



# Stephen Douglas Ayers

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**S**tephen Douglas Ayers, 68, a resident of North Fort Myers, FL since 2017, formerly of Stow, OH passed away unexpectedly on Monday, June 29, 2020. He was born May 5, 1952 in Akron, OH to the late Richard and Margaret Ayers.

Steve retired from Ford Motor Company and was a beloved member of The New Apostolic Church. He could light up a room with his blue eyes, charm and quick wit. He doted on his companion pups Roxy and Bella. Above all Steve loved his family and friends, he couldn't wait to share photos of all his grandkids. We will carry him in our hearts forever.

Stephen is survived by his loving wife, Diane Knight of North Fort Myers, FL; three children, Kelly Gary and her husband, Bruce of Louisville, KY, Stephanie Wojtowicz and her husband, Dennis of Akron, OH and Benjamin Ayers of Cuyahoga Falls, OH; three brothers, Michael Ayers, Robert Ayers and Donald Ayers; 9 grandchildren, Christopher, Michael, Madelyn, Ashley, Robert, Ryan, Brittany, Paige, Bailee; as well as 11 great grandchildren, Dylann, Colton, Liam, Wyatt, Emerson, Avery, Landon, Abel, Callum, Scarlett and Eli.

A Memorial Service will be announced at a later date in his hometown of Stow, Ohio. In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the American Stroke Association at [WWW2.heart.org](http://WWW2.heart.org) or by phone at 1-800-AHA-USA1.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33907.



# Tribute Wall

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**Sue Cameron** posted:

I remember Steve from our school years. He was one of the most positive individuals I knew during those school years. He was nice to everyone he came in contact with. May all of the family find comfort in their individual memories of him. It's never easy losing someone as we have to learn to live with the void in our lives. I wish I knew he lived in North Fort Myers, as I have lived in the Fort Myers/Estero area since 2006.

August 12 at 7:06 AM



**Diane Knight** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Steve you were such an incredible man and I'm so lucky to have you and your family in my life. I love you & miss you so much but if you can't be here I know you're in heaven.



August 1 at 7:17 AM



**Connie** posted:

Steve, I will hold you in my heart forever. We had the most beautiful family together. Always Connie

July 11 at 6:48 PM



**William Hauser** July 8 at 9:56 PM

Connie , this is Chip Hauser from Monroe Falls OH . You knew my family ( Shirley and Ed Hauser . You had a sister named Dawn ) . I remember you and Steve getting married and having two daughters . If you would like to contact me , I would like to learn more about Steve , etc., my cell # is (586)567-5233



**Uwe Brausewetter** posted:

May the angels lead Steve to paradise and heaven! May God grant him everlasting life, peace and happiness! Steve will be missed by his fellow co-workers (Diemakers) at FORD MOTOR COMPANY W.H.S.P. He will be missed by his brothers and sisters from Local # 420.

July 9 at 12:03 PM



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**Ashley Ayers** shared 2 photos and a video to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Until we meet again, grandpa. I love you

July 3 at 11:10 AM



**Debra Defilippi** lit a candle in honor of Stephen.

July 5 at 9:05 AM



**Debra Defilippi** sent a virtual gift in honor of Stephen.

July 5 at 9:04 AM



**DK** **Diane Knight** September 15 at 6:23 PM  
To you and all of your family

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Thank you so much Cuz I know you've had recent loss in your family and can appreciate how hard this is Sending love your way



**Stephanie** lit a candle in honor of Stephen.

July 5 at 6:39 AM



**Claire** posted:

Steve always had a smile and a laugh in high school.... on Facebook I loved his pictures of his beautiful grand babies... seems he always holding one of them and you could feel his great joy. God Bless him and his journey to the other side. God Bless his family with his memories ... He was a wonderful person.

July 4 at 7:50 AM



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KC

**Kelly.Gary.Kg@Gmail.Com** lit a candle in honor of Stephen.

Please shine bright in the heavens Dad, I will be looking for you. I love you so much



July 3 at 1:29 PM



AA

**Ashley Ayers** lit a candle in honor of Stephen.

July 3 at 1:24 PM



AA

**Ashley Ayers** sent a virtual gift in honor of Stephen.

July 3 at 1:23 PM



ST

**Stephanie** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

There is now an unbearable emptiness where my heart once was. I love you and promise to honor your name. See you later ❤️

July 3 at 1:07 PM

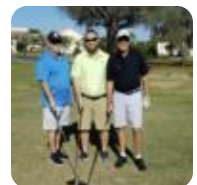


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**Fred & Susi Bisplinghoff** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

We had a lot of fun time together. We will miss you. Love, Fred and Susi

July 3 at 11:13 AM

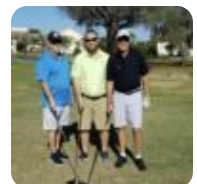


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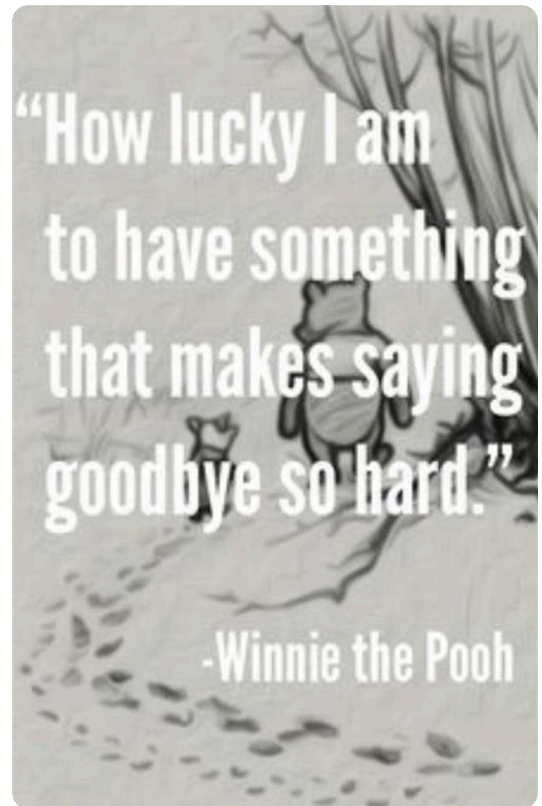
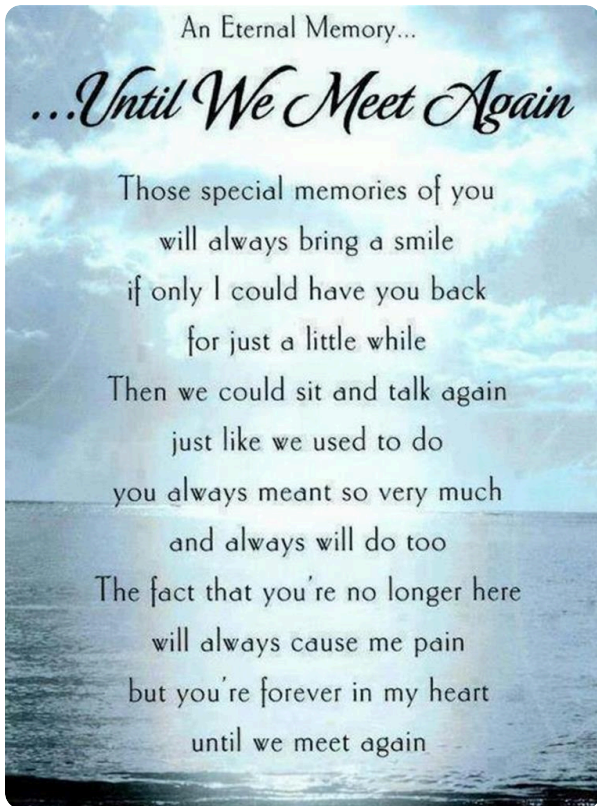
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July 6 at 4:41 PM



Danny Aguirre July 12 at 6:45 AM

I met Steve and Diane when they moved to FL. They had so much love to offer. Steve was a great addition to the New Apostolic congregational family in Fort Myers. Every time he spoke of his children and grandchildren, his face lit up and he smiled ear to ear. Everything he did was in service to someone else. This is a true example of being a follower of Christ. He will be missed. I am sure GOD has reason and purpose for his services in Eternity. Love you my brother, till we meet again.





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# Memories only last if you share them

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



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