



Stephen Scott Hedstrom

February 4, 1940 - July 31, 2020

Stephen Scott Hedstrom who loved his family above all else, on July 31st suffered a sudden heart attack. He passed away with his adoring wife and daughter by his side. Steve was born in Fresno on February 4th, 1940 to Alfred and Mary Louise Hedstrom. As a young boy Steve moved to Visalia with his mother and brother Mick where he attended Highland Elementary, Visalia Junior High and graduated from Redwood High School in 1957. Steve was an accomplished athlete playing water polo, tennis and golf. At the age of 15, Steve went to work at the families lumber yard and caddied at the Visalia Country Club.

Under the leadership of his stepfather Ray Noble, Steve learned the lumber business from the bottom up and soon was running the Company as a young man. Upon Ray Noble's death in 1973, Steve became sole owner of Visalia Lumber Company. Steve continued to grow the business, and was instrumental in the success of many local contractors and builders. He was a trusting and generous businessman, often financially supporting his contractors. Steve believed in doing business with a stern look in the eye and a hand shake. Over the years he expanded the Lumber Company including a door shop and Ace Hardware store.

Steve's passions included sailing in Marina Del Rey where he had a sailboat. He was an avid golfer throughout his life and enjoyed playing croquet in the wine country. Steve loved traveling with his family and friends, often vacationing at his favorite resort the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel on the Big Island

of Hawaii.

In 1985, Steve married the love of his life Mariann Henry. Together they became very involved in supporting local charities in the community. His wife will always say that he was known for his razor sharp wit and sense of humor. A wonderful and devoted husband, beloved father, grandfather and Godfather. He is survived by his wife Mariann Hedstrom, his son Stephen Michael Hedstrom, daughter Sandra Lynn Hedstrom (Martin Friedman) and his granddaughters (the lights of his life in later years) Lindsey Lynn Watts (David) great granddaughters Charley Jade and Clark Ray, granddaughter Lacie Elizabeth Fry (Garrett), brothers Mick Hedstrom and Tommy Noble, godchildren; Jean Marie (Merzorian), Claire Borges (Merzorian) and Mathew Sanders.

Celebration of Life will take place at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel on Thursday August 6th at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, any donations may be made to honor Steve S. Hedstrom to Visalia Local Charities

Condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Funeral

AUG 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Stephen Scott Hedstrom*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - August 06, 2020 at 03:58 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Stephen Scott Hedstrom*



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“ *I would just like to express my deepest sympathies to Mariann and her family over the loss of her wonderful husband, Stephen. I spent time in their home and he was a gracious and kind man. Mariann is simply wonderful and I grieve for her in this very sad time. Roseann Slonsky Breault*

Roseann Slonsky-Breault - August 05, 2020 at 10:39 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen Scott Hedstrom.*



August 05, 2020 at 06:38 PM



“ *Steve did have quite a wit about him. I can remember playing with he and his partner in the Visalia CC member guest tournament back in the late 80's. We teed off at number 2 hole and my partner and I landed in a wet area. I was at the time pretty hefty and my partner carried a few extra pounds also and as we were stomping around trying to get some water over our shoes for a casual water drop, Steve blurts out " why dosen't one of you stand on the others shoulders, that ought to draw some water". I still laugh when I think of it today.*

May the family have God's Peace and may Steve R.I.P.

Dan Willitts

Daniel Willitts - August 04, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ *Nam-Yong Horn & Lynette Simonson purchased the With Distinction for the family of Stephen Scott Hedstrom.*



Nam-Yong Horn & Lynette Simonson - August 03, 2020 at 02:04 AM

NH

“ Even though I never met Steve, I know that he was a special man to have a wonderful life with a remarkable lady, Mariann. He had to be a great guy to be the husband of a CFRW President and leader. RIP Steve Hedstrom.

Nam-Yong and Jim Horn

Nam-Yong & Jim Horn - August 02, 2020 at 10:58 PM

JB

“ I am so sad to hear of “Godfathers” passing. I have so many memories of spending weekends swimming, playing, gardening, and of course breakfast in bed. He will be greatly missed. I wish for comfort and healing for the family.



Jean Borges - August 02, 2020 at 01:05 PM

CC

“ Steve was always gracious and supportive of Mariann, and most welcoming when we were in their home. He will be missed by all blessed enough to know him. Much love Mariann and family. Carol Hadley and Joan Clendenin.

Carol Hadley and Joan Clendenin - August 01, 2020 at 09:12 PM