



Stephen Joseph Szczerba

January 24, 1954 - July 19, 2023

Stephen Joseph Szczerba, age 69, passed away after a long battle with cancer in the early hours of the morning on July 19, 2023, surrounded by family. Stephen was born January 24, 1954, in Wilmington, DE to Edward J Szczerba (deceased) and Jean R Szczerba. He grew up in Elsmere, DE with 4 brothers and 2 sisters. Stephen attended Corpus Christi High School and graduated in the 12th graduating class in June 1972. After graduating high school, he enlisted directly into the Navy, serving active duty in the South Pacific until June 1975, whereupon he continued to serve in the Naval Reserves. He attended Villanova University during the same time and graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Accounting in May 1979. Stephen was a member of the varsity football team at Villanova and played alongside his brother, Edward.

Stephen and his wife Karen (Quinn) were married April 4th, 1987. They bought a home together in Newark, DE and raised two children, Stephen Arthur and Ashley Nicole. He worked as an accountant and data systems specialist for Dupont and Computer Science Corporation for most of his career. He was passionate about coaching his children's sports teams and enjoyed golfing with his friends and family. Stephen was an avid fan of Villanova sports, especially football and basketball, and attended many events as an alumnus. He was a proud Dziadzi of his grandchildren and enjoyed spending time with them.

When Stephen's youngest brother, Joe fell in the line of duty as a New Castle County police officer, he took much of his time to volunteer for the local Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS). He made a point to travel to Washington, DC for the Annual Police Week, when he was able to, and organize a multitude of fundraisers in his brother's name.

One of Stephen's greatest gifts was storytelling, and he will live on in the memory of all of those he was close to, as a legend in his own right.

Stephen is survived by his wife, Karen; son, Stephen (Amber); daughter, Ashley (Christine); his mother, Jean; brothers: Edward, Gerald, and Peter; sisters, Karen and Nancy; grandchildren: Christopher, Cameron, Hailee, Kelsee and Carter; very special sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law; and a multitude of nieces, nephews and extended family.

A visitation will be held Friday, July 28, 2023, from 10:30 AM - 12 Noon at Abundant Life Church, 2744 Red Lion Rd., Bear, DE 19702 followed by a service in celebration of Stephen's life at 12 Noon. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Delaware Chapter of COPS or the National Humane Society, both charities close to Stephen's heart. For directions or to send an online condolence, visit www.stranofeeley.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 28. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Abundant Life Church
2744 Red Lion Road
Bear, DE 19701

Service

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Tribute Wall

MD

“ *Monica DeHart lit a candle in memory of Stephen Szczerba*



Monica DeHart - July 28, 2023 at 07:40 AM

JL

“ *To the entire Szczerba Family:*

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I thank you and yours for your dedicated service and devotion to all the members of our law enforcement community especially the New Castle County Police. I had the honor of having Joe on my platoon during my tenure in patrol with NCCPD. Just like his brother, a finer person, who was so caring, could not be found. May you find peace in the coming days that the brothers have been reunited in Our Lord's heavenly house. They will be looking down on you and providing you with love and guidance as you move forward during this time of loss.

John W. Lodge, LT. - Ret., NCCPD

John W. Lodge - July 26, 2023 at 03:11 PM

AE

“ I met Steve when I first started with DuPont and when we transitioned to Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC), at one point, we shared an office. I started with New Castle County in 2013 and to my surprise, Steve was at the podium giving a speech for Police Memorial. Every year since, I've looked forward to seeing him. We hold a lot of memories at DuPont and CSC, all of which were stories of his family, so many jokes. Steve was so big on family and he told stories of thanksgiving dinners etc. with so much love and pride.

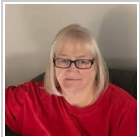
I have one regret that we didn't get together for lunch as promised.

To his wife Karen & family; Mom, Jean; siblings and extended family, my condolences. I will pray that God gives you all whatever you need in those moments.

I will miss my dear friend.

Audrey Eubanks

Audrey Eubanks - July 26, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ Karen and family so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers

Ruth Rawlins

Ruth Rawlins - July 25, 2023 at 09:00 PM

KM

“ To the entire Szczerba family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn the passing of
Stephen.

Stephen was devoted to preserving the legacy of his brother, Joe,
who was killed, in the line of duty, while serving with the New Castle
County Police Department. While keeping Joe's memory alive,
Stephen developed his own legacy as a devoted and
compassionate man who always put others before himself.

He will definitely be missed but never forgotten.

Kevin McDerby

Kevin McDerby - July 25, 2023 at 10:17 AM

JC

“ Jeff Chadick lit a candle in memory of
Stephen Szczerba



Jeff Chadick - July 23, 2023 at 01:37 PM

KC

“ Jeff and Kathy want to extend our condolences to Karen and the
Szczerba family. Stephen was such a wonderful and loving
person. He will be remembered in our hearts forever.

Kathy Collins - July 22, 2023 at 08:20 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Collins lit a candle in memory of Stephen Szczerba*



Kathy Collins - July 22, 2023 at 08:07 PM

KQ

“ *I loved and will always remember Steve Szczerba, he was a great man, who loved and cared for Karen, my sister, and was a awesome and very loving and involved father and grandfather. Our lives were filled with a lot of love, laughter, and fun times. He had a close relationship to all the Quinn and Szczerba families, He dedicated his time to keeping the memory of his brother Joe, who died in the line of duty, as a Lieutenant for the New Castle County Police and did many things to honor him. I will miss him so so much, but I am comforted that he will not suffer anymore, and I know is in heaven with our Lord Jesus. -Kathy Quinn*

Kathy Quinn - July 22, 2023 at 03:48 PM