50 AM

TZ

“ So sorry to here about Steve. I worked with him at Memorial and we always would talk about music.

Tammy Zeigert - June 18, 2018 at 10:50 AM

LR

“ Steve was an amazing, generous, creative friend and coworker. We lost him much too soon; he will be greatly missed. Words cannot adequately express my thanks for the courage and kindness he imparted to my sons and I during a two-year nightmare. His family became our family, and he taught us how to laugh again. Just last summer he and Liz watched fireworks from my backyard, and Steve showed us Saturn with his telescope. So many precious memories...

Laura E Schmidt R.N. - June 18, 2018 at 10:50 AM

PB

“ Liz: I am so sorry to read of Steve's passing. It's hard to believe that 30 years has passed since we all were at your wedding. Love, Pat Brophy

Pat Brophy - April 29, 2018 at 07:00 PM

JA

“ First off I send my love and prayers to everyone. Just remember how Steve be friended me along time ago. Had so many wonderful time with him and the family. I will sadly miss him.

Jim Arnold - April 29, 2018 at 07:00 PM

BR

“ All our love and prayers and thoughts.

Beth Rogers - April 29, 2018 at 07:00 PM

RG

“ I am saddened to hear of the loss of one of my class mates. Steve was a warm and friendly man. Even though it's been years since I've seen him, I can still remember his smile. My condolences to you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Sincerely,
Renee

Renee Pagliei Gross - April 29, 2018 at 07:00 PM

MS

“ Dear Aunt Anna and Family,
I am so sad and to hear the news after such a battle. I will not be able to come because of my own battle with cancer and travel at this time. Steve was always such an inspiration. I am praying for all of you for comfort and peace. Please know that you are in my thoughts and heart. Love to you and all the family. Mary Stockemer (Zehner)

Mary Stockemer - April 29, 2018 at 07:00 PM

CB

“ We are all very sorry that we can not be with you today. Thinking about you all.

Phyllis Zolman, Jerry & Connie Black

Connie Black - April 29, 2018 at 07:00 PM

JB

“ I wanted to send my deepest condolences to Steve's family. Many years ago I worked with Steve at Starke Memorial and he was such a great guy. Steve's family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Jennifer Bailey - April 29, 2018 at 07:00 PM

DS

“ Liz and daughter Savanna-- Sorry to read of the passing of Steve. Hard to believe it has ben nearly 4 decades since I have seen him; Steve's dad and my dad worked w each other at Harrison, and Paul was a bit closer in age. Congrats on 30 years of marriage, Liz. May you and Savanna be warmed by many great family memories. My wife Nancy and I will be praying for you. PS Please come to your LSHS reunion next year, Liz!

Dave Shambach - April 29, 2018 at 07:00 PM

KM

“ To Steve's Family, I am deeply saddened to hear about Steve; my condolences to you all, and in particular Liz, Savannah, and his Mom...I have nothing but the fondest memories of Steve, and, like fellow classmate Renee Paglei, will long remember his warm smile and welcoming manner. With Steve, there were never any false "airs:" he was a friend to anyone who came his way. He also was a strong advocate of important ideas, even in high school, and worked very diligently for "positive change." (And, hoping this will make YOU smile, Steve was furious with me when I, playing his "love interest" in a school stage production of "Dear Ruth" faked our kiss. HE was the true actor, trying to do his best in his role to convince the audience; I was a stupid sophomore, afraid of being kissed, in front of an audience, no less...) Though it is sadly his "obituary," I thoroughly enjoyed reading about his MANY successes post high school graduation, when I last saw him, in 1978. Sounds like he was a GREAT man, and a LOVED man: nicely done, Steve. You will be missed.

Kathy Martin - April 29, 2018 at 07:00 PM

SG

“ Liz and Savanna: How lucky we were at Starke Memorial Hospital to have Steve join us. What a wonderful guy. He supported us in so many ways. He lead the effort for SMH to sponsor an Explorer Post. He and I shared many Eagle Scout memories. I am sure every time you look to the stars, you will see him sparkling.

Spencer Grover - April 29, 2018 at 07:00 PM