

Stephen Gary Quinn

October 7, 1951 - November 19, 2024

Stephen Gary Quinn, 73, passed away peacefully at his home in St. George, UT on November 19, 2024, due to complications from metastatic melanoma. He was born October 7, 1951 in Richfield, UT, the eldest of three children to Gary Wayne and Darlene Jensen Quinn. He spent his childhood in Richfield, loving the surrounding mountains and spending time with family in nearby Marysvale and Junction, particularly his uncle Alan who was about the same age.

At age 12, the family moved to Taylorsville, UT, where his father purchased a service station. Stephen attended Granger High School before attending the University of Utah. From his youth through his college years, he was always involved in sports, especially basketball and baseball. It was because of these sports and his good friends, particularly a friend who had recently returned from a mission, that he felt drawn to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Even though he was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints as a child, his family did not actively participate until Stephen felt his testimony grow as an adult and eventually was called to serve a mission in Wales when he was 21. After returning from his mission, he changed allegiance and attended the BYU School of Business where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

After graduating, Stephen worked for U.S. Steel and later the University of Utah campus bookstore where he met his wife-to-be, Carol Dudley. They married on January 10th, 1987, and later that year moved to Palm Springs,

CA, where Stephen worked as the controller for a limousine company. They then returned to Utah in 1988, settling in St. George. The couple welcomed four children, Ren, J.D., Jason, and Mary, within the next nine years. Stephen loved supporting his children in every sport, music, dance, and church activity, particularly coaching their sports teams. He worked as a CPA for 35 years at Hafen Buckner Everett & Graff. He was always a numbers person and enjoyed most working as the audit manager for the firm. He also was a member of the Rotary Club of Dixie Sunrise for over 25 years. He served as treasurer, received awards for 100% attendance, and was twice named a Paul Harris fellow.

As a valiant member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, he served as a YSA rep, young men's president, high counselor, two-time Elders quorum president, and bishop of the St George East Stake 5th ward for nearly seven years. During his tenure as bishop, he often assisted his wife in the nursery, soothing distraught children and many would fall asleep in his care. He often encouraged the members of his ward to read the Ensign magazine monthly, always with an open copy himself at home and reading it daily alongside his scriptures.

From 2019-2024, Stephen and Carol served in a branch of their stake at The Meadows assisted living home. They cherished the residents, who became dear friends. Despite his cancer diagnosis, he continued to attend church to administer the sacrament to those he loved. His resilience in fighting cancer was remarkable.

He is survived by his wife Carol, children Ren (Tia), J.D., Jason (Janzen), and Mary; his brother Eddie Quinn, sister Darlana Quinn; and grandchildren Eden, Renae, Lydia, Stevie, Joey, and Clover. Special thanks to Dr. Te, Dr. Rex, Chaz, Erika, Natalie, Ryan, Alison, Mindy, and everyone with a candy dish on their desk. Michelle Johnson, you are the best. Zion's Way hospice, Damon, and nurse Michelle, were his angels during his last 12 days. You are all much loved and appreciated for your kind and most tender care.

Funeral Services will be held Tuesday, November 26, at 11:00 am at the LDS chapel on 550 East 700 South, St. George, UT. Visitations will be held Monday evening from 6:00-7:30 and again Tuesday morning prior to the service from 9:30-1030, both at the chapel. Interment will follow the service at the Tonaquint Cemetery.

Services will be available live stream via Zoom at
<https://zoom.us/j/96117511970?pwd=DRrJaZU0l0LfQS7x2qhwh98e3s548L.1>
Meeting ID: 961 1751 1970 Passcode: 875031

Cemetery Details

Tonaquint Cemetery

1777 S. Dixie Drive
Saint George, UT 84770

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV **25**. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (MT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
550 East 700 South
St. George, UT 84770

Viewing

NOV **26**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
550 East 700 South
St. George, UT 84770

Funeral Service

NOV **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MSt)

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St. George, UT 84770

Tribute Wall



“ *Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah created a Zoom Funeral Service Broadcast in memory of Stephen Gary Quinn*



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - November 22, 2024 at 04:05 PM

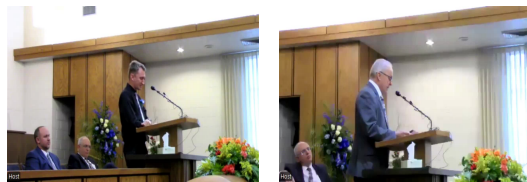
KJ

My sincere condolences to the family. Steve is a wonderful man. I have known him for about 20 years. He was my bishop for a few months and my colleague for many years. I have greatly enjoyed working for him and beside him all these years. He always had a good attitude even when things got tough. I will forever remember the many stories he shared with me. Faith and family were his everything. He will be greatly missed. Steve was an amazing example to me; until we meet again. - Kevin Jones

Kevin Jones - November 25, 2024 at 07:56 PM



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Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - December 30, 2024 at 12:50 PM



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Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - November 27, 2024 at 10:59 AM

SL

“ *Carol, you and Steve are such special people and I've loved serving at the Meadows with you the past five years. It's been a privilege and a blessing to no one work with both of you. Steve will be sorely missed.*

Sandra Larson - November 26, 2024 at 10:52 AM

KJ

“ *It was a pleasure to serve with Brother Quinn on the high council and chat with him on occasion in the branch. Best wishes to the family at this time of loss.*

Kevin Jenkins - November 26, 2024 at 07:39 AM

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Kevin Jones - November 25, 2024 at 08:03 PM

CF

“ Carol, Graduation is so hard ! To have Steve move to His next assignment, having graduated with honors, is wonderful for him but so difficult for those who loved being with him. May you continue to feel his love as you are filled His love during this trying time of mourning. You are so loved. We send our condolences and concern.

Craig Frogley - November 25, 2024 at 02:26 PM

SL

“ Sending hugs, Robert & Lynne purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Our Family Chain Is Broken" for the family of Stephen Gary Quinn.



Sending hugs, Robert & Lynne - November 25, 2024 at 01:25 PM

MA

“ I have known Steve over the last 3-4 years. Somewhat of a St. George historian, I enjoyed his conversations of St. George and the people and LDS buildings of yesteryear. I'll miss those conversations. He was a good man.

Mark Albright - November 25, 2024 at 10:26 AM

KR

“ I have known Carol and Steve since the beginning of their courtship where all three of us worked at the U of U bookstore. Carol loved my children as her own and it was such a joy to see her be able to start a family when they were married. We shared births, family trips, and years of friendship. I'll always remember Steve's kind heart and that little mischievous smile that would appear when Steve was forming a response to something you were saying. Carol, Ren, J.D., Jason, and Mary may you be blessed with the comfort of sweet memories.

Kristi Ridd-Young - November 24, 2024 at 02:20 PM

JF

“ Steve and Carol have been dear friends of Russ and I. We had children in school together, were neighbors and church members together. Steve went out of his way to always greet us when he saw us. So sorry for your loss. He was a good friend to us. Love the Russ Feller family.

Janell Feller - November 23, 2024 at 04:29 PM

BF

“ Bishop is one of my greatest role models! Serving with him was a huge blessing in my life. Happy he is free of cancer but so sorry for your family. He will be missed! - Brady Fannesbeck

Brady Fannesbeck - November 23, 2024 at 11:09 AM

SJ

I worked with Stephen for over 15 years at Hafen Buckner. He was a mentor and a wonderful person to learn from. I can honestly say I never met a more patient man in my life. In all the years I worked with him, I never once heard him raise his voice at anyone, even in situations of high tension. On more than one such occasion I asked him how he was so good at keeping his cool and he would just give me that sly smile like he knew something special in life. And I think he did. Condolences to his family. I know he will be missed. I know I will miss him.

Stephen Jackson

Stephen Jackson - November 23, 2024 at 02:00 PM

RL

Our hearts are heavy with grief, Carol, and wish we could be with you at this very difficult time. You and Stephen are such dear friends who welcomed us (and other members of our family) into your home, showed us the beauties of the Red Hills country, encouraged us to stay longer to experience the excitement of the famous St. George Marathon, and shared with us your favorite places to eat out!! Without Stephen, our visits won't be the same, but the memories are treasured up in our hearts. ❤️❤️

So for now, until we can make it south again, or you travel north, FaceTime, texts, and phone calls will keep us connected. We send our love, prayers, and hugs to you and your family from Canada's winter wonderland!



Robert & Lynne - November 24, 2024 at 02:06 AM