



## Stephen Gerard Ross

February 18, 1961 - July 10, 2023

Stephen Gerard Ross, 62 years of age and formerly of Benton, MO, passed on Monday, July 10, 2023, at Southeast Health Hospital in Cape Girardeau, MO, surrounded by family.

Steve was born on February 18, 1961, in Cape Girardeau, to Tom and Virginia Ross. He was one of seven children. He grew up in New Hamburg and Benton, MO, and graduated from Thomas W. Kelly High School in 1979 with technical training in electronics. His expertise in problem-solving led to his long career in computer support and sales. He began his career with Olivetti, then worked with the NCR Corporation from 1983-2001. His job roles included customer support, product management and sales support in NCR's locations in Columbia, SC, Atlanta, GA and San Diego, CA. Steve's genuine and engaging presentation style and customer skills allowed him to travel throughout the U.S. and internationally, including many European countries, Australia, New Zealand, Egypt, and South Africa. Steve retired from NCR and moved back to southeast Missouri to be closer to family.

Steve was a successful, adventurous and a spiritual man. Those who knew him would describe him as "just a great guy!" He loved family gatherings and planned many reunions, trips, family golf tournaments and similar events over the years. Steve enjoyed world travel, and cultivating many friendships throughout his work and travel adventures. He also loved golf, boating, snow

skiing, water skiing, hiking, bonfires, good food and a “fine glass of wine.” His love of golf led him to volunteer at the U.S. Open Championship on three occasions. Steve bungee-jumped in Australia, star-gazed in Egypt, visited Jamaica and Hawaii frequently, and followed the Lewis and Clark Trail all the way to Canada. He enjoyed volunteering and was part of the Red Cross relief team after Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans. He was a gifted listener, loved helping people, and put others first.

He was preceded in death by his father and sister, Robin Ross. He is survived by his mother and five siblings: Regina Sander of Scott City, MO; Kevin Ross of Jackson, MO; Tim Ross (Georgie) of Benton, MO; Kenny Ross (Donna) of Marble Hill, MO and Cindy Ross of Cape Girardeau; three nieces, ten nephews; five great-nieces/nephews; and his best friend, Douglas Fears of South Carolina (currently in Kazakhstan).

The family is most appreciative of the care and compassion received from the first responders, the staff at Southeast Health Hospital, and Mid-America Transplant. Although Steve accomplished many things in his life, one of the greatest would be that he was able to save others as an organ donor.

Visitation will be from 8:45 am - 9:45 am Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at Ford and Sons Benton Chapel in Benton Mo.

Funeral Service will follow at 10:00 am Tuesday at St. Denis Catholic Church in Benton Mo.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 18. 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM (CT)

Ford and Sons Benton Chapel  
142 S. Winchester  
Benton, MO 63736

## Funeral Service

JUL 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Denis Catholic Church  
115 N Winchester St.  
Benton, MO 63736

# Tribute Wall

BA

“ I was shocked to read about Steve's passing. Like everyone on this page has stated Steve was a great guy. I worked with Steve at NCR in Columbia in the late 80's and early 90's. That was a great time at E & M Columbia. There was so much comradery during that time and Steve was right in the thick of it. We all worked hard and celebrated after-hours, whether it was at wings and ale or a softball game. RIP my friend. Bob Arnold

Bob Arnold - September 06, 2023 at 08:50 AM

DB

“ So sad to hear about the loss of a great contributor to life. I worked with Steve while at NCR/Teradata in Atlanta. I also bought his boat in SC and moved it to Lake Lanier in GA. He was an incredible person and wonderful & kind man. We played golf often in Atlanta and he was always very competitive. He used his 7-iron for most of his wedge shot and was a master at the chip & run approach shots. He will be missed and heaven gained an angel. RIP Steve

Dave Briede - July 19, 2023 at 07:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Stephen Gerard Ross.

July 18, 2023 at 09:25 AM

CB

“ Donna & Kenny - I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Christy Bollinger - July 17, 2023 at 05:36 PM

LV

“ I’m very sorry for the loss of Steve Ross. We worked together at NCR in Columbia, SC and he was amazing at his job. His presentation style was so engaging. He always dressed for success and was always willing to help. I remember him helping me dismantle my waterbed when I was moving. It wasn’t a fun job but Steve was happy to help. He was a lot of fun on the golf course too. I will always remember him as handsome, tan, and one of the nicest men. My condolences to your family. 💕 Sincerely, Laura Vladick

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**Laura Vladick** - July 17, 2023 at 06:09 AM

DE

“ Dear Ross Family, So sorry for your great loss. You have our deepest sympathy and prayers. Donnie and Theresa Essner

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**Donald Essner** - July 16, 2023 at 04:52 PM

MS

“ I had the pleasure of working with Steve while at NCR. We even traveled to Australia for work. He was the nicest person to EVERYONE. He will surely be missed. Thank you Lord for bringing him into our lives.



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**Mildred Santiago** - July 15, 2023 at 01:57 PM

JC

“ I met Steve through ADDS NY relationship with NCR in the late 80’s. He was our Customer Service Rep and always did an outstanding job keeping us informed on Tower products. We became great friends through golf and we volunteered at those US Opens, mentioned in his obituary. We visited each other over the years but lost contact with him later in life. Martha and I would like to express our deep felt condolences and prayers to his family. Steve was just a great guy!

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**Joe Calaban** - July 15, 2023 at 11:20 AM

BA

“ I worked with Steve at NCR for many years. He was a great guy who had a smile I'll never forget. Sending condolences to his family.

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**Barbara Adams** - July 15, 2023 at 10:47 AM

DF

“ Remembering fondly my best friend and roommate for many years. Prayers and condolences to Steve’s mother and siblings in Missouri. I’ll always keep a part of Steve close in my heart. He was a great guy and even better friend.



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**Douglas F** - July 15, 2023 at 09:03 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Stephen Gerard Ross.



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July 15, 2023 at 12:55 AM