



Stephen Holgate Read

February 24, 1948 - July 7, 2018

Stephen “Steve” Holgate Read

Bloomfield Hills – Stephen H. Read, 70, of Bloomfield Hills passed away July 7, 2018 unexpectedly while on vacation with his wife in Glen Arbor.

Steve was born on February 24, 1948 in Pontiac Michigan to the late Franklin Brockway and Dorothea (Snavely) Read and was preceded in death by his brothers Russell and Brock.

Steve married Renee LaFontaine (better known as Mom, it was the best decision he ever made) at St. Andrews in Bloomfield Hills over 36 years ago!

Steve attended Kemper Military school and graduated from Eastern Michigan University (talk about a man with some remarkable stories!)

He was an amazing entrepreneur who lived life to the fullest and enjoyed traveling the world with his family creating great memories!

In his free time, he enjoyed reading, playing golf, boating and enjoying a great cigar! He also had a passion for fast cars and drove an impressive collection over his lifetime...he had great taste!

He will be greatly missed by his wife, Renee; two sons and their wives Jason & Annie Read and Ryan & Anna Read; grandchildren Logan, Danielle & Kevin Hawley, Lindsey, and Christian; and great grandchildren Riley and Colt Hawley.

His fun-loving nature was his signature! Steve always went above and beyond to make whatever he was doing more memorable for all those blessed to be in his presence including putting on an amazing firework show on the beach with his family!

Steve was a great husband, father, mentor, friend, businessman & philanthropist! He was

well loved and looked up to by his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all! If you ever want to remember him just pull up a chair to watch a sunset, grab a cigar, a good drink and just smile knowing he will be by your-side!

The memorial service celebrating Steve's life will be held on July 19th, 2018 at 11am at the Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills Michigan. A luncheon will take place following the service at Pine Lake Country Club.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Steve's honor may be directed to Beyond Basics or Westside Christian Academy.

Cemetery

Pine Lake Cemetery

4423 Middlebelt Road
West Bloomfield, MI,
48322

Events

JUL Memorial Service 11:00AM

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Kirk in the Hills

1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI, US,
48302

Comments



“ I just now happened on this and had been unaware of Steve's passing. He was a wonderfully rich man of character, and though I hadn't seen him for years, I will miss him. My deepest condolences, late as they are, to Renee and family. i am sure Steve is at peace in the presence of God and I am looking forward to the day I see him again there.

Terry Altman

Terry Altman - October 09, 2018 at 11:09 PM



“ My sympathy and prayers are with Renee and the family at the passing of such a special person. As a result of Steve's long standing friendship with my husband, Mal, I was blessed to get to know Steve and Renee over the years, sharing many special times together. Given his life and generosity, I trust he is enjoying the vision of God and the peace of eternal life.

Christine V. Leonard

Christine V Leonard - July 19, 2018 at 02:34 PM



“ A wonderful, long-time friendship, first working together and later socially. Remembering our February birthday lunches, member-guest outings, and evenings with our wonderful wives. Rest well, my friend.

Mal Leonard

Mal Leonard - July 19, 2018 at 11:48 AM



“ I met Steve over 36 years ago when he was just the guy next door, and I was in Michigan visiting with my sister/friend, Renee.
Before you married Renee, you assured me that you would always love and respect her. (Thank you for keeping your word.)
Over the many years, as we got to know one another, you became my friend, as well as my big brother; not to mention an uncle to my two daughters. I'll forever treasure your trips to California, either having dinner, you playing basketball with Mariana, or just having a meaningful uncle talk with one of the girls.
Although our hearts are broken after losing you, I know that we'll eventually be able to rejoice in knowing that you have gone on to be the lord!
Our bible tells us, "To be absent from the body, is to be present with the lord." That's where I know you are right now! So, until we meet again my dear brother..... save a Heavenly seat for me amongst the lamb.
To Renee, Jason, Ryan; Let not your hearts be troubled. For as much as you loved Steve, God Loves him best, and had now called him back home.
Much love and blessings to you all dear family!
Cynthia

Cyndi Dorsey - July 14, 2018 at 02:43 PM



“ My sincere sympathies go out to the Read family. Steve was a great friend and golfing buddy. We will surely miss him at PLCC. Steve RIP and enjoy the greatest golf courses that you will be always shooting par!
Ron & Clara Marks

Ron Marks - July 14, 2018 at 08:18 AM



“ Steve, although I've only known you for the last decade, I really liked you and looked forward to our yearly couples date. You were truly a great guy! I hope to meet up with you in Heaven someday. Love Tim Mclsaac

Tim Mclsaac - July 13, 2018 at 05:26 PM