



Stephen Ray Prout

October 21, 1955 - April 15, 2019

Bluefield, Va - Stephen Ray Prout died at his home, surrounded by loving family, in Bluefield, VA, on April 15, 2019. He was 63.

Steve was born in 1955 to Anna Margaret and John William (Jack) Prout in Indianapolis, IN. He grew up in a large family, with eight siblings. In the winter the children ice-skated in a backyard rink, and in the summer they frequently traveled to a nearby lake for fishing, beginning a lifelong love of fishing that Steve would share with many members of his family.

Steve relocated to Bluefield, VA, in 1975, where he met his wife, Phyllis. They married in Bluefield in 1977. Steve worked for over 40 years in healthcare. He was a respiratory therapist at Bluefield Community Hospital, and later served the community as a home health-care provider at Laurel Mountain Medical and Four Seasons Home Medical. Steve and Phyllis have two children, Christopher Stephen and Ashley Danielle. When Chris and Ashley were young, Steve coached their youth sports teams. In his free time, Steve enjoyed catching stripers and catfish on Claytor Lake, taking family vacations to the beach, and visiting family in Indianapolis, New York, and northern Virginia. His enthusiasm and personable, curious nature brought life to gatherings. In recent years, Steve's young grandchildren brought him much joy.

Steve is preceded in death by his parents, Margaret and Jack Prout, his brother Joe Prout, and brothers-in-law Ray Chaney, Bill Loyal, and Tommy and Charles Lambert. He is survived by his wife Phyllis; children Chris Prout (and wife Lee) of New York, NY; Ashley Prout (and husband Lamine) of Centreville, VA; and grandchildren Fatim, Tariq, and Habib Ly; siblings Dorothy Orr (and husband Pete) of Pensacola, FL; John Prout of Fort Walton Beach, FL; Sue West (and husband Mike); Don Prout (and wife Diane); Jean Loyal; Nancy Hill (and husband Mike); and Katie Schuster (and husband Tim), all of Indianapolis, IN; siblings-in-law Sharon Chaney of Morgantown, WV; Frank Lambert of Bluefield, WV; Linda Miller of Indianapolis, IN; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and grandnieces and grandnephews.

Steve will be remembered in a memorial service at Mercer Funeral Home at 1231 West Cumberland Road in Bluefield, WV. Visitation will be held from 12-2 p.m., and the service will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday April 20, 2019. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com. Mercer Funeral Home & Crem is serving the family of Stephen Prout.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 20. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Funeral Service

APR 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall



“ *Fatim Ly sent a virtual gift in memory of Stephen Ray Prout*



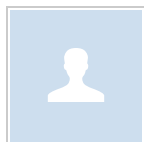
Fatim Ly - January 11 at 10:41 AM



“ *Fatim Zahra Ly lit a candle in memory of Stephen Ray Prout*



Fatim Zahra Ly - January 11 at 10:39 AM



“ *Stephen Ray Prout*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Thank you for being such a sweet, loving kind soul to our family, the Lambert's. You were always there to help in any way you possibly could. The many "Missions for God" which you liked to call them involving many hours and miles of travel taking you away from your own home and family. You will always be remembered for that great smile and sharing your fishing stories, and, of course the boat that never had to weather a winter storm. Kudos to you my brother in law. Great will be your reward from the greatest Fisher of Men that has ever lived.*

Sharon Chaney - May 06, 2019 at 03:18 PM

MC

“ Mike and I were sorry to hear about Steve. Our prayers are with the family during this sad time. He was always so nice and friendly. Such a good person. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Mike and Robin Christiansen - April 19, 2019 at 11:08 PM

VC

“ Vivian, Leslie and Coutney purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Stephen Ray Prout.



Vivian, Leslie and Coutney - April 19, 2019 at 11:58 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Stephen Ray Prout.



April 18, 2019 at 05:09 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Stephen Ray Prout.



April 18, 2019 at 03:55 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Stephen Ray Prout.*



April 18, 2019 at 03:27 PM



“ *Steve radiated warmth and kindness and humor, and a sense of gentle realism that was invaluable to me as developing young man. I am grateful to have known Steve and thankful for the impact he made not only upon me, but the entire community. Rest well kind soul. Prout family, sending you love and strength.*

Isaac Nelson - April 18, 2019 at 11:44 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Ray Prout.*



April 18, 2019 at 11:34 AM



“ *Prayers for your family, Phyllis.*

Elaine Sult



Elaine Sult - April 17, 2019 at 06:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stephen Ray Prout.*



April 17, 2019 at 12:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Stephen Ray Prout.*



April 17, 2019 at 12:37 PM



“ *Dear Phyllis,
I'm so sorry to hear about Steve. I've known him since I started working at the old hospital in 1977. He was always so friendly and kind to me, and the absolute best person to work with. I learned so much from him and respected him immensely. I'm praying for you and your family as you grieve. God bless you, comfort you, and bring you peace.*



*Love and prayers
Eleanor Short*

Eleanor Short - April 17, 2019 at 10:51 AM

DM

“ Thoughts and prayers to you Phyllis and your family. Steve was such a pleasant person and so proud of his family. We , at Prime Cut will miss him so much and his sense of humor. May God comfort all of you.

Debbie Mariotti - April 16, 2019 at 08:55 PM

CB

“ Phyllis you and your family are all so special. I have always thought the world of Steve. He will be missed. Continued prayers for you.



Carol Brooks - April 16, 2019 at 08:24 PM

MA

“ Martha Aldridge lit a candle in memory of Stephen Ray Prout



Martha Aldridge - April 15, 2019 at 10:49 PM

MA

Phyllis I am so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. Please know that he will be missed and I am praying for you and all his family through this very difficult time. Rest assured everyone that worked with Steve or even met him thought the world of him. My heart is broken💔 God bless your heart🙏

Martha Aldridge - April 15, 2019 at 10:54 PM

DO

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



dorothy orrell - April 15, 2019 at 03:11 PM

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dorothy orrell - April 15, 2019 at 03:06 PM

LB

“ *Oh Phyllis, I can't express how very sorry I am for you and your son. Steve was always such a friendly kind gentleman; makes his passing so much harder. If there is anything I can do for you, please let me know. Prayers for Peace and strength. So sorry! Lindsey*

Lindsey Grubb Barilla - April 15, 2019 at 01:49 PM