



Steve Shilling

September 4, 1954 - April 3, 2017

Steve Shilling, 62, of Orlando, died at home after a brief illness and peacefully joined the Lord on April 3, 2017, with his loving wife Peggy by his side.

Born in Orlando on Sept. 4, 1954, he attended Princeton Elementary, Robert E. Lee Middle School, graduated from Edgewater High School in 1972 and attended the University of Central Florida, establishing friendships that he carried throughout his life.

Following in his father's footsteps, Steve was a building contractor—known for his craftsmanship, quality and design. Whether it be a large custom built house or detailed remodeling, he worked on homes on nearly every street in College Park, his lifelong home.

Steve was widely known for his love and devotion to his family and friends, his kind and generous spirit, his Christian faith and his Church. Steve also loved his Florida Gators, attending some 250 Gator football games at 14 different stadiums across the southeast. He also loved the water, and with close friends he fished as often as possible on both coasts from the Keys to the Panhandle. Steve loved life and lived it fully and without regrets.

He was an active member of First Baptist Church of Orlando for more than 50 years. Sunday services were a joy for Steve and Peggy, and their shared deep faith sustained them through his illness.

Steve also could be counted on to dispense wisdom and life lessons to the children of his close friends. And he did so with warmth and hallmark good humor. Shyness was never a trait, including with strangers who found him

eager to chat about any subject, including his faith.

A natural jokester, Steve loved trying to make others laugh and have fun—even during his short decline. Dozens of well-wishers visited Steve and Peggy during his final weeks. They came to express how much they valued his friendship and were intent on lifting his spirits. Invariably, they left feeling as if Steve had uplifted and entertained them instead.

Besides Peggy, Steve leaves behind his adoring daughter, Lauren Kelly, and her husband, Mike; his loving sisters, Susan Howell and Sandi Shilling; niece Marji Potter and her husband Rob and their children, Ollie and Maddie; nephew Martin Howell and wife Keylin, all of Orlando, and his sweet dog Ginger. He was predeceased by his parents George and Marcia Shilling. Steve's life will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 22, at First Baptist Church of Orlando's Henry Chapel, 3000 S. John Young Pkwy. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the First Baptist Church of Orlando.

DeGusipe Funeral Home is in charge of funeral arrangements. Please view and sign the guest book at www.DeGusipeFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall

MI

“ *Mike lit a candle in memory of Steve Shilling*



Mike - August 14, 2017 at 06:37 PM

BG

“ *I just found out Steve went to be with the Lord in church this morning. My deepest condolences and prayers to Peggy and to Steve's family. Steve and I go back about as far as I can remember. He was a good friend and a wonderful all around person. He will be missed by all.*

Bert L Gebhard - April 23, 2017 at 10:27 AM

JS

“ *Peggy and family,
We have been praying for Steve since hearing about his diagnosis.
We offer our continued prayers and sympathy to you and the family.
Steve left all of us with great memories. He is truly missed.*

Joe and Ana Smith

Joseph Smith - April 18, 2017 at 03:47 PM

BR

“ Peggy and Lauren, Susan and I send our prayers and sympathy to you. I will never forget Section 63 Row 73 & 74 Bill Hill Griffin Stadium for the Florida Gator games. Many good times watching the games with Steve. His loud and proud singing of the National Anthem, Gator Fight Song and Cheers kept us "on our toes". God Bless you.

Bobby & Susan Riesdorph

Bobby Riesdorph - April 17, 2017 at 07:35 AM

SM

“ I can't wrap my head around the fact that he is gone. Peggy and Lauren--words can not express what you are going through. I send you my deepest sympathy. We can rejoice that he is waiting for us in heaven, but the earth will not be the same without him. Steve was absolutely the best part of our home renovation on Belleaire Circle. High school classmate, neighbor and wonderful friend. I will never forget him.

Sherrill L Michealson - April 15, 2017 at 12:35 PM

BS

“ Our sincere condolences Peggy , Lauren, Mike and alle Steves relatives. Steve was a wonderful man. He will truly be missed by Mike and I on our annual Florida visits. His personality was amazing. You always had a piece is advice or a story that intrigued us . May you rest in piece 🙏

Betty&Mike Sanford - April 15, 2017 at 08:10 AM

JV

“ We're praying for the repose of Steve's soul & also for you, Peggy, that our Lord will comfort you.

Your neighbors & friends,
Jim & Terri View



Jim & Terri View - April 11, 2017 at 12:56 PM

SP

“ Steve was definitely one of the good ones - a genuinely nice guy of the highest caliber! You just plain felt good when Steve was around!!! He will always remain in my heart & bring a smile to me when ever I think of him
Prayers to Peggy & the family
And Peggy, thank God for you - you brought magic to Steve's life & made him so very happy!!

sallie Pins - April 10, 2017 at 10:07 AM

KS

“ My heart goes out to all of your family. Steve was a great friend since the 70s. I will miss the stories we told about our old friends when we ran into each other at home depot. I am so sorry that your gone, my prayers to your family. I know you are at peace God Bless you, your buddy kennyboy

Kenny Sears - April 09, 2017 at 03:13 PM

KS

“ *Kenny Sears lit a candle in memory of Steve Shilling*



Kenny Sears - April 09, 2017 at 02:58 PM

GL

You lived in a house built by Steve, now you live in a mansion built by God! I thank God for our lifelong friendship.

Glen - April 17, 2017 at 10:32 AM