



Stephen R. Heller

November 4, 1956 - January 25, 2018

Stephen R. Heller, 61, of Mentor, passed away January 25, 2018 at his home. He was born November 4, 1956 in Warren, PA.

Dr. Heller worked as a Teacher, Coach and Principal with the Mentor Schools. Stephen also taught adaptive physical education at Perry Schools and was a professor at Lakeland Community College. His hobbies were fishing, hunting and woodworking and he especially enjoyed spending time at his cottage on the Allegheny River. Steve was a member of Weslaco Sportsman's Club, and an avid outdoorsman. He received his undergraduate degree from Slippery Rock University, and two Master's Degrees, one from Springfield College, the other from Cleveland State University. Steve also received his PhD from Columbus University. He was a man of strong faith who loved his family fiercely and made an impact on every person he met.

Survivors are his wife, Kerri (Tome) Heller; daughter, Stephanie (Marty) Komertz; son, Michael Heller; mother, Teresa Heller; twin sister, Susan Morse; and his brothers, Gary (Kelly) Heller and Patrick Heller. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and close friends.

Preceding Stephen in death was his son, Aaron Heller; and his father, Richard C. Heller.

Funeral mass will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 8560 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

The family will receive friends 3-9 p.m. Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. Interment will be in Mentor Cemetery, Mentor.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions be made in Stephen's memory to Camp Sue Osborn, 8090 Broadmoor Road, Mentor, OH 44060 or to the charity of your choice.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Cemetery Details

Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Rd.
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 974-5733

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **30**. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
ajs@brunners.com
<https://www.brunners.com/>

Funeral Mass

JAN **31**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Of The Assumption Church
8560 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3404
<https://stmarysmentor.org/>

Tribute Wall

DO

“ *To Steve's sister and brother. My condolences. I remember all of us growing up off of Parker Street in Warren, Pa. Dave Oelslager*

Dave Oelslager - February 01, 2018 at 02:25 PM

SS

“ Theresa, and Steve's Entire Family,

To my second Mom Theresa (Backyard Neighbors) and many a times my looker after for my Dad with the passing of my Mom when I was young and to Steve's entire family. So very sorry for your lost.

Steve was a friend from as long as I can remember in my heart. Being a few years younger, we did not hang together as we grew older and or see each other much after our family moved across town, but there was still a connection.

When we were all young, Steve and the Parker Street Gang would play ball - Baseball in the back yard or at Lacy School, Football, or whatebver as well as Kick The Can at night, and almost kill ourselves riding bikes at Shastley's Gravel Pit or sled ridding in the woods or on that big fiberglass toboggan (I Think It Was A Thuck Hood that Steve's Dad Dick got for us all) down their back yard and try to toss/push everbody off to be KING. We would go up over the hill to catch crey fish in the crick, minnows and frogs in a nearby pond and much more. Kinda like "Sandlot" Days with the same gang every day.....

Many a fun days.....And great memories.....

By chance, this past year when my wife Nancy and I passed through Warren, we caught up with Steve, his wife and one of his son's at the cottages along tha Alleghaney River. We had a great visit with catching up on life's past. Must have been meat to be.....

My sister Maureen whose been more in touch over the years with both Theresa and Steve as well as the entire Solomon family family have always loved the Heller's . Once again so sorry for the loss of Steve.....

He was a great person and will be greatly missed by all.....

Love to all,

Steve Solomon

Steve Solomon - January 31, 2018 at 07:30 PM

MT

“ *My Deepest Sympathies ... the loss of a wonderful man ... so many good memories of Steve, Kerri & family ...such a wonderful person, father & husband ... so fun, loving with Kerri and his children ... my prayers to all the family ... Margie Tome*

Margie A Tome - January 31, 2018 at 06:39 PM

RN

“ *To the whole Heller family, my family and I send the deepest and sincerest condolences on the passing of Steve!! Steve was a very good man and even though we were younger (myself, Patrick, Joe Henry), Steve was always very nice and kind to us!! He's going to be missed!! God bless you all in this most difficult time! Rick Nowacki and family!*

Rick Nowacki - January 31, 2018 at 12:39 PM

BM

“ *So very sorry for your lost. Stephen was a friend from our childhood on up. Many memories from sleepovers to days at the cottages on the river to being dropped off to fish our way down Brown run. So many memories. Sadly missed. My deepest sympathy, Barry McClement*

Barry McClement - January 31, 2018 at 09:32 AM

MK

“ From our family to yours, we send our deepest condolences. Steve was a great father in law to our son Marty and he will be missed when our families get together. Always a joy to be around and he left a long lasting impression on all of us. May he rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Love, The Komertz's

Martin Komertz - January 30, 2018 at 04:23 PM

CZ

“ City of Winter Park ~ Dave Zusi purchased the Garden of Memories for the family of Stephen R. Heller.



City of Winter Park ~ Dave Zusi - January 30, 2018 at 02:50 PM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen R. Heller.



January 29, 2018 at 11:43 PM

DV

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I feel very privileged to have had the opportunity to work with such an outstanding educator and human being. May your warm and wonderful memories bring you comfort and strength in the days ahead.
Donna Valtman

Donna Valtman - January 29, 2018 at 10:22 PM

TF

“ *The Madrona Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Stephen R. Heller.*



The Madrona Family - January 29, 2018 at 08:05 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Stephen R. Heller.*



January 29, 2018 at 06:03 PM

KF

“ *Kelly and Mark Fredericks and our families purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Stephen R. Heller.*



Kelly and Mark Fredericks and our families - January 29, 2018 at 04:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Stephen R. Heller.*



January 29, 2018 at 04:28 PM

LF

“ Love, the Povejsil, Federico and Race Families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Stephen R. Heller.



Love, the Povejsil, Federico and Race Families - January 29, 2018 at 01:08 PM



“ Love to everyone. So many, many memories.-

Charles Place - January 29, 2018 at 12:17 PM

SC

“ Mr. Heller was a quality professional in his administrative role when I knew him at Mentor High School. My condolences to his family and friends. - Steve Couch, Mentor High School

Steve Couch - January 29, 2018 at 11:09 AM

DB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Heller Family at this terrible loss. I will always remember my interactions with Steve through the many years - an intensely passionate man of great integrity who lived a life that exemplified both class and strong character. RIP my friend.

Doug Baker - January 29, 2018 at 09:07 AM

 Jill Ledger

“ Heartfelt prayers for the family and their loss!! He is gone way to soon, how sad!! I pray that the pain diminish's and the memories live on!!

Jill Ledger - January 29, 2018 at 04:51 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Stephen R. Heller.*



January 28, 2018 at 09:59 PM



“ *Tricia And Darrin Radatz lit a candle in memory of Stephen R. Heller*



Tricia and Darrin Radatz - January 28, 2018 at 09:48 PM



Our thoughts are with you.

Tricia and Darrin Radatz - January 28, 2018 at 09:52 PM



“ *I am so saddened to hear of Steve's passing. I enjoyed working with him at Mentor High School. We worked hard, but also had fun. Steve had a warm smile and a great sense of humor. As I got to know Steve, I met his wonderful family whom he loved dearly. Prayers for the family.*



Gale Leonard-Stawierzy - January 28, 2018 at 06:57 PM

TL

“ Teresa Lightner lit a candle in memory of Stephen R. Heller



Teresa Lightner - January 28, 2018 at 03:28 PM

TL

“ So sorry Mrs.Heller I loved adored Dr. Heller and Aaron so very much they were my favorite guys while working in Mentor schools. Thinking of you guys...love from Pittsburgh....Teresa Lightner

Teresa Lightner - January 28, 2018 at 03:26 PM

TI

“ Mr. Heller was one the best teachers and coaches I ever had. He was funny, kind, and so understanding to so many. Junior High wouldn't have been the same without him. I remember all his track suits he would wear and you could hear him swishing down the hallways at Ridge Jr, back in 1998! The news of his passing saddens me and I send my prayers for his family and loved ones at this time.



Tiffany - January 28, 2018 at 03:26 PM

DV

“ The VanDamia family is shocked to hear the news Of Steve's loss. We are saddened for the family of one of the nicest, caring, men we have had the pleasure to know! Our prayers to him and them.

DonLD vANDAMIA - January 28, 2018 at 02:12 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Stephen R. Heller.*



January 28, 2018 at 11:11 AM



“ *Kerri & the entire Heller family, I remember all the laughter & love in their house growing up. Steve was a great friend and a good man! My heart and prayers go out to the family getting through this pain. He will be greatly missed!*

Nancy Dies Campbell - January 28, 2018 at 10:33 AM



“ *Our hearts are heavy with grief. What a loss for us. What a gain for heaven. We like to imagine Steve and Aaron fishing and busy reeling in multiple catches. How blessed and honored we are to have known Steve. With sympathy, Ruthie and Mike Hobart Cosmo*

ruth hobart - January 28, 2018 at 09:44 AM



“ *Dr. Heller was by far the best principle, coach, teacher, and staff member of mentor public schools. He was a great guy always looking forward to helping someone out. It is very sad! So sorry for your loss! Rest easy Dr. Heller you were a great man!*

Jaryd Epstein - January 28, 2018 at 08:27 AM



“ *Rest In Peace Coach.*

Brian Raico - January 27, 2018 at 09:12 PM

LT

“ So sorry to hear prayers to you all.

Lisa Taylor - January 27, 2018 at 07:55 PM

HR

“ Coach Heller was my sons favorite coach . I didn't realize this at the time but I stood next to him as we both had surgery the same morning . He always wore his ball cap and without it I knew I knew him but I wasn't sure from where

. They brought us back in a group which was very uncomfortable He showed concern for me before my surgery which was not serious . But he showed caring and concern . We talked about what he was going through and I thought about him and prayed for him because I could see in his eyes how he felt . I am thankful I was able to be there with him and I hope that us talking comforted him in some way before going .

His words will stay with me forever .

heather Richmond - January 27, 2018 at 06:35 PM

JM

“ Condolences to your family Kerri on the loss of Stephen. I was so sorry to hear of his passing this week. May God grant you peace and strength in the days ahead.

Judy Gorfida Meyer - January 27, 2018 at 04:37 PM

TT

“ Tom & Marie Tome purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Stephen R. Heller.



Tom & Marie Tome - January 27, 2018 at 04:02 PM

CL

“ Our thoughts and prayers we are so sorry for your loss.. Thinking of you and your family



Chuck & LouAnn - January 27, 2018 at 03:20 PM

CL

“ I was so sad to hear of Steve’s passing. He led life to the fullest. He lived the FISH Philosophy every day and was an inspiration to me.
Chris Lamb

chris lamb - January 27, 2018 at 03:06 PM

MY

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Steve was such a happy guy, always smiling and had always been that way. He was one of those people that made the world a much better place. He will be missed.

Robert and Molly Young

Melinda Young - January 27, 2018 at 02:46 PM

JT

So shocked to hear that Steve passed. My deepest sympathy for his family thoughts and prayers for strength. He will be missed.

Jean Tome - January 27, 2018 at 04:52 PM