



Charles "Steve" Nightingale

September 6, 1946 - May 1, 2023

Charles "Steve" Nightingale passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on May 1, 2023, at the age of 76.

Steve was born in Massachusetts on September 6, 1946, the son of the late Jean Tillie Westberg and Gordon T. Nightingale. He grew up living on national wildlife refuges in Newburyport, MA (Parker River), Calais, ME (Moosehorn), and in Smyrna, DE (Bombay Hook), before going to college at the University of Delaware where he graduated in 1968 with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

In 1968, Steve started his career as an assistant buyer at Strawbridge & Clothier in Philadelphia, where he met his wife, Jane Fierko. They were married on April 16, 1977, and had two children, Christina and Michael, who they raised in Medford, NJ. Steve was quickly promoted through Strawbridges and ended his career there in 1996 as a divisional merchandise manager. In 1996, he began working for Bloomingdale's in King of Prussia, PA, before opening their Soho location in New York City in 2004. In 2005, Steve combined his love of retail and the outdoors as an assistant store manager at R.E.I. in Conshohocken, PA, until he retired in 2012, and they moved to Chestertown, MD.

Steve loved being outdoors whether working in the yard, canoeing in the Pine

Barrens, biking across the mid-Atlantic, or fishing on the beach. Family was the most important thing to Steve as he was a loving and devoted son, husband, father, and Pop Pop.

In addition to his parents, Steve is predeceased by his brother, Mark Nightingale. Steve is survived by his wife, Jane of 46 years; children, Christina Nightingale Schindler and her husband Bill of Church Hill, MD, and Michael Nightingale and his wife Lauren of Millstone, NJ; grandchildren, Brianna, Billy, and Alyssa Schindler, and Ashley and Ryan Nightingale.

A mass of Christian burial will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 508 High Street, Chestertown, MD 21620 on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at noon. The burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting memorial donations be sent to Compass Hospice. Please send all donations to 255 Comet Dr., Centreville, MD 21617.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church
508 High Street
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles "Steve" Nightingale*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Although I've not seen Steve since high school, he had a wonderful life. It is no surprise that family was important to him. He was a quiet, intelligent, respectful, and polite young man in high school. My deepest condolences to you Jane, his children and grandchildren. Pat Hawke Andrews*

Pat Hawke Andrews - September 03, 2023 at 12:54 PM



“ *Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Charles "Steve" Nightingale*



Jeanette Stubbs - May 07, 2023 at 10:06 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles "Steve" Nightingale.*



May 04, 2023 at 02:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles "Steve" Nightingale.



May 04, 2023 at 11:45 AM



“ Peg and I offer our sincere condolences to you Miss Jane and your entire family. He will certainly be missed. Kind and gentle he is an inspiration to all. With mutual effort you raised a beautiful family. May God bless Steve, you and your entire family. Love Peg and Dr Paul

Dr Paul and Peg - May 04, 2023 at 11:36 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. I too worked at S&C and although I didn't work directly with Steve he was a wonderful person and so loved and well respected. God speed Steve.

Michele OConnell - May 04, 2023 at 06:17 AM



“ God speed, Steve - our Bocce Team will miss you. Your smile and cheerful participation and later observation motivated us through so many games and left us with happy memories.

joe wiedemann - May 02, 2023 at 09:16 PM

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“ *Christina and family, Thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad and difficult time.*

Margaret Kaufman

Margaret C Kaufman - May 02, 2023 at 09:04 PM