



Mr. Stephen D. Tinney

February 18, 1942 - December 21, 2020

Stephen D. Tinney, known as Steve, passed away peacefully on December 21, 2020. He was born on February 18, 1942 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Joseph and Daniel Tinney. Steve is survived by his wife, Meenu, sister Pat, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Steve graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor's degree in Journalism and also served in the US Army intelligence division. He was a loving husband and brother. Steve was known for his charisma, wit, intellect, and knowledge from his global travels. Steve was an exemplary writer and Journalist. Having sat and interviewed Presidents, dignitaries, and iconic entertainers, he remained grounded. Along with life, he was passionate about animals. Memorials to be sent to the Darlington Humane Society.

Having lived in many countries around the world, he chose Hartsville, South Carolina as his home. Being the proprietor of the Oak Manor Inn, nothing pleased him more than hosting and having guests at the Inn. He loved this town and the residents, as they became an intimate part of his life.

There will be a celebration of life, in the near future, for family and friends, which as of yet, is to be determined. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Directors are caring for the family.

Cemetery Details

Private

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

HW

“ Steve was a special man in so many ways. He loved conversations with his friends. He loved Hartsville and we loved Steve. Menu, you will be in the loving thoughts of many.

hydy Walker - December 31, 2020 at 07:27 PM

RG

“ Steve was always larger than life and usually wore an easy grin. He knew the real priorities of life. I know Meenu shall really miss him. Rest easy, my old friend.

Rod Gibson - December 30, 2020 at 12:16 PM

PD

“ I'm shocked and saddened by news of Steve's death. We had been in touch these past few years with me planning to go stay at Oak Manor. Steve was a great guy who I first met in the late 1970's. Sending my deepest sympathy to his darling Meenu. Peggy Dattilo

Peggy Dattilo - December 30, 2020 at 11:28 AM

HC

“ Have known and loved Steve and Meenu since 1974 when we shared many days and evenings eating, drinking and playing backgammon in Hollywood and some really memorable moments. Visited Hartsville couple years ago and were lucky enough to stay and enjoy their company. They were great hosts. Will miss Steve. Meenu, you are in thoughts and prayers. Cherish the memories. x Heather and Anthony



Heather Aylott Callaway - December 30, 2020 at 05:36 AM

AB

“ Aaron Brennan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen D. Tinney



Aaron Brennan - December 29, 2020 at 11:57 PM

DS

“ David & Gloria Shoemake lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen D. Tinney



David & Gloria Shoemake - December 26, 2020 at 06:47 AM

SF

“ Susan B Futrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen D. Tinney



Susan B Futrell - December 25, 2020 at 12:14 PM

EC

“ Evonne Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen D. Tinney



Evonne Cooper - December 25, 2020 at 01:27 AM

CG

“ Jerry and I were married at the beautiful Oak Manor Inn in 2009 ... cherished memories. Steve was always gracious, welcoming, kind and made everyone feel as if they were at home. He'll be greatly missed by the City of Hartsville and by everyone who enjoyed the food and hospitality of the Oak Manor Inn. Meenu, you're in our thoughts and prayers.



Cathy Guy - December 24, 2020 at 12:28 PM

MM

Oh Meenu, I feel your loss. Steve was a good friend of mine in High School. Never a romantic connection, just fun times. What a fine life you shared. He'll always be with you. Cherish your memories.

Merry McNulty - December 26, 2020 at 06:15 PM

BW

“ Bess And Bobby Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen D. Tinney



Bess and Bobby Watkins - December 24, 2020 at 12:05 PM

KE

“ KEISHA lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen D. Tinney



KEISHA - December 24, 2020 at 09:45 AM

JK

“ *Jofrieda Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen D. Tinney*



Jofrieda Kelley - December 24, 2020 at 07:31 AM

NM

I remember Steve as a gentleman when we met while working at The Enquirer. I was looking forward to seeing him again at his Inn. Prayers to his family. Nancy Wolfe Miller

Nancy Wolfe Miller - December 30, 2020 at 06:42 AM

VP

“ *Vickie Parker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen D. Tinney*



Vickie Parker - December 24, 2020 at 12:34 AM

NB

“ *My heart breaks for Steve's family and the City of Hartsville. We have lost a great and beloved man. A true gentleman who treated people with kindness and respect. He loved people and he never met a strange. I will miss his gentle smile and his love for life. Fly high Steve and we will see you later!*

Natalie Bedenbaugh - December 23, 2020 at 10:06 PM

CG

“ *Connee Grantham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen D. Tinney*



Connee Grantham - December 23, 2020 at 09:37 PM



“ *Kathy Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen D. Tinney*



Kathy Beasley - December 23, 2020 at 08:32 PM

MM

“ *Mr. Tinney always shared a smile with me at Walmart. Sending prayers to all of his family and beloved friends.*

Melode Manuel - December 23, 2020 at 08:18 PM

JB

“ *Menu I'm so sorry for your loss. Steve was a true gentleman and will be missed by his family and many friends. Sending prayers 🙏*

jill beckham - December 23, 2020 at 05:56 PM

MM

“ *Steve was one of a kind!! He will truly be missed by many in hartsville and the surrounding area! Meenu you are in my thoughts and prayers during this time!*

Michael McAteer - December 23, 2020 at 02:26 PM

PW

“ *Phyllis & Len Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen D. Tinney*



Phyllis & Len Watson - December 23, 2020 at 01:58 PM

PW

“ *Len and I have so many fond memories of the happy celebrations shared with Steve and Meenu - Beau and Wend's wedding reception at Oak Manor Inn, Christmas Eve gatherings at George and Denise's home, and early evening cocktails and delicious food at the Inn. Steve was always welcoming and entertaining when sharing many of his adventurous travels We will surely miss him in the days to come and will always remember his big hugs and sweet smile! Meenu-you are in our thoughts and prayers. We have all lost a good friend and were truly blessed to have known him!*

Phyllis and Len Watson - December 23, 2020 at 01:56 PM

HG

“ *Steve was a remarkable and gracious friend. He will be missed.*



Harriet Gupton - December 23, 2020 at 12:36 PM

CB

“ *He was a good man & will be greatly missed. You have our deepest sympathy. Tom & Cecelia*

Cecelia Brown - December 23, 2020 at 12:14 PM

JH

“ *Johnna Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen D. Tinney*



Johnna Hall - December 23, 2020 at 11:49 AM

JD

“ *Jennifer Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen D. Tinney*



Jennifer Davis - December 23, 2020 at 11:31 AM

DW

“ *So sad to hear of Steve's passing. He always welcomed me with a big smile at Oak Manor.*

Diane Watson - December 23, 2020 at 08:42 AM



Carolyn
Atkinson

“ *Steve was a great man and friend. He lived an exception well traveled life. He always called me “Mrs. Atkinson”. We have so many memories with Steve and Meenu. Rest high on that mountain sir. You will be missed by so many. Meenu our thoughts, love and prayers are with you now and the months ahead.*

Carolyn Atkinson - December 23, 2020 at 08:36 AM

BJ

“ Glenn and I are saddened to hear this. Steve added class and character to Hartsville. We enjoyed dining at Oak Manor and listening to his stories. Whether you happened to just run into him at Bi-Lo or if you were at the Inn enjoying one of his wood-fired pizzas, Steve always made you feel like he was genuinely glad to see you. He will be missed. Prayers for his family.



Beverly Jordan - December 23, 2020 at 08:29 AM

DG

“ Deborah Gandy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen D. Tinney



Deborah Gandy - December 23, 2020 at 08:03 AM

RA

“ We are deeply saddened by the loss of our dear friend Steve. Sending all our love and thoughts to Meenu as well as his many, many family and friends. Steve was always so kind and had the very best stories! What an amazing life he lived! He will be deeply missed.

Rebecca and Paul Alford - December 23, 2020 at 07:47 AM

JH

I worked with Steve at the National Enquirer in the late 70s and 80s. He was a true professional with a wicked sense of humor. Following his life in South Carolina on Facebook has been lovely. RIP Steve


Jackie Holfelder - December 30, 2020 at 05:22 AM

MW

“ *Michelle Wrona lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen D. Tinney*



Michelle Wrona - December 22, 2020 at 11:35 PM


Kristina
Moses

“ *Dan and I are truly heartbroken. No words can express how much we will miss his welcoming smile, wondrous generosity and awesome stories of the life he live.*

Kristina Moses - December 22, 2020 at 11:20 PM

DN

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Dan and Kathy Newsome - December 22, 2020 at 10:36 PM

BG

“ *Condolences to the family.
Don and Bess Gore*



Bess Gore - December 22, 2020 at 09:55 PM

VM

“ Steve will be greatly missed by his friends and by the entire community.



Vern and Nancy Myers - December 22, 2020 at 09:54 PM

MC

“ When Steve opened Oak Manor, i worked for him. . We butted heads a lot. And we had fun getting to know each other. He trusted me and i had to teach him a lot about the South. Going to miss him saying "Bob's your Uncle" Maxine Cranford

maxine cranford - December 22, 2020 at 09:52 PM

SS

“ Sharon And Johnny Sturdivant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen D. Tinney



Sharon and Johnny Sturdivant - December 22, 2020 at 09:37 PM

RE

“ Ronnie & Kim Elmore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen D. Tinney



Ronnie & Kim Elmore - December 22, 2020 at 09:27 PM

AB

“ *Amy Blackburn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen D. Tinney*



Amy Blackburn - December 22, 2020 at 08:53 PM



“ *Will Walden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen D. Tinney*



Will Walden - December 22, 2020 at 08:51 PM

GH

“ *Greta & Marion Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen D. Tinney*



Greta & Marion Hawkins - December 22, 2020 at 08:30 PM

MR

“ *So saddened to see this. Steve was all about Hartsville. He ran his Oak Manor with community spirit and pride. Deepest condolences to Meenu and all of his family.*

Michael Ray - December 22, 2020 at 07:15 PM

DT

“ *Dave Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen D. Tinney*



Dave Thompson - December 22, 2020 at 07:00 PM