



Robert Stephen Gerard

August 10, 1952 - July 18, 2017

Cape Girardeau, Mo. – Robert Stephen Gerard, “Steve,” 64, of Cape Girardeau passed away Tuesday, July 18th at St. Francis Medical Center after a short battle with cancer.

He was born August 10, 1952 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, the son of Harold Fletcher and Iona Mae Benson Gerard.

After serving in the Army’s 101st Airborne Division, Steve married Janet Louise Bieg in 1977 in St. Louis.

After farming for years, Steve started Gerard Financial Services and worked as a Chartered Financial Consultant at Wood & Huston Bank. An avid cyclist, he was a pioneer of local cycling initiatives and a member of the Velo Girardeau cycling club. Steve loved biking the roads of Cape Girardeau, Southern Illinois, and the Florida Keys. His passions also included community involvement, music, travel, camping, skiing and Cardinal baseball. He never met a stranger, and was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. He especially looked forward to an annual anniversary trip to Mexico with his wife.

Steve is survived by his wife, Jan; daughter, Nicole Fratto (Zach) of Homestead, FL; a son, Tate Gerard of East Cape Girardeau, IL; and

grandchildren Maverick and Collins Gerard.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, H. Lynn Gerard.

A celebration of life open house for family and friends will be held from 3-8 at Port Cape Girardeau on Sunday, July 23, 2017.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ So sorry for your and your family's loss Jan. May God comfort you and yours.

jennifer and shon stratman - November 06, 2017 at 09:27 PM

LM

“ Jan, Nicole and Tate, I am so very saddened and my heart hurts for you. I remember hanging out with you guys in your garage while you were building your dome. Later my young daughters and Nicole and Tate played together. Once by accident they locked themselves in Nicole's bedroom. Steve saved the day! Both of you became like my family. I wish I could be there for you Jan, you were always there for me. I love you so very much, Leslie (Bridewell) McMillan

Leslie (Bridewell) McMillan - August 03, 2017 at 11:03 AM

YP

“ Jan, may God grant you and your family peace, comfort and strength during this incredibly difficult time. Steve was a wonderful man and will be missed.

Yolanda Poore - July 25, 2017 at 08:41 PM

RB

“ So so sorry Jan. Bicycles brought Steve and I to know one another. Can't tell you how many time we randomly met while riding to work or when he was leading a Velo group ride. He will missed by me and so many more.

Rick Brindell - July 22, 2017 at 07:44 AM

BS

“ *Barb Birkenmeier Swalina lit a candle in memory of Robert Stephen Gerard*



Barb Birkenmeier Swalina - July 22, 2017 at 07:34 AM

PE

“ *So sorry to learn of Steve's death. The Gerard's were our neighbors for many years and we spent lots of time together and many trips to Kentucky Lake when we were younger. Good memories. My prayers are with you.*
Peggy Colyer Evans
Phoenix AZ

Peggy Evans - July 21, 2017 at 10:28 PM

DS

“ *I am so sorry for your family's loss. I always admired Steve and Jan's loving relationship. I could tell that they were each other's best friend. I will always remember that I never saw Steve without a smile. My prayers are with you Jan and your family for your comfort in this hard time. Love, Debbie Schearf.*

Debbie Schearf - July 21, 2017 at 07:53 PM

RC

*So sorry for your loss Jan,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family*

Rhonda cripps - July 22, 2017 at 07:52 AM

NS

“ I remember when Steve joined the Army and was part of the 101st Airborne unit. Once he had a steady income he went out and bought a bright orange brand spankin' new Dodge Van that he kept spotless inside and out. He washed and kept that van waxed so you could see your reflection in it!
My condolences to you and your family Jan! You apparently had many happy years together, which is a true blessing.
Norma Whiteman Sedlock

Norma Whiteman Sedlock - July 21, 2017 at 05:54 PM

 Tara Caldwell

“ Prayers of comfort for the family.



Tara Caldwell - July 21, 2017 at 12:04 PM

KC

“ Jan. My heart is breaking for you. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Kim Crites - July 21, 2017 at 12:01 PM

KW

“ Jan, my prayers for you and your children. You and Steve were always together, just like Richard and I were. The road ahead is difficult but you will through God's hand make it. If there is anything I can do to help, just let me know. Prayers for strength.

Kaye Walker - July 21, 2017 at 09:39 AM

DN

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers as we read about Steve passing away. I know he will truly be missed by you, Jan and your family Know that he left you all with such loving memories. Our heart aches for you and so sorry for your loss.

*Debbie Newcomb (Wednesday's Food Pantry) Miss you girl!
and Gary Newcomb*

Debbie Newcomb - July 21, 2017 at 09:10 AM

BB

“ Bruce Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Robert Stephen Gerard



Bruce Blankenship - July 21, 2017 at 08:49 AM

KD

“ Kathleen Darden lit a candle in memory of Robert Stephen Gerard



Kathleen Darden - July 21, 2017 at 08:11 AM

 Tim
Vollink

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Tim Vollink - July 21, 2017 at 07:18 AM

RD

“ *Renate DeBlois lit a candle in memory of Robert Stephen Gerard*



Renate DeBlois - July 21, 2017 at 04:34 AM

PK

“ *Pete Kerr lit a candle in memory of Robert Stephen Gerard*



Pete Kerr - July 20, 2017 at 11:21 PM

MG

“ *A man with a ready smile and a good heart... we place him into the gracious hands of his Maker. He will be missed. Mike Gallagher*

Mike Gallagher - July 20, 2017 at 09:50 PM