



Steven Riedel

January 19, 1960 - June 22, 2024

Steven "Steve" Riedel passed away peacefully at his home in Tewksbury Township, NJ on Saturday, June 22, 2024. Steve was born in Westwood, NJ on January 19, 1960. Steve may have only lived 64 years but he had a full life with many blessings.

Steve was predeceased by his mother Jeanne Horton Riedel and father Harold John "Jack" Riedel. He leaves behind a wife Kathleen "Kathy" DiStasi Riedel, a sister Gay Riedel of River Edge, NJ, a brother Guy Riedel and his sons, Steve's nephews, James and Jesse in California who he was always so proud of. He also leaves behind two nieces he loved so dearly. Jessica Valerio who is recently engaged to Sergio Salamanca. Steve looked forward to their wedding, he will be there in spirit. Gina Valerio Sweetman her husband Garret Sweetman and their beautiful daughter, Steve's grandniece Summer who he adored. Steve looked forward to recreating the Barbie car photos and memories he made with Gina and Jessica as children when Summer was older. Steve also leaves behind an extended family in Germany. Steffi Kaeser was like a daughter to him, he loved her so much and loved her husband Chris, and three children Marius, Fabian, and Constantin and her parents Sebastian and Brigitte Walthers. He also is survived by his father in law and mother in law Art and Terry DiStasi of Park Ridge and Kathy's sister Lisa and her husband Mike Valerio, and Kathy's brother Arthur "Art". Steve enjoyed the holidays where both families would get together.

Steve loved his home in New Jersey where he enjoyed gardening and the beauty and nature of Hunterdon County. He loved growing and eating hot peppers and using them in recipes. He would always share his peppers. Neighbors and friends looked forward to Steve's annual yield of a variety of hot peppers. He also had a second home in Vero Beach Florida where Kathy and he would visit frequently. They would often take long walks on the beach together. He was active in the community and loved by so many who were saddened by the news of his passing.

Steve was incredibly smart and earned a perfect score on his GMAT. He would often read stories, books, or watch documentaries on history and mysteries of spiritual and celestial nature. He would share his knowledge with his many friends, cousins, and acquaintances sometimes whether they wanted to hear it not. This made Steve who he was and one of the reasons he was so loved. He cared so deeply for everyone he touched. He had a big heart and always wanted to help others and share what he learned and experienced.

Steve enjoyed watching NY Rangers hockey, NY Giants football, and NY Yankees baseball. In his younger years, Steve completed a double century bike ride (200 miles in one day) in northern California. He also participated in multiple Montauk 100 mile bike rides. His family spent several vacations in Montauk that he associated with fond memories. He completed multiple five borough bike tours. He loved fishing at the beach and cooking up a meal of his catch.

He and Kathy visited several countries and most states. Steve was energized by the beautiful scenery and old cathedrals and castles in Europe and surreal landscape in the United States. He was able to feel the vortex in Sedona.

Kathy and he had many spiritual experiences during their travels. He believed in heaven and angels. He is with them now and will always be a part of those he touched.

Friends and family are invited to pay their respects starting at 11AM on Friday, July 5th. A service will be held at 12:30 PM at Volk Leber Funeral Home, 286 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell, NJ, 07649. A lunch celebrating his life and sharing memories will take place immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Doctors without Borders.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 5. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Steven Riedel



Volk Leber Funeral Home - July 03, 2024 at 03:16 PM

JE

Was bin ich bitter am weinen 😭 ich kann es nicht glauben es tut mir sehr leid ach Steve du fehlst sehr 😞 mach es gut treuer Freund der immer ein offenes Ohr 🗣 hatte, Steve Wahr loyal diskret freundlich und vor allem ein Mensch mit Herz ❤️ Bey gute Reise mein Freund Steve ❤️❤️❤️

Jens - April 15, 2025 at 10:02 PM



“ I only new Steve briefly at Chico State when I was his next door neighbor in the dorms. It didn't take long for us to become friends as he was a bike nut like I was. Someone mentioned the 200 mile bike ride in one of these posts. I can proudly say that it was me that got him into that. It didn't take too much convincing to get him to do it, he was basically up for anything back then.

A couple stories:

Went to the store with Steve on bikes. When we got there, I saw him fiddling with the rear of his bike before going into the store. He was wrapping a bunging cord through the wheel and around his bike rack over and over again. He figured it would take a would be thief too long to unwind the bungy giving him time to chase him down. To this day, if I forget my lock, I weave my helmet through my wheel to slow down a thief...

Henry Weinhard - Cheap beer was important in college. I remember one Friday night when Henry Reinhard's 12 packs were on sale for \$2.99ea (may have been \$1.99). There's a picture somewhere of a pyramid of 12 packs in my dorm room with Steve, Wayne Hay (his roommate) and others. Must have been 40 12 packs. Don't remember how long it took to drink them, but am guessing not very long.

Hacky Sack - I didn't know very many people that like to play hacky sack back in the bay area where I grew up. Quite a few people played in Chico and I was lucky enough to be living next to one of them. We'd go out to the lawn between dorms and kick the sack around for hours on end. Always thought the girls were checking out our moves as we played...

Steve, RIP. I have fond memories of the brief time that I knew you, but they certainly made an impact on me. Cheers.

Tim Fraguglia - December 18, 2024 at 12:49 PM

MB

Sorry to hear of Steve's passing. I also met Steve in the Chico State dorms. We went to many a party. Always wondered how things turned out for him. I think he did a year out in Chico as an exchange student. Super smart, and a blast to hang out with. Fond memories. Mark Bosselmann

mark bosselmann - February 10, 2025 at 10:26 PM

JE

Oh nein habe es Grade erst erfahren ich bin geschockt was ist passiert,oh nein ich habe echt so eine schöne Zeit mit ihm verbracht, wir hatten so ein fun zusammen wir hatten Mal drei Frauen Bett das ging so richtig ab oh Mann Steve wir wollten uns ,dieses Jahr 2025 treffen in Juni und jetzt das ich werde zum Treffpunkt Fahren und die Reise antreten dir zu liebe bitte begleite mich als mein Schutz Engel 🛡️ ich werde dich sehr vermissen deine lockere Art immer zu spaßen auf gelegt, was ist denn nur passiert war es der Krebs ??? Hoffe bist gut rübergekommen und bist bei deine Familie und Freunde die vor dir ging , bis bald an unser Treffpunkt Bey Steve dein Freund Jens

Jens - April 15, 2025 at 09:55 PM

RD

“ Steve was a good athlete, decent man, and great friend. I'll love him and miss him forever. We picked berries, organized sporting events, got filthy at “The Hacky,” and, in adolescence, rated our physical appearance to girls on 1-to-10 scales. We were constantly on the prowl for good things to eat. We'd have banquets of Hostess pastries when camping in his back yard and he never got caught when robbing baked goods from Shop Rite's late night deliveries, though I sadly did. Steve was faster. We raced bicycles to the George Washington Bridge from opposite sides of the Hudson River and also from Massapequa to Montauk. He was a great listener and so very smart.

I'm grateful for being welcomed by the amazing Riedel family. Jeanne was so kind and sweet. Jack spoke to me with the respect afforded an adult, even though I wasn't. Guy was the loving and protective big brother who made me always want one. And Gay changed my life by teaching me to ride a motorcycle.

My heart goes out to Kathy, a generous, loving partner. Steve only spoke of her with warmth and respect.

Richard DeKaser - July 04, 2024 at 04:29 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Steven Riedel.



July 03, 2024 at 09:16 PM

NM

“ Nancy Horton & John Mudry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Riedel.

Nancy Horton & John Mudry - July 03, 2024 at 09:16 PM



“ 215 files added to the album LifeTributes



Volk Leber Funeral Home - July 03, 2024 at 10:58 AM

SM

“ Kathy, I'm so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. He was such a great guy. I always enjoyed our talks. He was so sweet to me whenever I came over to visit with your mom. He always went out of his way to make me feel comfortable in your house. Jim and I will miss him very much. The Miller Family

Sheri miller - July 01, 2024 at 11:41 AM

AD

“ Steven, you were so much more than a son-in-law to Art and I. You were a son, kind, loving and giving. You and Kathy shared so much with us, including vacations and your lovely home in Florida. You left us with so many wonderful memories of love and laughter. I'll miss our long discussions, which we often didn't agree on, it was fun. You will be missed. You will Always be in our hearts and prayers. REST IN PEACE!

Arthur DiStasi - June 30, 2024 at 03:26 PM



“ Kathy, I am so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. You were great neighbors. It's shocking to me since I will always remember him walking with you frequently in the neighborhood. I will be thinking of Steve in my prayers.

Gary Porto

Gary Porto - June 30, 2024 at 02:51 PM

PG

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We have had you in our lives since our moves to Vero Beach FL, and we feel fortunate to have known you and Steve all these years. Steve had an impact on everyone he met, and was always a pleasure to be around and you were that life partner always by his side. We will greatly miss him. May Steve rest in God's peace, surrounded by all those angels he believed in. May you and your family find comfort in knowing that Steve is truly at peace.

Phil and Marie Garrepy - June 30, 2024 at 01:50 PM