



Stephen D. Zappala

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Stephen D. Zappala, 57, of Liverpool, passed away Monday at Upstate University Hospital. He was a graduate of West Genesee High School in Camillus and attended Oswego State. Stephen was employed with Salina Painting and most recently worked at Erie Mechanical Contractors. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fly fishing. Stephen was also an animal lover who especially loved dogs.

Stephen is survived by his loving wife of 13 years, Lisa Tucci; his cherished dogs, Kito, Ry and Peety; his brother, John (Shirley) Zappala of Michigan; one niece, one nephew, aunts, cousins and many very good friends.

Contributions may be made to Wanderers Rest Humane Association, PO Box 535, Sutherland Drive, Canastota, NY 13032.

THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME is handling local arrangements.



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RH

Richard Hunter posted:

Lisal was privileged to become acquainted with Steve at Nate Perry school. The first time we met we became friends. He had Rey and I had my Weims Blake and Logan. My walks in the woods were always more fun with Steve and his guys and me and my boys. As the years went by and both Steve and I had to let some of our best friends go and my visits to the school kind of ended. Just recently (just before Thanksgiving) I was over at Nate Perry with my daughters year old Weim. As we were leaving and just crossing Jewel Dr. This car came to a screeching halt, out jumped Steve. As always he wanted to hear about he new dog! We talked and enjoyed each other for quite awhile and said we had to get the dogs together just like before. I'm so glad I got those minutes with him. Dick Hunter

December 22 at 8:22 AM

PC

Peter Carocci posted:

Lisa and John - Sorry to hear about my buddy Steve. Heard about his passing today from a couple of guys at Aspen. He truly was a great person. We always had a lot of laughs. He will be missed by many. I will say a prayer for the family. - Peter Carocci

December 19 at 12:52 PM

MM

Marc Mero posted:

Lisa, I just learned about Steve passing. My brother Joel just called me and told me. I am so very sorry. Anytime you think of Steve it always seemed so positive. He had a such a kind heart. Nothing but great memories. I wish you and your loved ones my absolute best. God Bless...Marc Mero

December 19 at 7:25 AM

GT

Ginny Tennyson posted:

Lisa- We are so deeply sorry and want you to know that we are thinking of you, as well as our loss of Steve, at this sad time. We couldn't have asked for a better friend, from his upbeat personality to his willingness to always acknowledge everybody at the gym. There is a void that we feel that will undoubtedly last for quite a while. We will not forget him, and want you to know that both you and Steve are in our prayers. Some Friends from Aspen

December 19 at 3:32 AM



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DF

Dusart Family posted:

Lisa, we pray that God may comfort you in your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. One needs not tell you what a special person your Steve was. We are truly saddened at his passing, but please take comfort that our Heavenly Father has a special place for special people like Steve. Thank you for sharing him with us. How truly blessed we were to have known him. The Dusart family

December 17 at 8:49 AM

BA

Bonnie Allen posted:

Remembering Steve was when we were kids at Green Lakes State Park Camping with him and his Family..it was around when we were about 12 years old..My Dad had the Bonfire in the ball Park.and everyone sat around it..They were such a great family to know...I was wondering what ever happen to the family and where they went...My name is Bonnie Allen..and When i told my Dad..He also remembered the family...Great Memories camping there for the month every year...

December 16 at 6:00 PM

KE

Kim Eck posted:

Lisa, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your husband, I heard of this through one of my sisters. I think of you often and pray you get through this very sad time in your life. I will keep you in my thoughts. Kim (Asmus)Eck.

December 16 at 2:59 PM

KJ

Kathy And Janet posted:

So many wonderful memories of you- our favorite bars, Ft. Lauderdale, Raussa's house, Ridge Ave, your trips to Alaska, you entertaining us all with your beautiful smile and fabulous sense of humor. You were so very one with nature. We will always smile just thinking about you. God is smiling to have you at His side. Love, Janet and Kathy

December 16 at 7:28 AM

MS

Michelle Sloan lit a candle in honor of Stephen .



December 16 at 2:51 AM



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DG

Debbie Hinds-Gale posted:

I'm very sorry for your loss. I haven't seen Steve since we were in our early 20's when a group of us hung out at the Poor House North & The Retreat. I always remembered him as a kind, handsome happy go lucky guy who loved the outdoors. My thoughts & prayers are with you. I know Steve loved dogs & I recently lost my beautiful golden retriever Bailey I hope they're both running in the woods in heaven. Debbie Hinds-Gale

December 15 at 9:20 AM

KR

Karen Russo posted:

Lisa, Words cannot begin to say how sad I am to hear about Steve...he was such a great guy and wonderful neighbor. He was always willing to offer to help with anything he could when it came to my parents and they appreciate both you and Steve for always being right next store for them. I can't begin to imagine how you feel, but know that Steve was admired by those of us that were lucky enough to know him and was one of the most genuine, down-to-earth people I've ever met. I'm so sorry and will keep you in my prayers. Karen & The Russo Family (Chris & Arline)

December 15 at 7:59 AM

DG

Debbie Hinds-Gale posted:

LL

December 15 at 7:48 AM

JH

Jimmy Haney posted:

Terribly saddened to lose such a great friend and lifelong hunting buddy. The big woods will never be the same without you, Zap. My condolences to all family and friends. Love ya Zappala, Jimmy Haney

December 15 at 7:43 AM

TG

Theresa Gridley posted:

Lisa, I am so sorry to hear about your husband. Please know you and your family are in my prayers. Terry Gridley

December 15 at 7:25 AM



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DM

Don Mannise lit a candle in honor of Stephen .



December 15 at 7:14 AM

DS

Dale Sheridan posted:

I'm am so sadden of the news Steve's (zap) passing. We had many great times as young adults, memories that will live on & I will cherish 4 ever. The world lost a great person. My thoughts & prayers go out 2 Steve's family in this difficult time. May his soul live on 4 ever.

December 15 at 2:40 AM

KS

Kim Spinelli lit a candle in honor of Stephen .



December 14 at 9:29 AM

MT

Marilyn Tucci posted:

Lisa,So sorry to read that Steve passed away. You are in my thoughts and prayers.Cousin, Marilyn Tucci

December 14 at 9:01 AM

SN

Stanne Nourse lit a candle in honor of Stephen .

Lisa,Hearing about your loss has deeply saddened me, but I know that this is far from what you are going through right now. You are in my thoughts and prayers. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family.Stanne Nourse



December 14 at 7:38 AM



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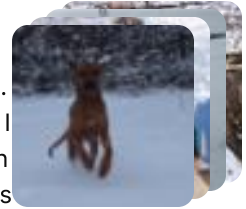
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Greg Diamond shared 6 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

RIP, Steve (4season). You were a good friend, great teacher and my kindred spirit. I've found few with the same whitetail beliefs as mine; you were fuel for me when I became discouraged. I'm thankful to have known you; I'll be checking every south slope and solitary pine this spring with you in mind. That green and black plaid has seen every hill and valley...you wore it well. How fitting that you go in the same year as the great Mr. Benoit. You paid me two great compliments. One, when you asked me for deer hunting advice and two, when I explained my hunting heritage and you simply said "I'd love to meet your father".
Hinohalida; sudali.Greg Diamond (BBH)Linda DiamondParker and Maxx



December 12 at 1:39 PM



Ross And Melanie Relyea lit a candle in honor of Stephen .



December 14 at 4:32 AM



Susan Hopkins lit a candle in honor of Stephen .



December 12 at 1:39 PM



John Zappala December 14 at 3:04 AM

A TRIBUTE TO STEVE: THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES
Thanks for the memories:Of hunts we can't forget, and all your friends we met,Our wond'rous times in Nelson and all the deer we'd get.How lucky we were.And thanks for the memories:Of yacking at the diner, nothing could be finer, We'd fish all day on Nine Mile,And you'd crack that crazy smileHow fun it all was.Now since your passing, we wake upRemembering on gray days after.We long for the sound of your laughter,And want more hunts ever after.Steve, thanks for the memories:Of every hunt a thrill. You put us through the mill.We've lived a lot and learned a lot, you never teased us-NOT!and still;We'll miss you so much.And thank you so much.-Brother John



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December 14 at 7:18 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Stephen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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