



## Stephen J. Bonnis Jr.

June 25, 1950 - August 18, 2023

Stephen J. Bonnis Jr. passed away on August 18, 2023, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, and cherished memories. He was born on June 25, 1950 to Stephen Sr. and Virginia Bonnis. Stephen was a beacon of joy in the lives of those who had the privilege to know him. He was the adoring husband of Wanda Richardson. Together, they shared a bond that inspired all who witnessed it. Loving father of the late Jesse Knight, who preceded. Stepfather of Darnell (Kelly) Richardson, Darcell Richardson, Kelly (David) Mathers, Joseph (Nadia) Richardson, Jeremiah Richardson, Gabriel Richardson, and Joshua Richardson. A proud grandfather of 10 and great grandfather of 4. Stephen shared an unbreakable bond with his twin sister, Karen (the late Arthur) Herman and his sister Beverly Bonnis. Their lifelong connection was a source of strength and comfort, a testament to the enduring power of family ties. Beyond his roles as a husband, father and family member, Stephen was known for his zest for life. He had a passion for music, skillfully playing both the accordion and the piano, bringing melodies to life that would resonate in the hearts of those around him. He also had a penchant for dancing. Stephen was truly an all-around fun-loving spirit, leaving a trail of smiles wherever he went. Stephen Bonnis will be remembered not only for the love he shared but also for the happiness he cultivated in the lives of everyone fortunate enough to cross his path. He leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and cherished memories that will live on in the hearts of those who knew him. A visitation will be held at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Rd. (3Blks E. of

Van Dyke) on Friday (August 25th) from 4pm -8pm. Funeral Services will take place on Saturday (August 26th) at Christ Lutheran Church of Sterling Heights 12500 Canal Rd, Sterling Heights, MI 48313. He will lie in state at 10am until the time of service at 11am. Reflecting on his lifelong commitment to spreading joy and kindness, please feel free to leave a comment on his Tribute Wall.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **25**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Service

AUG **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Lutheran Church  
12500 Canal Rd.  
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

# Tribute Wall

NS

“ I just learned of Steve’s passing...although we didn’t share our later years.. we did in our younger years as East Detroiter’s! Steve rescued my dog PeeWee when we had to find a new home for him after I had children and PeeWee wasn’t happy with them! Steve was a fun guy and loving guy! So sorry for the families loss!

Nancy Swiantaniowski - September 11, 2023 at 01:52 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen J. Bonnis Jr..



August 24, 2023 at 01:00 PM

SK

“ We’ve known each other for over 45 years and iam going to miss your phone calls. You made me laugh! So many memories...we sure had a time!  
So now its time for your next great adventure! Time to take your reward for being a good man and having such a huge heart. Rest in peace, Steve, I’m gonna miss you.

Susan Knight - August 22, 2023 at 01:09 PM

RO

I’ll never forget my Buddy!!! 🐾

Robin - August 23, 2023 at 02:17 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen J. Bonnis Jr..*



August 22, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen J. Bonnis Jr..*



August 22, 2023 at 10:55 AM



“ *Uncle Steve you will truly be missed, the jokes the musical instruments that seem to come out of no where. Thank you for being there for my auntie all of these years. You are the Best . Take your Rest Now. Love you forever.*



**Deletri & Andrea Herbert-Brown** - August 21, 2023 at 12:28 AM



*We've known each other for over 45 years and iam going to miss your phone calls. You made me laugh! So many memories...we sure had a time!  
So now its time for your next great adventure! Time to take your reward for being a good man and having such a huge heart. Rest in peace, Steve, I'm gonna miss you.*

**Susan Knight** - August 21, 2023 at 05:45 PM

SC

*Steve, it's still hard to believe. We've been friends since high school in 1965. Rest in peace my dear friend. Until we meet again. I'm really going to miss you.*

**Sal Cicala** - August 21, 2023 at 06:09 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Stephen J. Bonnis Jr..*



August 20, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen J. Bonnis Jr..*



August 20, 2023 at 09:55 AM

JE

“ *Steve and I on his 73 birthday, 6/25/23. Thanks for teaching me how to drive and not getting too mad when I backed into your Ford Taurus. Thanks for everything you did in helping me grow into a man and succeeding thus far.*

**Jeremiah** - August 19, 2023 at 11:16 PM