



Stephen Lambert Laswell

April 5, 1975 - March 13, 2015

Stephen L. Laswell,

Friend to many, stranger to none, Stephen Lambert Laswell, 39, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, March 13, 2015.

Stephen to some, Steve to many and Stevie to those closest... he was always "Ready to Rock" at a moment's notice. He touched the lives of many with his infectious smile, great head of hair, larger-than life laugh and kind heart.

Stevie loved records, sleeping in, "soaks", I.P.A.'s, cooking, renovating his home, his dogs, tuxedo t-shirts, "good for the soul" Miso soup, the Colts & Pacers, nightcaps, yoga pants (purely for comfort), Blue Moon, going to the cabins, Irvington, punk rock, playing gigs with his beloved band mates, 100% cotton, chatting until the wee hours and making friends and family laugh with his goofy antics and party tricks.

He will be desperately missed and always remembered by his loving wife, Debbie M. Laswell; children, Poppy Christine and Osmond "Oz" Stephen Laswell; parents, James "Larry" and Jan Laswell; brother, Jeffrey Laswell (Marti); mother-in-law, Donna Barnell; father-in-law, Lynn Snyder; sisters-in-law, Brenda Roy (Andrew) and Cindy Waddle (Jerry); as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by grandparents Harold and Marion Laswell and Oliver J. and Martha Muser.

Friends may visit from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel, 5377 E. Washington St. A celebration of

Stevie's life with sharing of "Laswell Stories" will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel
5377 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46219
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Stephen Lambert Laswell.



March 18, 2015 at 08:37 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Stephen Lambert Laswell.



March 18, 2015 at 07:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Stephen Lambert Laswell.



March 18, 2015 at 03:05 PM



“ *Jessica Turner* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Stephen Lambert Laswell.



Jessica Turner - March 18, 2015 at 09:53 AM

AC

“ *Accounts Payable Customer Care Center purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Stephen Lambert Laswell.*



Accounts Payable Customer Care Center - March 18, 2015 at 08:12 AM

JC

“ *A little story about Stephen that I remember fondly. Our families have been close for decades – Jan and my mom taught together for years. Way back when, when Stephen was in middle school and I was in high school, his parents had to go away on a business trip. Jeff was at college, so our parents cooked up an arrangement in which I stayed with Stephen for that week. Stephen and I had a blast – getting up late, eating Pop-tarts for breakfast, and staying up watching movies. Stephen and I were both into roadbiking at the time, so we spent a lot of time riding – often up Bethel Lane out towards Lake Lemon and back. Stephen had also built a bike repair workshop in his basement and when we weren't out riding, we were tuning up our bikes. It was just a week, but we had a great time. Now, at this time of wrenching loss, our thoughts and prayers go out to Debbie, his children and his family, but there is comfort to know they have wonderful of Stephen memories to call on.*

John C - March 17, 2015 at 10:22 PM



Stephen was a great friend to my son Morgan and by virtue of that friendship I became friends with his parents Larry and Jan. My heart breaks for all of you. My husband was 40 when I lost him. I know how hard it is to be a widow in your 30's with small children. Again, my heart breaks for his wife and children. Please let me know if there is anything I can do. Most sincerely ~ Vickie Temple Davison

Vickie Temple - March 30, 2015 at 01:49 PM

BR

“ Larry and Jan, It is with my deepest sympathy that I send this note to you. You are such wonderful people. Working with Larry at AIT and being in your home Jan to work on projects will be fond memories to me always. Thank you for sharing so much with me, for opening your home to others and for being great parents. God is with you every step of the way.

Love,
Barbara Ravellette
115 Wilson Place
Jamestown, NY

Barb Ravellette - March 17, 2015 at 07:42 PM

BR

“ Barb Ravellette lit a candle in memory of
Stephen Lambert Laswell



Barb Ravellette - March 17, 2015 at 07:38 PM



“ Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of
Stephen Lambert Laswell.



March 17, 2015 at 05:26 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Stephen Lambert Laswell.*



March 17, 2015 at 02:34 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Stephen Lambert Laswell.*



March 17, 2015 at 01:55 PM

CG

“ I was one of Stephen's teachers when he attended the dePaul School. He was always a sweet and hard-working student. Even through his sweetness though, I could see a tad bit of mischievousness in that sparkle he always had in his eyes. I have always maintained that that sparkle is curiosity, intelligence, and spunk in students I have taught over the 35 years I have been teaching. That was true with Stephen! I have known Stephen's parents for over thirty years as we were tutors and teachers in the dePaul programs, teaching our children who learned with dyslexia. I haven't seen Stephen in many years, but have kept up with his progress through his parents. I am so sorry for the loss to the family and to everyone who was involved with his life. When I found out on Saturday of Stephen's passing, I found and read the blogs. The blogs have allowed me to see the person Stephen became in his adulthood and I feel a huge amount of pride in the man he became. Just know that my heart is aching, as a multitude of hearts are, for the short life Stephen had, but I can see that in that short life, Stephen lived it to the fullest and has left many wonderful memories for those who knew him. My thoughts will be with you in this very difficult time and I will keep you close to my heart.

Connie Giles

Connie Giles - March 17, 2015 at 10:02 AM



“ We became friends in high school. We shared the art of falling down alot or, also known as 'skateboarding'. We never forgot each other and would always stop and talk if ever we met. He was a good, kind soul who I never saw down in the mouth. Even though I haven't seen him in many years, the news of him passing shocked and saddened me. My condolences to his wife and family.

Skot Giles - March 16, 2015 at 07:52 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Lambert Laswell.*



March 16, 2015 at 05:38 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Lambert Laswell.*



March 16, 2015 at 03:41 PM

TO

“ All of my memories of Stephen are of the four of us (Stephen, Jeff, myself and my sister) playing at his grandma and grandpa's house in Belleville, Illinois. He would arrive with his family from out of town, at that time "our of town" was Atlanta. It was such an exciting time for me! I would get to see some of my favorite cousins! Looking back I am so surprised at how much of our wild behavior his grandparents and all of our parents would put up with. We would play pool in the basement. Uncle Ol (Stephen's pa pa, Oliver) would do his best to teach us the right way to play 8 ball but as soon as he left us alone downstairs we lost all control! Pool balls would fly off the table, chalk was smeared EVERYWHERE, and every pool stick available was out of the rack and often being used as a guitar or a gun. Once we got bored "playing pool" we would have races on the stationary exercise bicycle. Yup races on a stationary bike. Inevitably we would wind up outside. But instead of playing outside we would get in Uncle Ol's Mint Green 4 door Chevy Impala circa 1971 or so. In the Impala was the CB radio! Ha! Breaker 1-9 this is Rubber Duck what is your 10-4 good buddy? Ohhhh did we tick off the Truck Drivers!!!! They would be yelling at us to get off the radio and we would yell back! We felt so empowered by that CB. Oh would we laugh!!!

It has been a long time since I have seen my cousin. Reading everyone's memories and looking at the beautiful photos assures me that he never lost his fun loving ways or his wild side. This is how he will live on in all of our hearts.

We all think we have more time. Time to get together, to talk, to laugh, to relish in one another's company. Stephen's passing is a sober reminder that we don't always get tomorrow.

*Stop all the clocks, cut off the telephone
Prevent the dog from barking with his juicy bone
Silence the pianos and with muffled drum
Let the mourners come.....*

*The time we all shared with Stephen will never disappear.
RIP Cousin.*

One day we will share an IPA and listen to some punk rock, I

*promise.
Much love,
Tonia*

Tonia - March 16, 2015 at 03:16 PM

TJ

I don't think I can add any more meaningful comments about our time together as kids at Uncle Ol's and Aunt Martha's house. I will just say that I'm glad we took such good care of the equipment?

*Stephen clearly touched so many lives. Please know that I am thinking of all of you.
Theresa*

Theresa janssen - March 23, 2015 at 04:56 PM

NW

“*Debbie, It never seems fair when people we are close to, die. I want to tell you that I am very sorry for the loss of your "Stevie" I am thinking of you and your family. Love, hugs and prayers.
Not only your co-worker but your friend.
Nicki Walling*

Nicki Walling - March 16, 2015 at 02:18 PM

SC

“*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I wish I could have known Steve better as i know he was a special person. He will be missed greatly. Scott Culver*

scott culver - March 16, 2015 at 08:45 AM

AC

“ *Deb, My thoughts and prayers are with you. I have enjoyed reading your blog. I'm so blessed to work with you and you inspire me with your truth and strength. You an amazing woman. If there is ever any way I can be there for you as you were for me when my dad passed just name it. In Christian love,*
April Cole



April Cole - March 16, 2015 at 08:41 AM

MM

“ *Marsha and Maddison purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Stephen Lambert Laswell.*



Marsha and Maddison - March 16, 2015 at 07:17 AM



“ *6 files added to the album New Album Name*



Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - March 16, 2015 at 07:09 AM

CH

“ No specific memory comes to mind. But when I think of Steve I recall the warmth and welcomeness he exuded. He seemed to always put people at ease and make them feel comfortable. Such a smooth guy! We were all lucky to know him and how wonderful that this legacy lives on in his children.

Catherine Haseneder - March 16, 2015 at 03:39 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Stephen Lambert Laswell.



March 15, 2015 at 09:20 PM

SM

“ 2 files added to the album New Album Name



Scott Moncel - March 15, 2015 at 08:20 PM

JF

“ Thinking of you and your beautiful family.
Hugs to you all.
Rob & Jada Ford



Jada Ford - March 15, 2015 at 07:13 PM

DD

Thoughts and prayers for you and all the family! ~ Dina Davis

Dina Davis - March 15, 2015 at 07:25 PM

LM

I am so sorry for your loss! Thoughts and prayers for your family during this heartbreaking time!

Laura Meyer - March 15, 2015 at 07:33 PM

DS

Steve will be missed by so many. Even though I wasn't blessed to meet him in person, I feel I have come to know him through you and your blogs. He loved you and those beautiful babies emensly. Now he is an Angel watching over you and those beautiful babies. May you find peace and comfort through the cherished memories you and others have of him. I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you through this most difficult time.

Donna South - March 15, 2015 at 08:34 PM

SG

I never met Steve, but worked with Debbie at Suros. Both being single at the time, we would often share stories about how difficult it was to find a good man -- one that could see the inside beauty. I remember the first time I saw a photo of Steve and Debbie and immediately thought, "Wow, she looks so happy! I'm so glad she finally found a good man who truly took the time to know Debbie and her heart of gold." Steve was definitely worth the wait for Debbie, and I am grateful they found each other. Debbie, even if only for a short time on this earth together, the memories you created will last forever and profoundly impact the lives of you and your children. My deepest condolences go out to you and my continued prayers to you, Debbie, as you go through each day mustering up the strength to make this journey of life without your loving husband and father to your beautiful babies. Knowing what a strong woman you are, I know you will -- with God's help and the love of your friends and family -- some day find the balance between sadness of not having Steve with you and laughter when remembering all of the gifts in life together that you shared. May God bless you, Poppy and Oz -- Sue Goin

Sue Goin - March 16, 2015 at 07:43 AM

DM

I am so sorry for your loss! Thoughts and prayers for your family during this heartbreaking time! May God bless you. Debra Mace, a co-worker on Stephens team at DFAS.

Debra Mace - March 16, 2015 at 12:02 PM

JF

Prayers, hugs, and love to Steve's family

judy fietsam - March 16, 2015 at 12:02 PM

ML

*Our family was lucky enough to share the opening of Lucas Oil Stadium and the Colts Game, and pre game festivities at Steve and Debbie's home.....we will always remember Steve...happy, smiling, wearing a Colts Jersey and celebrating with our younger boys.....sharing football stories.....the laughter and jokes.....he made a lasting positive impression on all of us.
He will be missed but never forgotten.
His Canadian friends....Grant, Mary-Jane, Benjamin, Joel.*

Mary-Jane and Grant Lippert - March 16, 2015 at 04:22 PM