



## Steven (Steve) E. Dalzell

June 19, 1944 - January 1, 2019

Steven (Steve) E. Dalzell,

It is with sadness and love that we share the passing of Steven (Steve) E. Dalzell on January 1, 2019 at his home. He was the only child of Mary Stevens Dalzell and Milford E. Dalzell. Steve was born on June 19, 1944 in Indianapolis.

Steve is survived by his college sweetheart and wife of 51 years, Jane Berryman Dalzell; and his beloved son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Janet Dalzell of Indianapolis.

Steve was a proud graduate of Washington High School in Indianapolis. Also, he was a graduate of Indiana Central College (now University of Indianapolis) and Butler University.

Steve was a career long educator and school administrator in IPS, MSD of Decatur Township and MSD of Warren Township, Indianapolis.

Steve will be remembered for his sharp wit, directness, sarcasm and Eeyorian view of the world. He was a talented writer/journalist gifting colleagues, friends and family with humorous notes and opinions and wanted his obituary to be no more than one column inch.

Steve loved to travel, packing his lucky buckeye he had since childhood, bringing back a special rock from every destination, enjoying Twizzlers during the drives, and singing "Bye, Bye, Blackbird" in rhythm to the windshield wipers.

He found pugs irresistible specifically Prudence, Louie and Gracie having

proudly taught each of them to say, "Hello," and "I love you."

Although he complained about yard work, gardening and landscaping, Steve took great pride in the beautiful results of his hard work.

Steve enjoyed listening to his favorite music including Janis Joplin, Paul Simon, Aretha Franklin, James Taylor, Bette Midler and, in particular, "In My Life" by the Beatles.

In keeping with Steve's wishes he was cremated and there will be no visitation or service. To honor him, please support his memory and passion for finding the cure for Multiple Myeloma by donating to Miles for Myeloma. Please make checks payable to IU Foundation/M4M and mail to IUF, P.O. Box 7072, Indianapolis, IN 46207-7072. Indicate "In memory of Steve Dalzell" on the memo line. You may also make donations online at [www.cancer.iu.edu/m4m](http://www.cancer.iu.edu/m4m). The family wishes to thank the tireless work of Dr. Rafat Abonour and all others who held Steve in their care. They thank them for their love, support, compassion, and passion for the cure which supported Steve's 15 year journey. Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Dalzell was my 6th grade journalism teacher 1968 - 1969 school year at Decatur Central Jr. High. He was truly one of the teachers from my school days i remember in a positive way. He had a good rapport with the students and was a good educator. I'll never forget the day he got into a chalk board eraser throwing match/fight with one of my fellow students, Jack. Mr. Dalzell's class was one you enjoyed attending.*

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**DAVID B MANN** - January 09, 2019 at 10:38 AM

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“ *I have such wonderful memories of Steve. We went to grade school & high school together. He was fun & I could always count on Steve to be my friend. After high school graduation we lost touch, then miraculously I found Steve on Facebook. What a joy to catch up on our lives & be a part of these last few years. Steve & Jane have showed us all how to be a positive force in this world.*

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**Karen Beymer** - January 05, 2019 at 08:02 PM

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“ *Steve was a dear friend for over 50 years ! We taught together at Decatur Township Junior High for 17 years. I would list a number of the fun times and pranks we shared over the years, but I'd prefer to just smile and remember the good times.(you would never believe them anyway) He was there at my side when I had open heart surgery in 2009. It is impossible to place a value on true friendship. Let's just say that I am truly blessed to have known him.*

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**Fred Black** - January 04, 2019 at 08:37 PM

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“ God's peace to you during this time of grief and mourning. We have wonderful memories of Steve. I was truly amazed at the wealth of knowledge that he possessed yet the care and compassion shown to all. We were blessed to have shared a small part in Chris' Christian education partnering with Steve and Jane.  
Stephen and Cheryl Rensner

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**Stephen Rensner** - January 04, 2019 at 02:50 PM

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“ Steve. you were one of the most wonderful and vibrant people I've ever known. Thank you for loving Mike and being such a beautiful soul to the Taylor family. Keep those angels laughing until we meet again! Love you.

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**Josette Taylor** - January 03, 2019 at 02:35 AM



“ I am deeply saddened to hear of the passing of my dear friend, Steve. My first encounter was at Decatur Middle School. I asked to observe his English class so I could become a better teacher. He was poetry in motion in the classroom and, sadly, no matter how much I tried, I could never approach his level of expertise. When I left to go to Warren Township, Steve came along as an administrator. This began a professional relationship and deep friendship which has spanned more than 30 years. I will miss his wit and his strength in the face of adversity. My deepest sympathy to Jane, Chris, and the rest of his family and friends. The world says goodbye to a truly amazing person. Steve, I wish you peace and relief from your suffering.

Sandy Oliva

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**Sandy Oliva** - January 03, 2019 at 12:15 AM