



Stephen C. Radage

November 15, 1949 - May 1, 2015

Stephen C Radage of McCandless Township passed quietly at his home as he wished on May 1st after a long battle with esophagus cancer. Stephen was born November 15, 1949 to his father, then West Deer Police, Chief Stephen Radage and his mother Elizabeth Radage. He was the eldest of three children.

He is survived and will be deeply missed by his longtime companion and partner Joni Schmidt, his mother Elizabeth Radage, his son Stephen A Radage, his brother Michael D Radage (wife Susan K), a nephew Michael C Radage (wife Susan) and niece Kristen Bell (husband Michael) and and Joni's son Brendan Barnett (wife Taffany) He is predeceased by his father and his sister Vivian Radage.

Steve was destined to be an adventurous outdoors man from his early childhood. His meanderings during childhood instilled a love of the outdoors that was to become a major influence on his entire life. Before school Steve could be spotted setting a trap line or hunting in what was at that time a very rural community. Steve loved the outdoors and all it had to offer throughout his life. Hunting and fishing came to be the passions of his life which he was always eager to share with anyone that expressed interest.

After a brief stint in college Steve joined Local 3 of the Ironworkers Union. He

successfully worked as an Iron Worker for 20 years and was also an instructor at the Iron Workers Apprentice School. No matter how many times he would pass a building he worked on, he could recount who worked on the job with him and what happened there. A downturn in the economy turned him to a new career with his brother Michael. They opened and successfully ran a roofing and construction business until another economic turn altered Steve's professional direction for the last time. He joined the Fitters Local 449 and spent the last 22 years of his working career working under this union's banner. These different careers provided Steve with many dear friends that were vital to him until his untimely death.

Until his death he remained a dedicated and passionate hunter and fisherman. He was proud to be a member of Whitetail Management, and the BASS federation. Since his retirement he has fished several regional and district tournaments and enjoyed the experiences and the people he met. His black Ranger Bass boat was his pride and joy and as he always said it was his retirement gift to himself. He would say "To me, from me, with love", and he would laugh. Steve and Joni spent the last two winters in Okeechobee Florida where he could fish in the sunshine and enjoy his time. Hunting never took a back seat to fishing though. In 2007 Steve and Joni spent two weeks in Africa hunting and sightseeing. Steve was able to harvest 5 plains game animals in what was the hunt of a lifetime. He loved the adventure, sport and meeting all the different people he encountered anywhere he went. He always expressed an interest in "going back after a cat".

Steve never liked being the center of attention. He was more content being in the background planning pranks, or adding to the commentary with witty observation. He always made friends easily no matter the situation. His honest smile and open demeanor when you met him ensured that this was a man to be trusted. He stayed true to his word but would be brutally honest. Second rate was not in his vocabulary. It was all or nothing with Steve. His two

favorite phrases were, “What’s the worst that could happen and can you accept that?” and “If you always think what you always thought, you will always get what you always got.”

Steve was taken from us much too soon. But when we do greet him again, he will be smiling and waving at us from the dock with the boat gassed up, gear loaded and ready to go. The sun will just be rising and the mist will still be on the water. It is Steve’s favorite time of day. The air will have a little nip in it as the birds are just waking up with their first morning songs. Steve, always smiling, will be glad to see us and that we could spend some time with him. He waited for us.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society 320 Bilmar Dr, Pittsburgh, PA 15205 or the Passavant Cancer Center 9100 Babcock Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

Cemetery Details

none

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Simons Funeral Home, Inc.
7720 Perry Highway
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Visitation

MAY 6. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

MAY 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



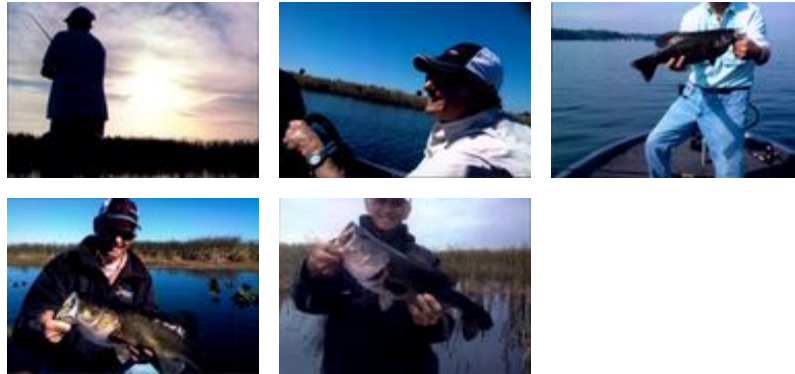
“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Stephen C. Radage .*



May 06, 2015 at 07:41 AM



“ *55 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Simons Funeral Home - May 05, 2015 at 10:58 AM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen C. Radage .*



May 05, 2015 at 09:03 AM

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“ *Joni & family, It is so sad to lose such a great guy so very young. You have our heartfelt sympathy and know he is watching over all of you from this day forth. I enjoyed taking care of Steve's haircut visits and so thrilled he made my dearest friend so happy through the years. No matter where you go, a light will shine on you as he protects you as he did when he was here. God Bless. Be well. Amen. Bev & Lynn @ Bev's Studio of Hair*



Bev Baker - May 04, 2015 at 10:51 AM

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“ *Aaron and Joyce Fortson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Stephen C. Radage .*



Aaron and Joyce Fortson - May 04, 2015 at 10:32 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen C. Radage .*



May 02, 2015 at 10:39 PM