



## Stephen C. Ellis

October 22, 1947 - March 9, 2026

Stephen C. Ellis, 78, of Willoughby, died March 9, 2026, at his home. He was born on October 22, 1947, in University Heights, Ohio.

Stephen enjoyed a 50-year career as a corporate/transaction attorney at Arter & Hadden LLP and Tucker Ellis LLP. He enjoyed a wide variety of activities during his life including golf at Kirtland CC, travelling with his family and friends, cooking, walking his property with his dogs, horseback riding, reading, listening to music, tending to his bee hives, curating his wildflower garden, and even playing the banjo. His thirst for knowledge was rivaled only by the delight he found talking about it with experts in the field, or anyone that would listen.

Survivors include his sons, John (Cindy) Ellis and Edward (Elizabeth) Ellis; grandchildren, Jack (Shelby), Charlie, Riley, Cooper and Lucy; companion, Nancy Wright; and his sister, Elizabeth Somersfield.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Jean Ellis; and his parents, John and Elizabeth Ellis.

Private family services were held in memory of Stephen.

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home &

Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, 2937 West 25th Street, Floor 3, Cleveland, OH 44113.  
Donate online at [www.clevelandrapecrisis.org](http://www.clevelandrapecrisis.org).

Please offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Steve and I worked together at Arter & Hadden for 21 years. I loved Steve. He was a great lawyer, managing partner, wonderful husband, father and friend. The firm was having a Harvest for Hunger talent contest and Steve played his banjo - he was very talented. I will surely miss him. I just found out that he passed and I am still in a state of shock. May God surround him with His eternal love and bless him with peace, joy and happiness. My deepest sympathy to his loved ones. I hope to see him again somewhere, some time.

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**Csilla Korossy** - June 05 at 09:51 PM

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“ I just heard of Steve's passing and wanted to offer my deepest condolences.  
I had worked with him on numerous occasions both thru his law firm(s) and in our community.  
Steve was truly a lawyer's lawyer. Frequently offering his thoughts and advice thru his subtle but pointed questions he was most frequently one of the few people in the room who truly grasped the question at hand.  
A learned counsellor, trusted advisor and wonderful, Steve will be missed.  
My sympathies.  
A colleague and partner,  
Dennis E. Eckart

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**Dennis Eckart** - March 19 at 06:58 PM