



## Steven Rolph Townshend

May 20, 1969 - May 4, 2014

Steven Rolph Townshend of Hamburg, NY, formally of Chestertown, MD, died peacefully Sunday, May 4, 2014, of heart complications. He was 44 years old.

Steven was born May 20, 1969, in Athens, GA, to Dr. Al Townshend of Chestertown and Virginia Elliott Black of Hamburg, NY.

He is survived by his grandmother, Ruth Elliott; his parents; brother, Michael Townshend; and his beloved son, Jesse A. Townshend of Kennedyville, MD. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Rolph and Gladys Townshend and Robert Elliott.

Steven graduated from Kent County High School and went on to earn a degree from the Baltimore International College in the Culinary Arts and Hotel and Restaurant Management. He worked for the Marriott Corporation as an Executive Chef for several years taking him to numerous locations such as Boston, MA, North and South Carolina, West Virginia, and Hunt Valley, MD, before returning to Chestertown where he established the Black Eyed Susan Restaurant and Catering.

Steven was an avid outdoorsman from an early age, enjoying hunting and fishing on the Eastern Shore. He also took great pride and enjoyment from the many ice sculpting competitions he participated in as well as catering and

special events at his restaurant.

There will be a memorial service at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown, MD, on May 29 at 2 p.m., followed by a private graveside service at the Chester Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate if a contribution would be made to the American Heart Association, (1-800-AHA-USA-1) or online at <http://www.heart.org/>.

# Cemetery Details

## Chester Cemetery

Chestertown, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ Steven Rolph Townshend

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Steven Rolph Townshend

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Steven Rolph Townshend

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ I am SO sorry to hear of Steve's passing!!! I moved to New Jersey over 12 years ago and have only recently gotten back in touch with some of my Classmates and friends from Maryland. The memories that I have of going to High School with Steve are All good memories. He was Quiet at first--and when you got to know him, he was a very Personable and Friendly guy! I will always remember his Contagious laugh and the way he smiled-- He will be missed by Everyone who knew him! Such a Great Man!!  
Shirley (Shaffer) McPeek



Shirley (Shaffer) McPeek - June 11, 2014 at 08:20 PM

KN

“ *Kathi Edwards Naumann lit a candle in memory of Steven Rolph Townshend*



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**Kathi Edwards Naumann** - May 29, 2014 at 10:48 AM

TC

“ *Theresa Coleman lit a candle in memory of Steven Rolph Townshend*



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**Theresa Coleman** - May 27, 2014 at 01:17 PM

TC

*Steve's contagious laugh, gentle smile, and giving heart will always be remembered with love and prayers. Having met in nursery school (and being best friends with Dianne since Kindergarten), our many memories are precious woven in the tapestry of life. To all who were close with Steve, may the good times bring endless smiles and his life's accomplishments be tangible inspirations for each of us to fly with creativity, determination, perseverance, motivation, and success. Steve's commitment to his family and business were an incredible legacy. Jesse, you are an AMAZINGLY strong, intelligent, and handsome young man that has the potential to exceed beyond your wildest imagination. May you take ALL the GOOD from your Mom & Dad, ALL the LOVE THEY have for you, and reach for the stars. Your Dad's love will always live in your heart. Hope you use your strength and wisdom to be the best man you can be everyday. I believe in you, and know that you will make a difference in this world one day. Blessings. xoxo*

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**Theresa Coleman** - May 27, 2014 at 01:35 PM

MB

“ Steve was a wonderful friend of my son, Ralph Bateman who passed 4 years ago. He was also my friend. He was very outgoing and loved life and especially hunting on Spry Landing Farm. When my husband passed, he served the after reception at Black Eyed Susan and everyone remarked how beautifully and well organized it was and that the food was exceptional. He certainly went too soon but will be remembered by so many.  
My heartaches for the parents as I know what it is to lose a child. It is not the right order in life. Also, I know Jesse with miss his father but will have good memories of the things he did with him while he was growing up. All of you are in my prayers.  
Mary Bateman, Bateman Farms, Inc.

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**Mary Bateman** - May 24, 2014 at 06:56 PM

LB

“ Lisa Barry lit a candle in memory of Steven Rolph Townshend



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**lisa barry** - May 21, 2014 at 06:35 PM

TJ

“ Tom And Nancy Lee Jewell lit a candle in memory of Steven Rolph Townshend



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**Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell** - May 16, 2014 at 07:02 PM

DG

“ *Donna & Tony Gibbons-Neff lit a candle in memory of Steven Rolph Townshend*



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**Donna & Tony Gibbons-Neff** - May 15, 2014 at 09:19 PM

DO

*We send our deepest sympathy. We were so sorry to hear the news. Please know you are all in our thoughts. Donna & Tony*

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**Donna** - May 15, 2014 at 09:20 PM

JB

“ *Al and Ginger, so sorry to hear about Steve. Prayers with both of you.*



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**Joyce Benton** - May 15, 2014 at 08:43 PM

LB

“ *Larry And Lee Beck lit a candle in memory of Steven Rolph Townshend*



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**Larry and Lee Beck** - May 15, 2014 at 08:24 PM

LI

“ *Lisa lit a candle in memory of Steven Rolph Townshend*



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**lisa** - May 14, 2014 at 01:18 PM

LI

*I am so sorry to hear about steve. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

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**lisa** - May 14, 2014 at 01:21 PM

GR

“ *To the family, we were very saddened to hear of Steve's passing and know that our thoughts and prayers are with you as you heal from this loss. He was entirely too young. Hope he's next to a cool stream fishing and feeding the angels some of his delicious creations.*



*Jim and Gretchen Kohl*

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**gretchen** - May 14, 2014 at 01:13 PM

MJ

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of your young son. May the angels comfort you and lead him home.*  
*maryalice*

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**Maryalice Jansky** - May 14, 2014 at 09:14 AM

BW

“ *Bob & Lynda Willard lit a candle in memory of  
Steven Rolph Townshend*



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**bob & lynda willard** - May 14, 2014 at 09:11 AM