



Stephen Preston Smith

December 19, 1954 - November 30, 2024

Stephen Preston Smith, age 69, succumbed to a rare form of blood cancer. He sadly left our world on November 30, 2024. He spent his last days as he wished, in his home with family, friends, and neighbors. He stated that he was overwhelmed by the outpouring of love, support and affection.

In his own words, "Please do not grieve for me. I have had a remarkably rich and joyful life full of adventure and love. I prefer that you remember me fondly and celebrate our friendship and the years of joy we have shared. Please know that I have many fond memories of all of you and have loved you all dearly."

Stephen personified a life of love, grace, dignity and gratitude. He was proud of his chosen profession and as a nurse practitioner he touched many lives. He was a world traveler, had a passion for hiking the high mountains in Yosemite, avid cyclist, and lover of the arts.

He leaves a legacy through his surviving family members: Denise, his wife of 38 years, sons Jack (wife Alicia, stepdaughter Autumn) and Dylan, sister Suzan and brother Milton (wife Lynn), sister-in-law Dale and mother-in-law Jeanie.

He specified that everyone enjoy the holiday season without sadness for him. A remembrance and celebration of his amazing life is being planned and will be announced in the near future.

He began his nursing career at a psychiatric hospital and always had concern for those who struggle with life. And, for his own mental well-being, he

explored the National Parks. In lieu of flowers, please donate to a mental health charity or in support of our National Parks to honor him.

...And, in the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make." Paul McCartney

Tribute Wall

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“ We will always remember how great of a cousin you were. Life is short and always live while you are living. No one knows when the lord will call you. Thanks for the Great Memories Steve. We will always remember you With Love. Mike and Mary Zelhof

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