



## Stephen Hill

April 23, 2019

Stephen M. Hill, age 76, passed away peacefully on April 23, 2019 at his residence in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Born in Cranston, Rhode Island on March 29, 1943, Steve was the son of the late Henry and Ruth (Metcalf) Hill. He is survived by four children: Stephen Jr (Michelle), Kevin, Todd, and Ryan. He also leaves behind seven grandchildren: Marina, Morgan, Ilaria, Braeden, Fiona, Conlan, and Makenzie. He was preceded in death by his wife of 29 years, Mary Hayward (Roberts) Hill.

Steve served honorably in the United States Army for 22 years, serving two tours in the Vietnam War, where he earned several medals including the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star. He grew up in Cranston, Rhode Island and graduated from the University of Rhode Island in 1965 with a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Management. His favorite semesters included courses in business law, which later led him to a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Louisville in 1981 and subsequently becoming a member of the Florida Bar Association.

He believed his life was also shaped by friends and events in ways more than coincidences could explain. Upon graduation from URI, he met John Napper from Florida, which would develop in what would become a life-time

friendship. In 1969, John introduced Steve to his sister-in-law, Mary Hayward, whom he'd marry 16 months later at Fort Benning, GA. While on their honeymoon in 1970, he met Pedro Mandoki, whom 35 years later would hire him to a position in Gulf Shores, AL. There were several additional friends and events along the way who propped him up during transitional and uncertain times who enable Steve to remain devoted to supporting his family with love and stability.

The Hill Family will be hosting a Celebration of Life at Lulu's Restaurant in Gulf Shores AL on Friday May 03, 2019 from 3pm until 5Pm in the VIP Room. Please join them and share memories of his life.

The Funeral services will be held at a date yet to be determined, for burial at Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia. Arrangements are entrusted to Cason Funeral Service.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Stephen Hill.*



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May 01, 2019 at 08:09 PM



“ *I am returning from California and read of Steve's passing. My very deepest sympathies to Steve's family. I know how much family meant to Steve. Steve and I first met at Infantry Officers Basic Course at Fort Benning in 1966. We subsequently attended airborne school together and were both assigned to Fort Bragg. We rented a house together at Fort Bragg and after our tours in Viet Nam reconnected and rented a house in Carmel by the Sea in California. Together we shared some terrific times and the memories will remain very special until we meet again. It was at Fort Ord where after golf and cocktails driving from the post golf course we smelled smoke and watched his 442 Oldsmobile convertible go up in flames. We met a couple of years ago in Lake City and spent the entire time reminiscing over cocktails and dinner. Many laughs. I will miss him knowing in this world we cannot again gather. I mentioned doing so in my last birthday wishes to Steve. Steve, his family and friends will be in my prayers. God bless everyone.*

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**Larry Boecklen** - May 01, 2019 at 02:43 AM

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*I am really struggling to find words. I just can't wrap my head around the fact that Steve is gone. The normal platitudes that people use for such events aren't nearly enough. Steve was my friend before he became family. He was my friend after he became family. He will always be my friend even though he has departed this world.*

*My memories of Steve cover a fifty year span; and are far too numerous to even try and recall in the space allocated here. Suffice it to say that they are all good memories.*

*John Napper*

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**John E. Napper** - May 01, 2019 at 10:28 PM

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*Great thoughts our prayers are with Brother Steve and his family & friends. Brother Phil Saulnier*

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**phil Saulnier** - May 03, 2019 at 11:26 AM

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“*Ryder purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Stephen Hill.*



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**Ryder** - April 30, 2019 at 08:48 AM