



## Stephen Troychak

December 24, 1944 - September 5, 2013

Troychak, Stephen. Age 68. September 5, 2013.

Proud father of Holly Troychak and Beau Marcia Troychak. Loving husband of the late Carol Troychak. Loving significant other of Jill Morrison. Dear brother of Anne Ken Gates, Chris John Linke and the late Jimmy Troychak. Also survived by many nieces and a nephew. He was an Eagle Scout, a lifelong Spartan and poet. He played in the 1966 Rose Bowl and the "Game of the Century" – National Championship tie between Michigan State University and Notre Dame. Memorial visitation Monday 9:30 a.m. until the time of the memorial service 11 a.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Memorials to the Wounded Warrior Project or American Heart Association are appreciated. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ I graduated with Steve in 1963. I liked him very much. What an athlete he was and a good guy to hang out with. Many blessings on him and all his family members.

*Praying for Steve.*

*Dennis Patrick Slattery, class of '63*

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**Dennis Patrick Slattery** - September 27, 2017 at 03:16 PM

SU

“ I have known Steve and his family since 2nd grade. He was part of the old neighborhood and member of the Explorers where he earned his Eagle Badge. Have not seen him in years but a big smile and a hearty laugh will be how he is remembered.

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**Sue** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ We were Steve and Carol's neighbors on Raven Rd. They were a fun couple and we so enjoyed knowing them. They were an instant party, even if it were just planting our impatiens- if Steve and Carol were involved, it was a fun time. They were generous with their pool, their boat, their knowledge of gardening and their time. When we went to Mexico, the young family who rented our house put up ugly orange netting to keep their kids on the deck. Steve kindly went over and showed them a less obtrusive way to do it, but with so much kindness and gentleness. He was a good man, a kind man and quite the Xmas poet. Hope he still had dogs when he died, he and Carol doted on their shih tzu dogs. Kathy and Peter Carvell

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**kathy** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Troychak family, I am remorseful about your loss and like to extend my deepest sympathy for your loved one Stephen Troychak. From personal experience I know that the death of a love one causes pain and grief and sometimes it seems unbearable. The Scriptures contain comfort that can assist us during times of distress. The ransom of Jesus and the hope of seeing my loved one again in the resurrection brought me comfort. I would like to share these three scriptures with you to give you comfort John 5:28, 29, Acts 24:15 and Romans 15:4. May the God of comfort give you peace and rest. Mrs. Higgins

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**Mrs Higgins** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Yes, he left us with many memories and a lot of laughs. I for one never stopped loving the father of our children. Our 20 years together will never be forgotten. My family loved Steve as a son and brother as well as his great family! Diane Troychak

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**Diane Troychak** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Rex Sims „I met Steve in March 1987 at B&H PSC as a fellow salesman. He and I soon learned the super synergy we had, both at work and play. He always made you feel better just having been in his company for a week, a day or an hour. As a parent, I am sure his Children are like "apples not falling far from the tree" and God has blessed you all abundantly with your Father's influence all these years. It's easier to be a better person having known Steve; his Poems and Christmas Cards are at the top of our Christmas each year. Our prayers for the family and deepest sympathy for your loss. God Bless you.

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**Rex Sims** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ I also knew Steve through Bell & Howell. He was the consummate sales person, professional, understanding, compassionate and he truly listened and did the right thing for his clients. He also treated all of us with kindness and he had the total respect of those of us who worked with him. He inspired many and can only imagine what a great dad and family man he was. He was a blessing to us all.

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**Terri Keeler** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I too met Steve when I came to work for Bell Howell in 1986. I didn't know him as well as others but I know he had a heart to serve. I tell the story often of how Steve got me 2 tickets to a Browns/Lions we are Browns fans Thanksgiving Day game when I couldn't get them in Ohio. When he called to tell me he got the tickets, he "apologized" for the cost I never knew what they actually cost but he only asked for \$15 each. I was happy to be in the stadium for the game. You can imagine my excitement and my son's when we found ourselves on the 40 yard line, 3 rows from the field! I have thought about and asked about Steve through the years through some of our mutual former associates so I know there were some challenges for him. I hope the entire family can find peace and comfort knowing those challenges are over. May God bless all of you in Steve's family.

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**John Rein** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ I have nothing but fond memories of Steve first meeting him through our employment with Bell & Howell. He was a very sweet person and always a joy to work with. After he left the company, I'd still get e-mails from him and always looked forward to hearing from him and reading the wonderful poems he wrote and attached. My deepest sympathies for your loss.

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**Joan Valentine** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ Steve was quite a guy - one of those "unforgettable characters". His large athletic build along with his shock of blond hair naturally turned a few heads. His big friendly grin had a way of endearing everyone to him. We met Steve while we were all at Michigan State. Since Nancy was Diane's roommate and Diane was dating Steve, and I was dating Nancy, Steve and I became friends by default. Our get-togethers were seldom due to our geographical distance. However, we took quite a few trips to Northern Michigan and always had a terrific time. We played marathon tennis and ate marathon meals which will last forever in my memory book. We laughed until our cheeks hurt, we laughed until we cried. Any time spent with Steve guaranteed a memorable time. Get ready Heaven to welcome a wonderful guy!!! Bill and Nancy Cox Atlanta, GA

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**William H. Cox** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ I met Steve about 2 years ago as a Boresha Distributor and in that short time I was fascinated by his infectious smile, his love for people and his zest for life. He was a Gentle Spirit. My prayers for peace are with his soul and with the family.

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**Sheila Pomaranski** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Paul Le Sagel had the pleasure of working with Steve when I got on board with Bell & Howell in 1992, he was a great story teller and could always make me laugh, he also did sales in Canada and told me a very funny story about Heinz Ketchup. When Carol was a youngster she would spend her summer vacation time in Ontario in the Leamington area and this is the Tomato Capital of Canada and this is where the Heinz plant has its Canadian home when Steve came to do sales calls in Canada she would have him buy a box of 12 Heinz Ketchup bottles to take back home, well Steve is at the border at the inspection and he got the third degree from the US Customs people on why the Ketchup and he told the office my wife says it tastes better than the US Heinz Ketchup and she grew up on it and who as he to question her taste or desire the US customs officer had a good laugh and each time Steve showed up and this fellow was on duty he just waved him thru no questions asked. I asked Carol about this and she told me it was sweeter and thicker than the US product. Let me tell you each time I am in Leamington and see the Heinz plant with its gigantic Ketchup bottle I think of Steve & Carol God bless A dieu mon ami et bon voyage Paul

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**Paul Le Sage** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ I met Steve when I was 14 years old and he married my sister, Diane. He was always an inspiration for me. Whenever I had a project in school, he always came up with an unusual idea. I once had to do a oral presentation on a famous person in high school. Steve & Diane were over visiting so I am thinking and Steve is "thinking"/ I tell him my teacher is the assistant football coach. Of course we all remember Steve playing football for Mich. State. So, he says you must do your report on Knute Rockne! He says all the boys in class will stand up and listen. So, when the teacher goes around & ask who we are doing our report on & I tell him, he just about jumps out of his pants. Day of my presentation, I of course show up with a picture of Rockne, slide show as well. I had an A. Term paper times comes around & another brilliant idea from Steve. My subject was how Christmas got started. Now what the teacher did not know that Steve's aunt Janet, in Ohio was a huge expert and lecturer on the subject. She sent me tons of information on the subject and I got an A. College @ MSU comes around & Steve writes my a poem in about 5 minutes for my Pi Phi induction, it had to have the 3 things wine, blue & arrow the sorority symbols in it. Well, it was so funny that I got 3 encores on it. And Steve worked out a little physical movement to go with it. It was a big demand @ all further inductions till I graduated. Steve was known as a world class salesman. I even went into sales. He was a real listener, great gift of speech as well. Made one feel important. Steve was a very proud and devoted father to Holly & Beau as well. They graduation with honors from high school & college and are successful adults with great careers. Make each day count folks! Life is too short!

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**Darlene Pijanowski Gibson** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ As many of the others here, I first met Steve at Bell Howell. When I first joined the company, Steve welcomed me. He always had a smile, a conversation and a way of making each person feel important. I always thought of Steve as a gentle giant as well as a consummate professional. His Christmas poems were very special and are displayed in our home every year during the holidays. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone who loves him.

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**Randy Borchardt** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Thank you for such a moving memory. I am sure our children will cherish your words. Diane Troychak

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**Diane Troychak** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ I met Steve when he began his career at Bell and Howell, in the mid 80's. What a blessing he was. We maintained our friendship long after he left the company. He has always been "Bud" to me. What a gentle giant who always encouraged me to try new things... he taught me to snorkel in Hawaii, play video poker in Las Vegas, and eat biengets in New Orleans. We shared the love of many books and authors and I too cherished his Christmas poems. I think of him each Christmas eve on his birthday. Most off all, Bud taught me the profound meaning of Namaste. He recognized the God in every one he met and it was clearly visible in him. I know his love of family surpassed all else and can only imagine your sorrow to lose him. Namaste, my dear friend Bud.

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**Pat Cornelius** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I only had the pleasure of meeting Steve a handful of times at customer sites and in meetings but I remember him as a pleasant, joyful and gentle soul. My sympathies to the entire family. May he rest in peace.

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**Maryam Fakhran** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ I met Steve in 1996 at Bell n Howell. I was starting out my career and he couldn't have been more helpful and supportive to me. I still have a note that he wrote to me and always appreciated his words of wisdom. My prayers go out to to Steve and his family! God bless...

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**Vince Tavorario** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ I had the pleasure of working with your Dad at Bell & Howell. Steve is not only a great person but an exceptional Human Being. Although we lived geographically far apart we were close. I remember multiple Bell & Howell trips Hawaii, Puerto Rico, having SO Special times, many laughs with both Steve and his very special Carol. I was a lucky one to have this poem Steve sent to me when he left Bell & Howell. It is framed on my desk and I see it every morning. Best Wishes Van A. Cohen.

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**Van A. Cohen** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ I started working for Bell & Howell in 1994. I had the pleasure of meeting Steve on one of the trips when the sales team came to our office in Seven Hills OH. He always had a big smile on his face and I always thought of him as a teddy bear. He was positive, kind and just down to earth. My deepest sympathy to the family. You are all in my prayers. Pattie Wojciechowski

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**Pattie Wojciechowski** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I have stared at this little box for at least 4 hours trying to accomplish something that cannot be contained in this little white box. Words just do not fit or come easy for me when I am trying to do this for Steve. This shape just does not fit or work when speaking of Steve as it says "control". Steve had his own control. Most people think a good salesman is someone who can talk fast and speaks many words. Steve was a great salesman and I am sure an equally great parent because he understood that the real ability was in the listening and comprehending. I never saw Steve emotionally out of control. Always the consummate professional who enjoyed taking a junior guy like myself under his wing and showing "THE RIGHT WAY" to do something. Steve enjoyed Christmas. He also enjoyed pulling out pen and paper and writing poems that he shared with all of us. I still have my Santa Claus picture and poem Steve wrote because they are part of our family Christmas collection as required by my 2 sons, who back then, were small....and they are 28 and 24 now....however, as late as last Christmas, they still love the Santa picture and poem. To the family, I would like to say thank you for sharing Steve with all of us at what was back in the day, Bell Howell, which then became ProQuest. We all had so much fun working together back then, and Steve being the happy guy he was managed to be one of the ring leaders. I hope you all safeguard all the fondest memories of Steve as I will. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers as you go forward. God Bless You All....

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**Kirk V. Brammer** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Steve was like a big brother to me. Always helping to make me a better sales rep by his leadership and positive attitude. He was as Tony has mentioned, bigger than life and always provided a positive spin on everything he did and with lifes challenges!God bless and my thought and prayers to the entire family.

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**Jack Healey** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Steve was a true professional and bigger than life.ALWAYS a smile and positive attitude- which he taught me to better emulate. I can only imagine, based on the kindness and caring that he showed to me and mine, what a great Father- Husband-Grandfather he was. God's blessings to you all.I will especially remember Steve on Dec 24- as he sent me numerous Christmas Eve musings.

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**Anthony Brown and Diane DeChic** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM