



Stephen Edward Drummond

January 15, 1931 - November 23, 2013

Stephen E. Drummond, 82, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, November 23, 2013, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Born on January 15, 1931, in Spelter, West Virginia, to the late General Shafter and Ruby Drummond, he was one of four boys. Steve graduated from Victory High School in Clarksburg, WV and married Natalie Dodd, his childhood sweetheart, who was born on the same day and preceded him in death in 2009. They were married for 58 wonderful years and raised two children, who with their families cherish his memory: daughter Ricki Morris and her husband, Mike of Tijeras, NM; granddaughter Tara and her husband John Garr, and great-grandsons Jackson and Stephen of Colleyville, TX; son Jeff and his wife Sharon Drummond, and grandsons Joshua, Andrew, and David of Pickerington, OH. Steve is also survived by his wife Ann, his "Yellow Rose of Texas," with whom he cherished the last two years of his life; and family in the Clarksburg, WV area: brother Shafter (Brud) and wife Caron; sister-in-law Matilda Drummond; sister-in-law Jill and her husband Bud Vernon; brother-in-law Rocky and his wife Kathy Dodd; brother-in-law Jody Dodd; and numerous nieces and nephews. Steve was preceded in death by his brothers Bob and Gene Drummond. Steve was a proud Marine, serving in the Korean War (POW), and earning the Purple Heart. He received the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal from South Korea in 2003. After the war, Steve went to college on the G.I. Bill, earning a Bachelor's Degree from Fairmont State University and a Master's Degree from Miami University of Ohio. Steve enjoyed a career in

education for over twenty years, and positively affected the lives of many children, teachers, and parents. He first worked as a teacher and coach in Gettysburg, OH; served as principal in Amesville, OH; then moved to Groveport, OH, for the remainder of his career. Steve was the principal of Asbury Elementary (his favorite job), and then became the assistant superintendent in charge of personnel. After retirement, Steve enjoyed traveling to sunnier places, “making memories” with his granddaughter and grandsons, and creating and selling his craft invention, Tara-Lite, for which he received a design patent. Steve and Natalie lived for a few years in Orlando, FL, where they loved visiting EPCOT, before settling in Albuquerque in 1995. Steve was a founding resident of Paloma Landing and a friend to all. His persistence through challenges and adversity and his positive and caring attitude reflected the core values of his Christian beliefs—faith, hope, and love. A memorial service will be held in Albuquerque on Saturday, November 30, at 10:00 a.m. at Sandia Presbyterian Church, 10704 Paseo de Norte Boulevard N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87122. In Steve’s memory, contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Wounded Warrior Project.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **30**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Sandia Presbyterian Church
10704 Paseo Del Norte NE
Albuquerque, NM 87122

Tribute Wall

SM

“ Dear Ricki & Jeff,
Always when I think of Steve & MeMe I'm taken back to a time a long ago. So long ago that I can't even remember where you guys were living then. Zanesville, OH, I think. I might have been 10, maybe 12, so it was over 50 years ago. Anyway, we all squeezed into your Dad's VW and your Mom & Dad took us on a ride down this 2 lane back country road that had a series of small hills, just big bumps really. Your Dad would speed up the hill and right at the top lift his foot off of the accelerator. For just an instant we would all be weightless and MeMe would holler weeee, weeee. I'll never forget, she called it the weee, weee road.
Funny in this material world where we have all surrounded ourselves with big houses and expensive cars how it's most often some of the simplest childhood memories that stay with us the longest and mean the most.
I loved Steve & MeMe very much and will miss them both.
God bless,
Steve McIntyre

Steve McIntyre - February 19, 2014 at 03:25 PM

BD

“ Dear Ann and Family, It is with fond memories that I remember Steve. By hiring me at Groveport Madison, he began a 21 year career for me in the district. What a wonderful man to have in the lives of so many. I know you will have memories that will bring you laughter, tears and quiet moments. Please know that many share with you in memory his life well lived.

Bea Barnett Dorman

Bea Barnett Dorman - December 02, 2013 at 08:52 AM

MB

“ Dear Ann, Ricki and Families- We are so very sorry for the loss of Mr Drummond. What an amazing and full Life he lived and loved. We had to experience loss in our Family also with Dad (John) losing his wife Barbara, but through this , God in his infinite wisdom orchestrated the incredible reunion for Steve and my Father (John Smatana). What an absolute Blessing it is that they were able to reconnect during the last 3 years at Paloma and share such an important History in the Korean War. What an Honor to have gotten to meet him and for my Father to serve with him. We Love you and remember at this time in our Prayers. Monica Blaschke and John Smatana

Monica Blaschke - December 01, 2013 at 06:18 PM

JP

“ Steve exuded a spirit of optimism, humor and grace under pressure better than anyone I have ever known.

Jeff Pierce

Jeffrey Pierce - November 30, 2013 at 11:11 AM

JC

“ Our brief acquaintance with Steve has been a precious one, and we had hoped to grow our friendship in the future, for he was clearly a man of integrity and great courage. One felt somehow inspired by his mere presence. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to all his family, and to Ann goes our love and support as always. May God comfort you all with his abiding love. Nate and Judy

Judith Claassen - November 29, 2013 at 10:51 AM

RD

“ Steve was not only a wonderful brother-in-law, but was also a great friend. One of the most noteworthy traits that I attributed to Steve was the way he always steered attention away from himself and made the other person the center of attention. I didn't realize just how admirable this was until way later (too late probably) in life. Here was a man who led a very interesting life and yet kept most of it to himself unless asked to do otherwise. I can honestly say that he was one of the finest men I have ever had the privilege of knowing and he will be greatly missed.

If it's at all possible for the joy and energy of heaven to be increased, then I know it was when Steve entered there this week. I imagine he's planning a trip (to include bicycles) for himself, Jody and me right now...:)

The comfort and consolation afforded by the Lord through His Word is that we shall see one another again-What a day that will be!

I just have to say What a Guy!!

*In Christ,
Rocky*

Rocky Dodd - November 28, 2013 at 11:49 AM

CP

“ Mr. Drummond always had an infectious smile. My prayers and condolences to his children and wife. He is in heaven smiling down and watching over those that he loved so much. Missed but not forgotten..

Crystal (Surber) Peck - November 28, 2013 at 11:03 AM

SH

“ So sorry to all of you for your loss. Sandy Hague

Sandy Hague - November 28, 2013 at 09:10 AM

SC

“ *The universe lost a very positive and courageous gentle man. Steve always had a smile on his face, no matter the circumstances. I'm thankful that he touched my life and my family. We are better people for knowing him. May God give you peace and comfort. Love, Suzanne Crawford and family*

Suzanne Crawford - November 28, 2013 at 08:19 AM

JB

“ *To Mrs. Drummond, and all of the family, I offer you my condolence for your loss. I got acquainted with Stephen, I called him Steve, approx 4 yrs ago. He was able to clear up a lot of questions I had concerning the death of my brother during the Korean War on Out Post Vegas. The same Out Post where Steve was captured. He would always call me when he came to Pickerington and I would meet with him for a while. For Steve, Rest in Peace My Friend. You will never be forgotten.*

*Jesse Boyd
Pickerington, OH*

Jesse Boyd - November 27, 2013 at 11:04 PM

TS

“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.*

Tom Jordan and Wyoming Staff - November 27, 2013 at 11:25 AM

BV

No words could ever express the love and compassion that this man had for his fellow man. He will be greatly missed by all his many friends and loving family .As the trumpet sounds in heaven all the angles are going to have to click there heels together and stand at attention as this hero is escorted through the pearly gates. ONCE MADE , A MARINE WILL FOREVER LIVE MY THE ETHICS AND VALUES OF THE CORPS. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE BROTHER. SEFARA FI. Bud Vernon and Family

Bud Vernon - November 29, 2013 at 07:10 PM