



## Stephen Morris Stairs

September 9, 1958 - July 1, 2023

Stephen Morris Stairs slipped away to be with Jesus on July 1, 2023, at the young age of 64. It is comforting to know that he was at home surrounded by his loving family and great friends.

Stephen was born in Baltimore, MD, on September 9, 1958, to the late Ashley J. Stairs, Sr., and Mary Jeanette (Kahl) Stairs.

Stephen is survived by his beloved, wife Sheila F. Stairs; their two children, Mariah Crystal Stairs and Elijah Fletcher Stairs; his dear siblings, Katherine Ellen Wright (Warren), Carol Ann Sturdivant (Ron), and Michael Joseph Stairs; his loving nieces and nephews, Jeremy D. Morrissette (Michele), Brian Trageser (Andreas), and Lesley Clough (Steven); his beloved great-nieces and nephews, Marissa M. Morrissette, Kaitlyn L. Morrissette, Nicolas J. Morrissette, and Kaylan Truax; his many cherished cousins, the “Kahl” clan; and gazillions of friends, extended family, brothers & sisters in Christ, and his recovery family.

In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his brother, Ashley Joseph Stairs, Jr., and nephew, Ashely J. Stairs, III.

As a child, his family lived in Baltimore, MD, and later moved permanently to Cape St. Claire in Annapolis, MD. He attended elementary school at St.

Matthew's, St. Mary's, and Cape St. Claire. He graduated from Severna Park High in 1976. Stephen also completed two years of college.

Some of his many passions as a young boy were fishing, hunting, swimming, playing sports, crabbing and bowling. Making people laugh was his all-time favorite thing. He worked at Busch's Chesapeake Inn in the kitchen. Later he worked with his father as a custom cabinet builder in Fells Point. For a brief time, he had a route at Coca-Cola.

Stephen met the love of his life, Sheila Fletcher, at the end of 1988. They were dating by February of 1989 and were engaged within six months. They moved to Grasonville, MD. Later they built their own home on Kent Island and raised two beautiful children. He settled in his trade as a custom tile and marble installer, owning his own business for 25 years.

He cherished his family, friends, and his church family. His passion was to worship the Lord by playing his drums with "The Bridge" worship team during the services at and community outreach. He truly loved God and served others for God's glory.

As an adult, Stephen enjoyed riding his motorcycle, fixing things around the house, boating, playing the drums, and wood working.

Stephen is loved and will always be missed by the people whose lives he touched. In Christ, it is never "goodbye" just "see you later."

A memorial service will be held at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home at 106 Shamrock Rd., Chester MD, on Saturday July 15, 2023. A visitation will start at 10 a.m. followed by a funeral service to begin at 11 a.m. There will be a celebration of life at Stephen's and Shelia's home afterwards.

Stephen's family requests, in lieu of flowers, that donations be sent to "The Bridge" in care of Stephen Stairs, located at 216 H Log Canoe Cir., Stevensville, MD 21666.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.  
106 Shamrock Road  
Chester, MD 21619

## Memorial Service

JUL 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Stephen Morris Stairs*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - July 12, 2023 at 08:20 AM



“ *Stephen Morris Stairs*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Stephen Morris Stairs.*



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July 14, 2023 at 08:18 PM



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July 14, 2023 at 08:18 PM



“ I met Steve as young teenagers. Good friend with a big smile and laugh. My most vivid memory is Steve taking me see the place in Annapolis he would be moving into soon. Big Victorian home on Maryland Ave. Over 47 years later and I think of Steve every time I past that house. Rest easy brother.

Jimmy Saenz - July 14, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Stephen Morris Stairs.



July 12, 2023 at 09:22 AM



“ Sheila Mariah Elijah my deepest sympathy thoughts prayers hugs and love. Steve will surely be missed by many.



Bonny Morris - July 11, 2023 at 10:11 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen Morris Stairs.



July 11, 2023 at 08:54 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Stephen Morris Stairs.*



July 11, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Spencer And Debbie Clarke lit a candle in memory of Stephen Morris Stairs*



**Spencer and Debbie Clarke** - July 11, 2023 at 04:33 PM



**Sheila Fletcher-Stairs** - July 11, 2023 at 05:38 PM



“ *Prayers of comfort and peace to Sheila and family during this difficult time. Libby and Dallas Walls*



**Libby Walls** - July 10, 2023 at 04:52 PM

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“ It seems that I have lost a long time dear friend and I am writing here to share deep sympathy for the loss to family and other friends. Steve was truly a kind soul and someone that was always there with a helping hand to others. While I have not seen him for some time, there are many memories that make me smile. Steve thanks for being part of my life.  
Donna Duncan

Donna Duncan - July 06, 2023 at 11:02 PM

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Thanks so much ❤️

Sheila Fletcher-Stairs - July 08, 2023 at 03:17 PM



“ One of the most loving and caring people I ever had the pleasure of knowing. He never had a bad thing to say about anyone and could find the good in everyone. How many Friday nights did we all gather at his house and hang out with mom until all hours. From the first CPRCNA to the world convention in California and the trips to Tijuana. He always maintained a positive energy. I know he helped me become a better person by sharing his positive energy with us all and for that he will live with in me as a positive spark, a laugh and a hug. Love you brother and I will see you in the future and can catch up again.



John Pilcicki - July 05, 2023 at 10:52 PM