



Stephen Jay Yeretsky

November 6, 1937 - July 24, 2021

Stephen Jay Yeretsky was born in Chicago, IL on November 6, 1937. He died on July 24, 2021, in Houston, TX after a serious stroke. Steve is survived by his wife, Lynn Yeretsky and their three children: son, Michael and his wife Myra and children Cecilia, Andrew, Philip, and Hayley; daughter Kathi and husband Fred and children Stephen, Charlotte, Josephine, Claire, Frances, Raphael, Peter, Anthony and Emma; and son Ray; sister Nancy Armstrong; brother James Yeretsky; and numerous nieces and nephews. Steve is preceded in death by his parents Sylvia and Norman Yeretsky, son David Patrick, and grandsons Joseph Michael, Marion, and Paul.

Steve graduated from Hinsdale Township High School outside of Chicago. He received a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from MIT in 1958. Following four years in the Navy, he worked for Standard Magnesium in Tulsa and Keiser Chemical in California until he began his Masters in Chemical Engineering at U. of Tulsa. He met his wife Lynn and they married January 16, 1964. He worked for Monsanto Chemical Co. outside Alvin, Tx for 35 years, living 6 years in England until 1981. He returned to work at the Chocolate Bayou plant until he retired on 01/01/2001. Steve had numerous consulting jobs as project manager for the next 20 years.

Steve was a private pilot and was in the process of building a 4-place airplane, often helped by fellow pilots and family members. He fervently served on the Archdiocesan council of Galveston-Houston for 25 years, leading pastoral council discernments for many parishes in the diocese. Steve

shared his life and virtue with everyone he knew and applied it to all that he did.

Steve loved flying, Dixieland jazz, Astros baseball, astronomy, and was a WWII Naval history enthusiast. He had a strong devotion to Eucharistic Adoration and to St. Joseph. His warmth, sincere interest in others, his ready enthusiasm and his loyalty won him many life-long friends. His 13 grandchildren and many "adopted" grandchildren all called him 'Pops'. To Steve, this was the foundation of what was a fulfilling and beautiful life. He had much to give and asked for little.

Steve was healthy and active, building his airplane, keeping up his many interests and friendships until his stroke on July 8, from which he sadly never recovered. He will be missed beyond expression; he has always been the strength and peaceful bedrock for our family. We are grateful for the years of love and guidance, and the wonderful example that he gave us.

A rosary will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in New Waverly, TX on Friday, July 30, 2021 at 6:30pm. There will be a mass on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at 10:00am at Mary Queen Catholic Church, 606 Cedarwood Dr, Friendswood, TX 77546. Interment will follow at Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery, 7801 Gulf Fwy, Dickinson, TX 77539. A reception will follow the committal service at The Dunnes home, 15715 Clearcrest Dr., Houston, TX 77059. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at www.shmfh.com. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to <https://www.featherrock.net/#Donate>.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/M9T5CYFQ4P5M2MQ3>

Previous Events

Rosary

JUL 30. 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

St Joseph's Church
101 Elmore St
New Waverly, TX 77358

Mass

JUL 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mary Queen Catholic Church
606 Cedarwood Dr
Friendswood, TX 77546

Graveside Service

JUL 31. 11:30 AM (CT)

Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery
7801 Gulf Fwy,
Dickinson, TX 77539

Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Stephen Jay Yeretsky*



Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - July 30, 2021 at 05:14 PM



“ *Stephen Jay Yeretsky*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Kathy, Fred, and family, I am so sorry to learn of the passing of Mr. Yeretsky. I did not have the pleasure of meeting him, but know from my association with Kathy that he was a very special man and dad. know you grieve for the loss of your earthly time with him but rejoice that he is now experiencing the amazing peace, joy, and fulness of Heaven with Jesus Christ. I like to think that he received a big welcoming hug from Christ Himself. God bless you all and the entire extended family, to whom I send my most sincere wishes for you all that you are blessed by wonderful memories of your life together and your faith in our Lord. Sincerely, Ann LeBlanc Cook, Clear Lake, Texas*



Ann Cook - August 27, 2021 at 11:13 PM

DB

“ *The sad news of Steve's passing has just reached us in UK.*

Steve, Lynn and family were our neighbours in Norton during Steve's time at Monsanto UK. We enjoyed a close friendship during that time and especially remember the Queen's silver jubilee 1978 with a barbeque in their garden together with all our neighbours. Steve joined our annual men's golf trip to Scotland on a couple of occasions which was a time of great fun and fellowship when Steve's humour and self deprecation made him such enjoyable company. We were sorry when the family returned to the USA but enjoyed coming over to the states in 2002 to meet up again with a holiday which took in Alaska, Vancouver Island, Seattle, San Francisco and finally Houston, all organised by Steve and Lynn. When there we were able to renew friendships with Steve's family as well as Monsanto colleagues the McComb's, Wofford's and Boix's with whom we had become friendly with when they were also in UK.

We wish to extend our deep condolences to Lynn, Kathy, Mike, Ray and families and to reassure you all that you are very much in our thoughts and prayers, At this sad time our hearts go out to you. With our love.

Derek & Moira Barlow

Derek Barlow - August 03, 2021 at 06:25 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen Jay Yeretsky.*



July 30, 2021 at 01:12 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen Jay Yeretsky.*



July 30, 2021 at 08:11 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Jay Yeretsky.*



July 30, 2021 at 07:24 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stephen Jay Yeretsky.*



July 29, 2021 at 10:32 PM



“ *Condolences to the family. I worked with Steve early in my career at Solutia Chocolate Bayou Plant. He was a great example of servant leadership and how a positive attitude can lead to team and life success. Best, Scott Moffatt*

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27

Scott Moffatt - July 29, 2021 at 03:45 PM

MH

“ *Marvin Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Stephen Jay Yeretsky*



Marvin Hyvl - July 29, 2021 at 01:49 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Jay Yeretsky.*



July 29, 2021 at 01:47 PM

KK

“ *Dear Lynn and family,
We are so sorry about Steve passing. He set the course for our lives when he invited me, as a very green engineer, to join the Seal Sands design team in England. I met Pat there and we will celebrate our 42nd anniversary soon.
You and Steve are a blessing in our lives. Steve will be sorely missed.
Our prayers are with you all,
Ken and Pat Krummrich*

Ken and Pat Krummrich - July 29, 2021 at 09:02 AM

CM

“ *May you rest in the arms of sweet Jesus. St. Joseph's Parish will miss you. Our prayers to Mrs. Yeretsky and family. Sincerely, Carolyn McClure and family*



Carolyn Snoe McClure - July 28, 2021 at 03:58 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Jay Yeretsky.*



July 28, 2021 at 01:41 PM

DC

“ *Stephen and Lynn: Stephen, You will be missed here at St. Joseph and New Waverly. Like us, You moved to New Waverly from Houston, Friendswood. Joe and I are blessed to have known the two of you. You shared your Heart and your Family with us. We are grateful and blessed. May heavenly angels carry you to your golden palace. Love Joe and Deborah Creppon. Sanna's son and Daughter In Law.*

Deborah Creppon - July 28, 2021 at 01:35 PM