



Stephen James Zivanchev

February 23, 1972 - June 10, 2026

Stephen James Zivanchev, 54 of Cuyahoga Falls, formerly of Mentor, passed away Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at Reserve Care in Cleveland. He was born February 23, 1972, in Willoughby.

Stephen attended grade school at St. Mary of the Assumption in Mentor and graduated from Lake Catholic High School in 1990. He received a Bachelor of Education degree from Akron University in 1995 and a master's degree in Adapted Physical Education from Akron University in 1997. He was a schoolteacher in the Orange School District and worked for 25 years in the Cleveland Heights School District in adapted physical education. Coach "Z," Mr. "Z," loved his students.

He helped run the City of Beachwood Summer Camp for many years, and he invented and created the very popular Conegame, which was an integral part of the program every summer and enjoyed by all participants. The Conegame became so popular that the name was trademarked and became the Conegame Camp, held each summer in the city of Solon, Ohio, at T.S. Macklin Centre.

Survivors include his mother: Cathy McDonald-O'Neill; father: Michael (Anne) Zivanchev; siblings: Susan Sedenik, Christopher and Matthew Zivanchev; stepsister: Mahle (Chris) Osolin; nieces: Josephine and Ella Sedenik;

girlfriend: Monique Kaiser and her daughter: Kali and lifetime pet dog companions: Mandy & Jenny (deceased).

A celebration of Stephen's life will be held from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 11, 2026, at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Avenue, Mentor, Ohio 44060.

A private family inurnment will be held at a later date in Mentor Cemetery, Mentor, Ohio.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Cemetery Details

Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Rd.
Mentor, OH 44060

Upcoming Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 11. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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