



Stephen Pirtz

March 1, 1947 - April 28, 2020

Stephen Charles Pirtz, 73, entered the world on March 1, 1947 as a fighter. He weighed slightly over 3 lbs. when premature babies' survival was rare. He left this world fighting against a monstrous virus, COVID-19.

He was born in Brooklyn, NY to Charles and Sylvia (Hude) Pirtz. He was however quick to let you know that he may have been born in Brooklyn, but he was raised in Queens, and there was a BIG difference.

He proudly served in the United States Navy as a night baker. Those who knew him, never knew him to use an oven.

He was an avid Mets and Hudson Valley Renegades fan. His Renegades tickets will be donated, in his name, this year to the first responders who are trying so hard to keep people safe.

He married Diedre Juliano April 24, 1987. Together they had two children and spent many summers camping and traveling across the USA.

Steve worked at Reynolds Metals/Ball Container Company for 40 years and was proud to be one of the “oldtimers.”

He is survived by his wife, Diedre, at home; his daughter Stephanie (Samuel Ovalle) of San Antonio TX; his son Charles (Shirley) of Mesquite TX; his sister Carol Mickaylo (Joel) of Franklin, TN and their two daughters Joelle (Willie) Polisky and Jennifer (Lou) Passanante; his mother-in-law Dorothy Juliano and father-in-law Albert Juliano of Pharr, TX, his brother-in-law Wayne Juliano (Jane) and their four children Sarah (David) Hughley, Katy Juliano, John Juliano and Matthew Juliano. He is also survived by his grandson Ford Ovalle, who was the apple of his eye. Also several cousins, grand nieces/nephews and great grand nieces/nephews. And his neighbor Lou Morales with whom he held many hours long conversations with a cold one over the fence.

He was predeceased by his parents, who we are certain took his hand and brought him away from the ventilator to the pain free world he entered. His best friend, Gordon Nickerson with whom he is exchanging 1950's trivia and listening to the great doo wop bands. And with his beloved dog Peace, who probably got under his feet with excitement, barking at him wondering why it took him so long (because we weren't ready to let him go.)

Many heartfelt thank yous go to the staff of ORMC who fought valiantly to save him in his battle and allowed him to pass with peace and dignity.

A shout out goes to USPS. Those who listened to his stories will understand.

Because of Covid, we are unable to have the services he so rightly deserves, at this time, but will when able. At the convenience of the family his cremains will rest at Ft. Sam Houston National Veterans Cemetery in San Antonio, TX.

Cemetery Details

Fort Sam Houston Veterans Memorial Cemetery

San Antonio , TX

Tribute Wall

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PF

“ Patricia Fairchild lit a candle in memory of Stephen Pirtz



Patricia Fairchild - May 03, 2020 at 06:38 PM

PF

Hello Dee and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Many prayers are coming your way. Pat (Kelleher) Fairchild

Patricia Fairchild - May 03, 2020 at 06:39 PM

CM

It's with a heavy heart that I say goodbye to my "baby" brother. I will miss him and all those phone calls we made to each other.....whether it be to check on each other's health, tell of family news, births, deaths, dr. visits etc., somehow we'd always end up reminiscing about our childhood and growing up in Ridgewood, QUEENS!! We'd argue at times, get frustrated with each others stubbornness, console each other, and offer support when either of us was going through some stress~~~ but we always managed to laugh!

Steve was SO proud of his children, and what they were doing with their lives.

I know he's no longer suffering, and is now with other loved ones who left before him. I know he's looking down on all of us; and from that I find comfort.....please keep the "gates" open for me when it's my time! I love you!

Carol Mickaylo - May 03, 2020 at 10:49 PM

PE

Steve was, and will always be a Unifier , God Bless !!

Pete - May 04, 2020 at 08:53 PM

JS

“ *Had fun working with STEPHEN at BALL CORP.. Great guy he will be missed. -JOE SMITH*

JOE SMITH - May 02, 2020 at 11:37 PM

ME

“ *Dee and family,
I am so sorry for your loss! We shared many trips to Bethel! Enjoyed concerts together. Rest In Peace!
Again so sorry! Marsha Eckerson*

Marsha Eckerson - May 02, 2020 at 07:49 PM

CF

“ Cheryl Frassetto lit a candle in memory of Stephen Pirtz



cheryl frassetto - May 02, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Stephen Pirtz.



May 02, 2020 at 12:17 PM

SP

“ I love you dad

Stephanie Pirtz - May 01, 2020 at 08:29 AM