



Esteban “Steve” Silvera

August 14, 2020

Ardasley — Esteban Silvera (“Steve”), 84, died Friday, August 14, 2020 in his home following a courageous battle with cancer.

He leaves his beloved wife of 27 years, Elizabeth T. Strasser; his children Lisa Silvera; Kim Silvera; David F. Ryan (Mary A. Doyle); and Deirdre A. Ryan (Warren K. Costikyan); seven grandchildren; two great grandchildren, close relatives in Panama and the United States, and many dear friends. Steve was predeceased by his son Ricky Silvera.

Born and raised on the outskirts of Panama City, he immigrated to the United States at the age of 18. A champion jockey in Panama, he exercised horses at Belmont Park, Arlington Park, and Saratoga racetracks to earn the money to study at the City College of New York. He graduated from CCNY in 1964 with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering and went on to get his Master’s in Chemical Engineering from New York University in 1971. He had a long and successful career as a Chemical Engineer and Project Manager for Bechtel Corporation, Stauffer Chemical Company, Akzo Chemicals, and Universal Oil Products.

Steve was an accomplished runner and a member of the Westchester Road Runners club. He finished over ten marathons including the NY Marathon, the Boston Marathon, and the Long Island Marathon.

Steve was also an avid golfer and a proud member of the NYNEX golf league of Beekman Country Club in Hopewell Junction. He was often seen playing golf with his wife on many of Westchester County’s public courses and in Hilton Head, SC.

Steve and his wife travelled extensively visiting six continents. His favorite places included Croatia, Costa Rica, Germany, the Galapagos, the Amazon, Africa, Easter Island, Patagonia, Nepal, Bhutan, Sicily, Australia, and New Zealand.

In addition to running, golf, and travel, his love of horses continued throughout his life.

Steve was an incredibly compassionate and caring person who always had a smile for everyone. He was a gentleman and a gentle man who will be greatly missed by all who loved him. A memorial service will be held at a later date at the Union Church of Pocantico Hills where Steve was an active member.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to either [Calvary Hospital Hospice]<https://fund.calvaryhospital.org/ways-to-give/memorial-and-tribute-gifts/> or [Wounded Warrior Project]<https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/Default.aspx?tsid=10043> charities.

Comments



“ Steve I cannot believe you are not with us. Since I knew you from Stauffer and then Akzo it was nothing but the fun to talk you, get your and Liz's advice on variety of problems. You are kind of a mentor to us. Enjoyed every minute when we were together- christmas carols, running- it was a treat to us. You kind of became my elder brother. We will miss your jolly good talk.
We pray almighty God to keep your soul in peace.
Anand and Rekha Kapre

Anand s Kapre - September 11 at 08:02 PM



“ Steve, OUR FRIEND, sorry you had to say goodbye. However, we understand your days with us had come to an end. Milton and I enjoyed spending time with you and Liz in New York, Ocean Isle Beach NC, and Hilton Head SC. Chasing golf discounts and early bird dining was a great way to spend the day. Next time Milton and I hit the links, we will play a round for you and look for a 5:45 dinner special. MISS YOU AND REST IN PEACE.
Milton and Sonja

Sonja Farr - September 07 at 01:50 PM



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Edwards Dowdle - September 05 at 09:35 AM



“ Sue and Bob Pothier
To meet Steve was to find kindness toward all. He was a gentle man.
Kindred spirits, Liz and Steve, had found each other. Their glowing happiness was infectious and very visible.
Joy was in their hearts and they appropriately chose the beautiful song "Joy" for the close of their wedding.
Liz and Steve shared their married lives together for 27 years with their many friends and family, welcoming them into their lives and fabulous travels.
Steve easily made friendships and was like a brother to many, who felt the same about him.

Liz was his Queen and top priority always.

Steve liked everybody, his grand children maybe a little bit more.

Steve tried doing new things like playing golf, achieving a very good game as well as Liz.

We looked forward to our visits together because they were fun and great places: Chauncey Creek, Maine, New York City, Barbados, Hilton Head, Los Capo. Liz and Steve were so hospitable.

Steve and Liz met each other in a running club.

On August 14th Steve finished his last race in Liz's arms, a true love story achieved.

Steve, your life has touched us all for the better. We miss you. Being a man of great faith, your spirit is free, welcomed by the Lord of the Dance!

Sue and Bob Pothier - September 05 at 09:18 AM



“ Steve was a terrific brother-in-law to my husband Frank Strasser, and a good friend to me. I will never forget his unflinching kindness to our son Joel. He was indeed loved and he will be greatly missed.

Terry

Theresa C Strasser - August 29 at 09:33 PM



“ Steve lives on with us as a force of nature— an incomparable combination of an amazing intellect and huge heart with an unyielding passion and love of life that he shared with his family and friends.

Viv & Wes - August 28 at 01:30 PM



“ We were looking forward to our holiday together in Barbados last Easter. Sadly, Corona deprived us from our last meeting and now from us paying our last respects at his funeral. It has been a truly cruel and horrid year!!
R.I.P. Steve, we will miss you terribly and will always cherish the wonderful memories of our time spent together.
Our deepest condolences to Liz and the family!
Mary and Robert Kalcov

Robert Kalcov - August 28 at 10:08 AM



“ Pops was an amazing role model for his grandchildren and us! We cherish the many memories of him guiding our children to be loving and caring people. We will miss all of our time with him, but will remember them all with many photos of shared experiences. He was always our source of guidance in tough times and celebration in the best of times. His impact on all of us will last for generations. Our sadness in losing him is great but his legacy is everlasting. You are with us forever - Love you Pops!

Mandy - August 27 at 10:38 PM



“ Steve was a beloved member of the Strasser family. Steve was always patient, kind and generous to his family and all who knew him. When Steve married my sister, Elizabeth, I knew she had found a treasure. I gave him the nickname, Gemstone, because he was a genuine gem. One memory will always remain with me. When our dad, Shatze, as he was called by friends and family (meaning sweetheart in German) was dying, Steve would massage his feet. I didn't get a chance to do the same for him but hope to when we meet again. Steve, Mr. Gemstone, you were loved and will be missed. One star in heaven is shining brightly in your honor.
Annie Strasser Leonard

Anne Leonard - August 25 at 03:41 PM



“ We were very saddened this morning to read of Steve's passing. Our deepest condolences to Liz and Steve's family. Loretta & Blase

Blase Spinozzi - August 25 at 07:13 AM