



Stephen J Wenzler III

November 10, 1939 - March 3, 2023

Stephen Joseph Wenzler III, Friday November 10, 1939 - Friday March 3, 2023

Son, Nephew, Cousin, Brother, Husband, Father, Uncle, Grandfather, and especially Teacher. We are celebrating his life, not his death. He devoted his life to his family, friends, and his students. We were all his students at one point or another. Friends of his family were considered family. It didn't matter what walk of life you were from; he would be there when you needed him to be. He was the prime example of Mi Casa-Sú Casa. He would always say he was a tough s.o.b. (son of a butcher), but his heart was twice as big. He will be dearly missed by many.

Steve grew up in Trenton, NJ and graduated from Trenton High School in 1957. He went to Trenton State College (now College of New Jersey) where he met his lifelong friend and wife Mary Hilditch. He graduated with a BA and MA in Music Education by 1966. Mary and Steve married June 23rd, 1962. They had 4 children. During these years he had his own business, Camelot Music studio in Toms River, and taught music at Toms River Public Schools followed by Mount Laurel Township Schools. During this time, he tutored students in music.

In his spare time, he had vegetable gardens, was a scout leader for Troop 37 of Trenton and Troop 44 of Moorestown, choir member and youth group leader for Trinity Episcopal Church of Moorestown and was a lifetime member of the German American Society of Trenton. Stephen held many of the positions on the board at the GAS. He was also the steward for a few years, coached soccer, Thursday night chef, bartender, and always had time to volunteer no matter what had to be done. In his later years, he still enjoyed the club and gardening along with playing poker, trips to the casinos, Walnut Street theatre, and was an avid reader.

Stephen is predeceased by his father Stephen J Jr., his mother Katherine, his sister and brother-in-law Anna Marie and Nikolaus Wiener, brothers-in-law Harry Grod and John Nickle, and his son Stephen J the IV.

He is survived by his wife Mary, sister and brother-in-law Patricia and Nils Stolpe, sister Rose Marie, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Edna and Julius Wittenberg, sons and daughters-in-law; Leonard and Heather, Michael and Ellyn, Patrick and MaryEllen. His grandchildren; Ryan, Owen, Sam, Brendon, Lorelei, Danielle, Patrick, Tyler, and Earnest

(Benjamin) along with several nieces and nephews.

As per his wishes, there will be no services. Burial will be private.

Donations can be made to a charity of your choosing in his name.

Cemetery Details

PRIVATE INTERMENT

Tribute Wall

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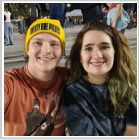
“ *Sad to just see this a year later. Mr Wenzler greatly impacted my life and he'll never know it. He introduced me to playing music over 50 years ago. He directed my Elementary school band and gave me private Trumpet lessons. Music was my major in college and I've had a great career; performing, composing and teaching music. Playing in music has lead to me meeting/working with so many people from Julia Roberts to Lady Gaga. Millions of people have heard music I created. Music has given me life-long joy. I wish I had a chance to thank Mr Wenzler in person.*

Michael H Finkel - March 14, 2024 at 11:46 PM



“ *Stephen J Wenzler III*

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Ryan Wenzler - March 07, 2023 at 01:11 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Lewis Funeral Home - March 07, 2023 at 11:18 AM

JA

Great guy always made you feel welcomed at the club he will be missed

Jake - March 07, 2023 at 05:46 PM

JM

He was my band teacher in Fleetwood School (Mt. Laurel). I remember a funny story that would hope to bring a smile to you as you are going through such a difficult time. We were having band practice up on the stage, and as Mr. Wenzler was conducting us, the gym teacher was moving the portable basketball net. Mr. Wenzler didn't see the gym teacher, just the backboard coming toward him. He threw all the sheets of music up in the air and ran to the side of the stage. We all laughed hysterically (so did Mr. Wenzler, a couple minutes later). As you could guess, band practice ended early that day.

I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Jennifer Martin - March 09, 2023 at 06:53 AM

KB

Sending our condolences from the Beam Family

Kimberly S Beam - March 09, 2023 at 01:29 PM