



Steven Edmund Tepper

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Steven Edmund Tepper, 72 of Fort Myers, FL, formerly of Bowie, MD and Ocean City MD, passed away Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at Hope Hospice South of Fort Myers. He was born November 24, 1941 in Los Angeles, CA to the late Edmund Alfred Tepper and Anita Milward Tepper. He joined the United States Marine Corps in 1960 in Seattle, WA and served in Vietnam from 1968 – 1969 where he earned several citations and medals. After 23 years of service in the Corps, he retired in 1982 as a Master Sergeant. Steven then took on a new career in the management and technology consulting services industry with Ford Aerospace, Loral Aerospace and ultimately retired from Booz Allen & Hamilton. Steven was a member of F.R.A. (Fleet Reserve Association) and the Marine Corps Cryptologic Association. He and his wife, Julia, moved to Fort Myers, FL in 2012 as full time Florida residents. He leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife of 46 years, Julia Tepper; his daughter, Dawn Marie Tepper of Bethesda, MD; his son, Sean Paul Tepper (Gina) of Laurel, MD; grandchildren, Aeris and Adrian Tepper; four brothers, Brian, Mark, Nick and Laurence Tepper and two sisters, Mary Anita McWhirter and Gabrielle Hotchkiss. Funeral Services will be private at the convenience of the family. He will be laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA. Online condolences and remembrances may be sent at www.fortmyersmemorial.com. Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home is serving the family. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hope Hospice 9470 HealthPark Circle Fort Myers, FL 33908.



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KL

Karen Laino posted:

So sad to hear about Steve Tepper. He was "gunny" Tepper to me when I was CO of H&S Company, then Alpha Company 2d RAG BAG FMFLANT from 1977-1979. Always the gentleman and always the expert when it came to helping out this newly minted 2602 woman Marine Captain. It was a new beginning for Radio Battalion to have a woman at Camp Geiger (I think there was a woman Marine who was out in the Motor Pool then). We stayed in touch over the years but alas, lost that touch the last few years. I like all the other people who were touched by him, will miss him. SEMPER FIKaren Laino

August 22 at 1:07 PM

DB

Davis C Bruce posted:

Bill—we, in Sabana Seca, Puerto Rico 1965-1967, did not know that story about Steve honoring JFK like that. That is awesome and shows even more what kind of an individual Steve was. Thanks for sharing that, fellow MCCA member. Much appreciated.

August 21 at 1:48 PM

BH

Bill And Irvalene Haney posted:

Steve was one of our favorite and most trustworthy friends. Steve babysat our three children while stationed at Fort Meade, MD. Our kids loved him and always wanted to know if we were going somewhere so Steve could come over and play. We could always go out secure in the knowledge that he had it all under control. One of our favorite memories was when Steve went to DC while President Kennedy was lying in state in the Rotunda of the Capitol Building. He arrived back at our house after several hours almost frozen. He had gone in dress blues and stood in the cold for hours to honor the President. We will miss him tremendously. He was a wonderful friend. Fair winds and following seas, Steve. Semper Fidelis Bill and Irvalene Haney

August 21 at 11:15 AM

DT

Dawn Tepper posted:

Hi everyone, this is Dawn Tepper, Steve's daughter. Thank you all so much for the kind words about my father. We miss him a lot and we know how much he meant to all of you. I know all this love and support will help all of us (including all of you). Love, Dawn, Julia, & Sean

August 12 at 3:47 PM



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DB

Davis C Bruce posted:

Steve was not just a regular guy. He was a very special person, outgoing, caring, sense of humor, all around genuine person. As I said before, I was in Puerto Rico when Steve arrived there. He was immediately liked by all. He lived in the barracks for awhile with us. His Triumph cycle was something else (another story entirely)—but he was a great guy. We fellow Marine veterans can only imagine your loss, Dawn.

August 12 at 11:31 AM

RZ

Rick & Carolyn Zetterman posted:

Carolyn and I send our sincere condolences to Tattie, Dawn and Sean. We first met Steve and Tattie in 1970 when we both were stationed at Ft. Devens for training. We are so glad we got to visit with them last winter in Ft. Myers, and are very saddened at Steve's passing. Our prayers are with you all at this most difficult time. With love and hugs, Rick and Carolyn Zetterman, Thornton, Colorado

August 2 at 9:43 AM

IR

Ivette Rivera posted:

Me acuerdo cuando llego a casa contigo a pedirle la mano a papi para luego unirse en matrimonio. Recuerdo que siempre se sentia super orgulloso de ser Marines. Tenemos fotos cuando venian a Puerto Rico con los nenes chiquitos y le gustaba tanto la cancion jibara "Con tanto tormento, con tanto tormento, los que yo he pasado" Creo que el compro el LP aca en Puerto Rico. Que descanse en paz. We love you Steve.

August 2 at 5:19 AM

DB

Dave Bruce posted:

I posted early on, knew Steve in the USMC in Puerto Rico, mid 1960s. I realized that I have a couple of photos of Steve that are not on the Marine Corps Cryptologic Association (of which I'm a member) site, if anyone would like me to email them a photo or two, please contact me deltabravo63@earthlink.net

August 1 at 2:34 PM



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FV

Freddy Vogler posted:

I'm sorry I haven't seen everyone in such a long time. Mr. Tepper left such a lasting impression on me at such a young age I will never forget him. I'm sorry he had to go. God Bless You.

July 31 at 6:47 PM

MM

Mary Ann Macleod posted:

I never met Steve in person, but we were involved with a group that sent support to a village in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He proved himself to be an honorable man by his military service, and a giving and caring man by his charitable deeds. Comfort and peace to his family.

July 30 at 1:31 PM

MM

Mary Ann Macleod posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Steven Edmund Tepper

July 30 at 1:24 PM

BG

Barbara Grattenthaler posted:

Julia and family, We will always remember Steve for the wonderful person he was. He was always willing to help in any way. He will always be in our thoughts and prayers. Our very best to all of you, Matt and Barbara Grattenthaler

July 28 at 4:19 AM

CD

Cathy and Kelly Donovan posted:

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July 26 at 9:25 AM

CD

Cathy and Kelly Donovan posted:

May Steven rest in peace with our arms wrapped around him. Condolence to his family and friends all our love Kelly and Cathy Donovan

July 26 at 9:21 AM



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BK

Barbara Kennedy posted:

Growing up as next door neighbors us Perry kids all looked up to Steve as the local hero. He was a kind loving boy who grew up to be a kind loving man. He was light-hearted and wore a smile. I know he will be missed dearly. My love goes out to all those who enjoyed his presence, but especially his wife Tatty, children, grandchildren, sisters, and brothers. He was a special man, and I bet God has special plans for him.

July 26 at 7:06 AM

DS

Dali Santiago posted:

Tatty, Dawn, & Sean....I am so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. Please know that you are all in my prayers.Dali

July 26 at 5:31 AM

NL

Naomi Limardo posted:

The Lord wanted one of His angels! Sweet, kind, gentle, giving person. Loving, all that is good, was found in Steve. (my Hermano Esteban!) – (my Brother Steve). Always ready to do anything, without hesitating & with that beautiful smile & laughter that will warm our hearts always. I will love & miss you forever. You will always live in our hearts. We will one day awaken from this nightmare & embrace again, one day. All my love, Bubie

July 26 at 5:21 AM

JS

Joe Stearne posted:

I had the pleasure of knowing Steve while I was stationed with Co. "G" MarSptBn , at Sabana Seca, Puerto Rico in the late '60's. My wife Cathy and I had Steve over for dinner for Thanksgiving one year there and I can Remember Steve and his Triumph Motorcycle. He will be sorely missed. May his Memory be Eternal. Guarding Heaven's Gates,Semper Fi,Joe Stearne, MCCAFormer E-5 Sgt.

July 26 at 4:53 AM



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AB

Ann Boggio posted:

I have so many memories of my cousin Steve, from the 1940s to the present, that I couldn't begin to share them all. Our parents briefly shared a tiny house together on Providencia Rd in Burbank where Steve and I were the first babies of a long generation to come. After my parents found a house nearby, Steve and I played together almost daily, spending over-nighters at each other's homes. Steve would terrorize me at night by putting his moving fingers over a bright flashlight pointed to the ceiling, telling me that a "big spider is coming down to get you." He and I laughed about that for decades. Throughout the years Steve and I remained close in spite of the physical distances. As we grew older, he'd often drop by on his motorcycle to visit me. One day he popped in to announce he'd signed up for the Marines and would be off to Vietnam. I remember trying to talk him out of it – I didn't want to see him go to war. But he knew he had to serve his country and off he went – always seeking adventure. As Steve and I reached our senior years, we kept in touch through phone calls and emails. We'd discovered we had a common bond of shared interests in music and technology. His conversations and emails were always loaded with Steve's "Tepper Humor," which Steve carried all through his life. In one of his last recent emails he'd brought up the fact that he'd only recently re-discovered Bob Dylan and Joan Baez – that he was sorry he'd missed out on that era of protest music so long ago. The "peacenik & marine" found another common bond! We laughed about the irony. I always greatly admired Steve's humor and brilliance. He had a wonderful command of languages and gave me such joy in our conversations. Here's a part of one of his emails I'd received in June, 2013 – it sort of sums up the cheerful Steve I've known: "I think that I've always had that "other" streak in me. Motorcycles, beach, chicks... etc. Just countered it with the Marine Corps. Found my harmonic balance. And, of course, there was "Mrs. Robinson." But, I didn't invest in plastic. Bummer! Mid to late 60s was some kind of time. Man, Fast Times at Ridgemont High! Lotsa fun! Tatty saved me from myself. What a treasure. We're still hanging in there. It'll be 46 years this December." Yes, Tattie saved Steve from himself. Tattie (Julia) is a remarkable woman who greatly impressed me the first time we met decades ago. Steve knew how to pick 'em! My heart goes out to her, Dawn and Sean during these difficult days. I am comforted to know that Steve had an incredibly enriched full life and was blessed with a beautiful wife, kids and grandkids. What more could anyone want? But that doesn't stop the tears, knowing how much he will be missed. May Steve rest in peace!

July 25 at 5:04 AM

ES

Eugene E Sieber October 5 at 9:02 AM

I served with Steve on the Georgetown, Oxford, and at nsa. I have numerous pictures of Steve and shared them with his son Sean 2 yrs ago. Can share with you if desired.
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KM

Kathy Knittel Miguel posted:

May all of your memories be a comfort to all of the family in the days ahead. Thank you to Cousin Steve for his service to this country and family. The Knittel Family

July 25 at 7:20 PM

CR

Cheryl Rowley posted:

An angel to watch over you!

July 25 at 6:39 PM

CR

Cheryl Rowley posted:

Sent a gift in memory of Steven Edmund Tepper

July 25 at 6:38 PM

CR

Cheryl Rowley posted:

I did not know Steven, but I've known Mary since High School. My deepest condolences to her & her family! Til you meet again!

July 25 at 6:25 PM

RL

Robert And Patricia Lawson posted:

Hear hear, Gentlemen and Ladies, to our outstanding impeccable Marine, true gentleman, devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather,....and my friend all these 44 years I salute you, Gunny. A toast to those present and those not. We shall savor our memories.. Of note, Steve and Tattie lived back door to back door in a duplex apartment complex to us. Steve being the (semi) crusty Gunny and I a Navy Lt(jg) newly wed just finishing my Navy tour contract as a pilot took close friendship in respect to each other and had some cookouts all together and chats as friends. Since then we've always kept in contact during our lives and all therein. Steve was special to me and so gifted in intelligent, and so especially graced with helping others. And then there was that subtle humor of his that would make one laugh till one cried. Tattie, Sean, and Dawn, your chosen picture of Steve so totally sums that great loving fella up. I shall always remember him from that image, and the long time chats over the years about Major League Baseball. Steve was always greater than the sum of his parts, a true Gestalt characteristic in a individual and life long friend. Robert and Patricia Lawson Pensacola Florida

July 25 at 5:41 PM



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PC

Patsy Chambers posted:

I am so sorry to hear of your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

July 25 at 3:46 PM

PP

Paul Plante posted:

So sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Paul & Sandra Plante.

July 25 at 3:24 PM

WB

Walter Bell posted:

Julia, and the rest of the Tepper family. Please accept our condolences on the loss of Steve. Somehow, the picture of Steve with a smile on his face and enjoying life seems very fitting. Walt and Mary Ellen Bell

July 25 at 3:06 PM

RC

Randy Capshaw posted:

Steve and his family were essentially an extended part of my family. I remember him being as dedicated a family man as I have ever known. He loved his wife Tati more than life itself and was a loving father to Dawn and Sean who absolutely adored him. As a friend Steve was always there for others. I can see him in my parents or my sisters house doing untold home improvements for them. Thanksgiving and other holidays weren't complete until we were able to spend time with the Tepper family. To me Steve was a true role model, and I remember him being the first adult who treated me as a man. During passionate discussions he would value my input and opinions. I remember him as being a young and hip man who always had a smile on his face, in fact he is the one who turned me into a Saturday Night Live fan. Every time I see a skit with Chevy Chase I think of Steve Tepper. I am so glad that my parents had such treasured and true friends as Steve and Tati through the years. My heart goes out to his family at this most difficult time. Steve will indeed be greatly missed, but he left his mark on this world. Rest in peace patriot. Randy Capshaw

July 25 at 12:56 PM



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LF

Linda M Fentner posted:

Steve was a light to all here at Myerlee Circle. His love for life, family, friends and nature made him a bright shining star and he will be Dearly missed. We ask God to let Your light continue to shine down on us till we meet again! Shalom my friend with Blessings and Love for you and Julia and Family.

July 25 at 12:29 PM

DB

Davis C. Bruce posted:

Several of us who keep in touch were stationed with Steve in Puerto Rico, mid-1960s. Steve walked that line between Staff NCO and his juniors and seniors, being just as unpretentious as he always had been despite his promotion into the higher enlisted ranks. We kept in touch with Steve via email right up until very recently. He will be very much missed. He was unpretentious, outgoing, helpful, friendly—Steve was an outstanding Marine and an outstanding person. Condolences to his family at this most difficult time for them. Esteban, as you sometimes styled yourself in emails, Rest In Peace.

July 25 at 11:24 AM

RM

Russell Moore posted:

Steve, or as he was known to me at the time, Gunny Tepper, was a member of Company F MarSptBn in Rota, Spain with me during the early '70's. I will always remember Steve in the 304 Division, with pipe in hand, talking about his exploits while at the same time, giving we youngsters the benefit of his remarkable experience. He is one of only about 7 folks from Company F with whom I had contact after leaving Spain. We used to share stories about marksmanship, his M-1 rifle and his reloading skills. In this life, we frequently go through thinking that a particular individual we know will ultimately live forever – their influence on us demanded no less. Steve was one of those people. Kind, funny, brilliant and always squared away, he was the epitome of a Marine for we newbies arriving in Spain. He will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Steve, his wife and children. May he always rest in peace in the presence of the Creator. May God bless and keep Steve and his family and those of us that were privileged to call Steve our friend. Sincerely, Russell "Animal" Moore SGT USMC Co F MarSptBn

July 25 at 10:20 AM



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MT

Mark Tepper posted:

As We all reflect our hearts' emotions, The Family missing this Warrior of a Man, words obviously can only express , in a limited way, all the memories, loss, Love this man leaves us with, in the LORDS' word', ..but for a little season will we have to bear up....!, As his Brother, I will continue in His shadow, this example of the LIGHT He instilled in me, that generosity, Care for others, Diligence. Steve was the epitome of 'The Big Brother'. From Etiwanda St. To THE CORP. and into all phases of the years leading up to present, He REALLY WAS the LEADER that stood out, truly the husband, the Father of his children, and all the Family that was spread out. We are all missing Him, and I will continue to post memories as we move through this time, this time I'll not ever forget. Mark

July 25 at 9:54 AM

SA

Sgtmaj Joe Armstrong posted:

Rest easy Marine, you have well and faithfully served your God, country and Corps. Semper Fidelis

July 25 at 7:50 AM

NM

Nicholas Brandon Mcwhirter posted:

I've only visited my Uncle/Aunt once in Fort Myers, FL and once when they lived in Annapolis, Maryland when I was a child. But when you are with My uncle, you are in GREAT hands. He's was a kind gentle soul with a huge heart and had an appetite for adventure. What a wonderful man he was and I will truly miss him til my dying day. My recent trip to Fort Myers, FL in 2014 was an awesome experience. I spent a solid 3 days with my Uncle Steve and Aunt Taddy and we had a blast! It's almost impossible to believe that he has left us, we are lost without him. He will be sorely missed and I'm proud to say he was a great man and a great Uncle!

July 25 at 6:46 AM

KS

Kim Capshaw Snell posted:

Steve will forever be in my heart. He was like an uncle to myself, my brother and my daughters. He was one of the most giving men I have ever known. I know that he will be angel for many who knew and loved him. RIP

July 25 at 5:04 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Steven by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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