



Stephen A. Russell

March 25, 1945 - July 19, 2022

Stephen Atherton Russell, 77, passed away on Monday, July 18, 2022. He was the husband of Barbara J. Russell. They shared 47 years of marriage together.

A life-long resident of Pine Bush, Steve was the son of Helen (“Tippy”) and Edward J. Russell. He was a graduate of Pine Bush High School and attended SUNY Cobleskill. Once out of school, he founded “Stephen A. Russell Excavating” and later started his own farm, “Black Hawk Holsteins.” He served as the Superintendent of Highways for the Town of Crawford until 2011.

Steve was a Life Member and Past President of the Pine Bush Hook and Ladder Company, a member of the Pine Bush Firemen’s Benevolent Association, and a member of the Orange County Volunteer Fireman’s Association. He enjoyed model trains, auctions, agriculture, the outdoors, and spending time with his grandchildren. Steve will be remembered for his sense of humor and generosity.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, his children Neal Russell (Suzy Russell), and Stephanie Granlund (Jonathan Granlund), his brothers Joe and John Russell, and his four grandchildren Emma Russell, Riley Russell, Charles Russell, and Gracie Granlund. He was predeceased by his infant brother, Van.

In accordance with Steve's wishes, there will be a private service for immediate family members only.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to FDNY Fire Family Transport Foundation or Make A Wish of the Hudson Valley.

Donations to FDNY Fire Family Transport Foundation can be made on their website via PayPal (<http://firefamilytransport.org/donate.html>), via mail with a check made out to "FDNY Fire Family Transport Foundation, Ltd" P.O. Box 340949, Brooklyn, NY 11234 or quick pay with Zelle to Donate@firefamilytransport.org.

Donations to Make A Wish of the Hudson Valley can be made online at <https://tinyurl.com/makeawishhvdonate>.

Cemetery Details

New Prospect Cemetery

Pine Bush, NY 12566

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

SM

“ So sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.



Scott Malloy - July 26, 2022 at 04:38 PM

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“ It is with much sadness that I learned of Steve's passing. We were friends throughout our childhood... Going from kindergarten through 12th grade together. Because our farm was on the way home for Steve, stop in to our house for cookies and milk on the way home from school. We shared lots of fun memories from that time in our life. Although I moved away and hadn't seen Steve for over 50 years, I still have many fond memories of the childhood times we spent together. My condolences to all of you, his family, and especially to Barbara Steve's wife. For so many, Steve was a very special person. ❤️

Carol Kelly (Czarnecki)

Carol Kelly Bartol (Czarnecki) - July 20, 2022 at 04:48 PM

ST

Thank you so much for posting here.

stephanie.granlund - July 20, 2022 at 05:59 PM

ST

“ 4 files added to the album *Photos of Dad*



stephanie.granlund - July 20, 2022 at 01:23 PM

SG

Tom and I are so very sorry for your family's loss. Thinking about all of you. Steve was a great man and will fondly be remembered. May he Rest In Peace.

*With love and heartfelt condolences,
Suzanne & Tom Gihl*

Suzanne Gihl - July 20, 2022 at 04:28 PM

ST

Thank you. We appreciate that.

stephanie.granlund - July 20, 2022 at 04:33 PM

JR

“ *A good friend all through school and the best man at my wedding. As I think back we had many good times together and many laughs, always remember our trip to Canada after graduation.*

Jim Rockwell - July 20, 2022 at 12:41 PM

ST

Thank you for sharing

stephanie.granlund - July 20, 2022 at 01:31 PM

PO

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Stephen's passing! I saw him in our dental office for years, and it was always a treat when he came in. Always smiling and upbeat. I didn't know him well, just from cleaning his teeth, but our visits were always a great time to visit. He was a very nice man and I am sure will be missed very much.

Patricia Ogden - July 20, 2022 at 09:40 AM

ST

Thank you

stephanie.granlund - July 20, 2022 at 01:31 PM

MM

To Barbara, Joe, and the rest of the Russell Family. So sorry for your loss. Marianne Melielo

Marianne melielo - July 21, 2022 at 10:51 AM

CD

The loss of Steve leaves me with a big empty spot. He was my closest and oldest friend in the world. We've been pals for almost 70 years and had many, many adventures from as far back as the 1950's. In recent years we tried to get together with a couple of friends for a cup of coffee every week or so just to catch up on the news and talk about old times. Steve and I agreed that we grew up during the best of times, although the last couple of years have been most difficult. Steve had a great sense of humor, a profound sense of honor, and truly loved rural America. His loving family was the most important thing in his life and provided him with everytning he cherished most. He is already greatly missed. RIP my friend.

Clair (Mick) & Melissa Dickinson

clair c dickinson - July 21, 2022 at 06:07 PM

BR

Thank you Mick. I know how much he valued your friendship. He is at peace now and that can bring us comfort.

Barbara Russell - July 23, 2022 at 10:10 PM