



Stephen "Steve" Cruise

October 31, 1972 - May 31, 2023

Stephen "Steve" Cruise, 50, of North Augusta, South Carolina, passed away on Tuesday, May 31, 2023. He was the loving husband of Randy D. Elvidge. The couple had 23 happy years together. The celebration of Stephen's life will be held at a later date.

Stephen was born on October 31, 1972, in Montgomery, Alabama, son of Stephen "Henry" and Judy (Hammonds) Cruise. He was a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and went on to earn undergraduate and graduate degrees at the Florida Institute of Technology. Steve was a business analyst for Valmet (previously Metso), where he was able to demonstrate his skills at showing how every process could be mapped, improved, and have reason. His coworkers were all family to him, and he cherished every minute he spent with his "lunch bunch". He would try to convince everyone that he needed to travel to Wisconsin for important work duties, but truly he wanted to spend time with his northern friends. He found a way to creatively arrange the needs of his projects around seeing his work family, enjoying the Wisconsin dining experience, hanging out with all of his friends at Rascal's (who comedically nicknamed him "Stove"). Steve loved to be entertained, and loved to do the entertaining. He often reminisced about his antics with his father at Harry's on The River, where many were either lucky or unlucky to take part in singing, dancing, and of course... pranks. Steve's musical tastes served him and his husband well while cruising the world on the high seas. Steve was a master at

70's music trivia, and with Randy's 80's music knowledge they now have closets full of golden ship trophies. Steve liked his music to match his cooking... cheesy. He was an amazing cook, and anyone lucky enough to have joined him for a meal will attest to his skills. He believed all main courses needed a sauce, and that was likely an homage to the great Julia Childs. But, his greatest influence was his mother. She gifted a cookbook in which she included an inscription that said he could follow her recipes, but he would never cook as good as her. He gladly accepted that challenge. In many ways, Steve was what you would call an old soul. He appreciated the classics, and classical way of life. He loved old movies, old television shows, and older music. On many weekends, he and Randy were just as happy watching British comedies, or older movies. There was an unwritten list of movies that, if you started even just one second of it, you must watch completely to the end. Unless, of course, it was his favorite movie "Smokey & The Bandit". Steve knew every line, much to Randy's dismay, so it was mutually agreed that they would skip that movie at home. He was also a huge fan of Star Trek, enjoying every story line and series within the franchise.

Stephen is survived by his loving husband, Randy; his parents Stephen "Henry" and Judy (Hammonds); his brother Donald "Donnie" whom Steve was immensely proud of; along with several cousins. Steve is also survived by friends all over whom he considered as his extended family. The Columbia, SC family, the Beech Island Boatclub family, the Wisconsin family, the St. Petersburg family, the Auburn, AL family from way back.

Tribute Wall



“ Stephen "Steve" Cruise

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ I will miss our talks, your energy, and that endless smile. You were the post child of strength. Love you, Chawnette



Chawnette Gordon - June 05, 2023 at 08:47 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen "Steve" Cruise.



June 04, 2023 at 07:39 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen "Steve" Cruise.



June 03, 2023 at 10:58 AM

LH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Lisa Hutcheson - June 03, 2023 at 10:54 AM

EF

“ Elizabeth “Beth” Forbes lit a candle in memory of Stephen “Steve” Cruise



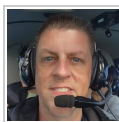
Elizabeth “Beth” Forbes - June 03, 2023 at 09:17 AM

JW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jemille R Williams - June 03, 2023 at 12:12 AM



Downton Abbey Finale hosted by PBS... we were treated like the stars!!! We met this fine lady, Jemille Williams, and remained friends forever.

Randy Elvidge - June 03, 2023 at 09:29 PM

DM

What a lovely night it must have been for you and Steve! May this memory and many others bring you comfort and peace during this sad time and always. Debra and John Murray

Debra and John Murray - June 04, 2023 at 07:19 AM

RR

“ *Rebecca Rushton lit a candle in memory of Stephen "Steve" Cruise*



Rebecca Rushton - June 02, 2023 at 09:19 PM

RP

“ *Ryan Pope lit a candle in memory of Stephen "Steve" Cruise*

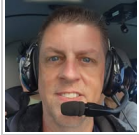


Ryan Pope - June 02, 2023 at 03:09 PM

RP

“ *I always loved his quick comebacks. He could definitely hold his own.*

Ryan Pope - June 02, 2023 at 03:08 PM



“ 8 files added to the album *His Younger Years*



Randy Elvidge - June 02, 2023 at 02:11 PM

JW

I love these adorable photos. He was always good-looking! Thank you for sharing them.

Jemille R Williams - June 03, 2023 at 12:11 AM

JA

“ JOHN AIU lit a candle in memory of Stephen "Steve" Cruise



JOHN AIU - June 02, 2023 at 12:28 PM

JA

“ *I loved having battles of quick-wittedness and see who could get the last word or make the best smart-ass remark. Making others laugh is how I'll always remember him! Aloha-oe, until we meet again friend.*

John Aiu - June 02, 2023 at 12:01 PM

JD

“ He was a sassy one ! It was not long after we moved into Knollwood that we knew these two were going to rise to the top of our favorites list!! Sharing creations from our kitchens, gardens, and just info in general, they both remain what great neighbors look like. A special love they shared was always obvious & like many we were drawn. Love to Randy, who wins the best spouse, loving husband award, hands down.They fought the good fight.Rest in Peace sweet friend..our love, Joni & Doug

Joni Dyer - June 02, 2023 at 11:49 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Stephen "Steve" Cruise.



June 02, 2023 at 11:45 AM



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DA

“ Steve and I lived to banter back and forth about all kinds of things. His great sense of humor kept me laughing all the time. I'll never forget him cooking me 7 meals and delivering them to my home after my open heart surgery. Steve, you will be missed.

Darrel - June 02, 2023 at 11:39 AM

CS

“ *Steven always called his grandmother cut a mommy because she wrapped meat in a grocery store. He always was sweet and had a big smile.*

Christina Strickland - June 02, 2023 at 11:11 AM