



Steven B. Huffman

November 1, 1946 - January 12, 2020

Steven B Huffman passed surrounded by his family on January 12th, 2020. Steven is survived by his wife Kathryn (nee Due), his daughters Elizabeth Huffman (Adam Moen) and Rebecca Huffman, sister Sharon Tepper, and niece Stacy Tepper. He is further survived by his sister-in-law Christine Due; his brother and sister-in-law James and Colleen Due; and his nieces and nephews, Maria, Joshua, Aiden, Ayla, and Keelan.

Steve was born to Marie (nee Iery) and Luther Huffman on November 1, 1946 in Bloomington, Illinois. Throughout his childhood, he loved athletics, playing basketball competitively in high school, and winning an athletic scholarship to DePauw University in Indiana, from which he graduated. Soon after graduating, he began working for Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS), as a teacher for Hopkins Street School where he met his wife Kathy. He soon found education was his calling, moving on to be Vice Principal at Hopkins while simultaneously earning his Master's degree. He moved on to be Vice Principal at Grant Street School, and Principal at Greenfield Elementary. His career continued to move forward and he spent the remainder of his time in MPS as an administrator, overseeing multiple elementary schools. He was a champion for public Montessori education, serving on the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) boards both globally and in the U.S. After he retired from MPS, he was instrumental in building teacher training and licensing programs at MTECH and Alverno College.

Outside of work, Steve was an avid gardener. He was an artistic craftsman, continually refinishing wood pieces to look like heirloom projects, and worked tirelessly on the family's home on the east side of Milwaukee. He loved to travel, including visiting Amsterdam several times a year during the height of his involvement in AMI. He remained a fan of sports, especially the Milwaukee Brewers.

Above everything, Steve held his friends and family most dear and displayed that love every day of his life.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Southern Poverty Law Center would be appreciated.

There will be a Celebration of Steven's Life on Saturday, January 25th at 10:30 AM followed by a Memorial Service at 11:30 AM at Northshore Funeral Services Chapel. Northshore Funeral Services; 3601 N. Oakland Ave; Shorewood, WI 53211; 414-961-1812

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Brenda Wood



Northshore Funeral Services - January 25, 2024 at 10:25 AM

RM

“ Please accept my sincerest sympathy for your husband / father's passing. Steve was my boss when I was a beginning principal for MPS. He was a kind and caring person and a great boss! Please know many people still talk about Steve with the highest regard. He will be missed.

Ruth Maegli - January 28, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Kathy, Elizabeth, and Rebecca, I was so saddened to learn of Steve's passing. He was way too young, way too fine a man, and way too devoted a caregiver to be taken so swiftly. And also such a special neighbor for my parents, first on Shepard Ave and then reunited years later in Bayside. I will always have fond memories of his upbeat outlook on life and charming disposition. We will miss him!

Dan Brotslaw - January 25, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I was honored to have led the Department of Administrative Leadership and Accountability Services as Deputy Superintendent of The Milwaukee Public Schools where Steve was one of six long-serving specialists/ administrative liaison. His talents and human rights heart are without peer. He served with intentionality and honor bearing a smile to signal that he would collaborate to build capacity. Steve has been selected for a specific role and will be missed.

Dr. Janie Hatton - January 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Steven's passing. Sending love to all who have known him. Fondly, Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra

Christina Salerno - January 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I was sorry to hear about Steve's passing. He was a kind man and great educator who always put others before himself. A real pleasure to have known and worked with him My prayers are with the family.

Dr. James Bigaj - January 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ It was a joy working with Steve for many, many years in the Department of Administrative Accountability. Steve was smart, well prepared, caring, funny, and always the voice of reason in our office. Steve will be remembered for setting the bar high for professionalism. He was more than a colleague; he was a treasured friend. My heartfelt condolences are extended to the Huffman family.

Brenda Wood - January 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ We are very sorry to learn about Steve's death. Steve and Kathy welcomed us to N Shepard Ave when we moved there in 2000 and they were wonderful neighbors. Our thoughts are with Steve's family. Larri and Steve Jacquart

Larri and Steve Jacquart - January 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I worked with Steve at US Grant School and am so very sad to hear of his death. Please know that he was wonderful to work for, always so positive and just a joy to have in our building. My prayers to your family.

Linda Bolin - January 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM