



Dr. Steven P. Combs

April 9, 1944 - July 26, 2022

Dr. Steven P. Combs, age 78, passed away unexpectedly on July 26, 2022. Steven was a dedicated and compassionate Orthopedic surgeon as well as a wonderful husband, brother, father, and Papa. He loved sharing fine wine and gourmet cooking. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, his pet dogs, and supporting all Cleveland sports teams, in the good times and bad.

Born April 9, 1944 in Fort Dodge, Iowa he spent much of his youth living around the United States and in different countries where his father was stationed in the Air Force, including Texas, Wisconsin, Panama, Greece, Germany and Libya. While his father was stationed in Germany he witnessed the horrors of Nazi concentration camps after the war, which guided his dedication to caring for others. He graduated from Irvin High School, El Paso, Texas in 1962. He attended the University of Iowa where he graduated from college and medical school. He completed his internship in Sayre, Pennsylvania followed by residency at the Cleveland Clinic. While there he met his wife of 45 years, Penelope (Penny) Calvey.

After 4 years of service in the Air Force, he and Penny settled in Mentor, Ohio where he joined Lake Orthopaedics Associates. Together they raised their four children. Steven was an active member of the Ohio State Medical Association and served as President from 2004 to 2005. He was a President of the Medical Staff of the Lake Hospital System, and a member of the Board

of Directors of Breckenridge Village.

After the passing of Penny in 2019, Steven moved to Concord, OH and connected with a longtime friend, Joanne Contorno. They fell in love and were married in December 2021. He joined the board of his community housing association and made many friends.

Steven, aka Papa, loved to share whatever he had. He loved good movies and spending time with his grandchildren. He was generous and hard working.

Steven will be greatly missed by his family and the community. He is survived by his wife, Joanne Contorno; sister, Rebecca (Richard) Fries; children, Patrick Combs (Amy Shuman and Chrystal McGregor), Katie (Martin) Miller, Meaghan (Neal Goldenberg MD) Combs MD, and Bridget Combs MD; grandchildren, Lily Miller and Lucille, Naomi and Gabriel Goldenberg; stepchildren, Rick Contorno, Kristine Bell, Paul Contorno, Mark (Barbara) Contorno, and Matthew (Karen) Contorno and dog and faithful companion, Veronica.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Penny Combs and parents, Eugene and Marie Combs.

The family will receive friends from 4:00-8:00 p.m., Thursday, August 11, 2022 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. A Mass of Christian burial will be held 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 12 at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 8560 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. Burial in All Souls Cemetery to follow.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105; www.stjude.org

Send flowers and offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Cemetery Details

All Souls Cemetery

10366 Chardon Rd.
Chardon, OH 44024
(800) 582-6850

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 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

AUG 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Steven P. Combs.*



August 11, 2022 at 03:25 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Steven P. Combs.*



August 10, 2022 at 05:59 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Dr. Steven P. Combs.*



August 10, 2022 at 02:26 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. Steven P. Combs.*



August 10, 2022 at 02:03 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Steven P. Combs.*



August 08, 2022 at 07:42 PM



“ *Your friends and colleagues at BMO purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dr. Steven P. Combs.*



Your friends and colleagues at BMO - August 08, 2022 at 04:47 PM



“ *Thanks Dr. Combs for the years of sharing smiles, frowns, and discussing many topics together at LakeWest. Thanks for your friendship with nurses over the years.*

Cheryl - August 08, 2022 at 03:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Steven P. Combs.*



August 08, 2022 at 12:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Steven P. Combs.



August 08, 2022 at 12:08 PM



“ To the Combs family; Steve and I send you our love and sympathies at this sad moment. Steve and Penny were our friends and Steve was a respected colleague as well. We are sorry this happened so unexpectedly but we know that you have so many joyful and loving memories of lives well-lived. We have some too. We are also glad that after we all lost Penny, Steve and Joanne had some happiness together. Sending hugs to everyone. Steve and Robin Baum

Robin Baum - August 08, 2022 at 11:38 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Steven P. Combs.



August 05, 2022 at 10:41 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Dr. Steven P. Combs.



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“ Penny and I worked together in the CVRU at the Cleveland Clinic when she met Steven during his residency. For the next 5 decades I enjoyed their company for many fine dinners and parties. We watched each other's families grow and kept in touch as best we could with our busy lives. I was fondly called Aunt P-nut by their kids from the day they were born. I loved this family as if they were my own. My heart aches with them as they mourn the loss of my dearest friend for over 50 years. You were so loved Steven and will be missed beyond words. Watch over all of us. Love, Mary Ann aka Aunt P-nut. 💔

Mary Ann Shelton - July 29, 2022 at 11:04 PM

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“ To The Combs family, please accept my thoughts and prayers on the passing of dear Dr. Combs. I worked with him at Lake Orthopaedics for many many years and have many great memories. He was a wonderful boss to us. Always enjoyed his company. May he Rest In Peace. Love to all!
Angela Linek

Angela Linek - July 29, 2022 at 04:09 PM