



## Stephen A. Hedgecraft

June 17, 1944 - November 15, 2020

Stephen A. Hedgecraft, 76, of Anderson, passed away on November 15, 2020, at Ascension St. Vincent's Hospital from an extended illness.

He was born June 17, 1944, to Edward and Patricia (Greve) Hedgecraft. He attended Anderson High School, Class of 1963. He served in the Army for two years and was a survivor of TET '68 in Saigon.

Stephen was employed in the Rack Room for 28 years as a welder during his 40 years at Guide Lamp Division of General Motors.

He loved being outside gardening and taking care of his lawn. He earned the nickname, "Yard-Man", from the young children in the neighborhood. Jackson & Perkins appointed him to grow experimental roses. For years, he had showcase pink roses lining both sides of his driveway that passerby would stop to admire.

During his midlife, he became health conscious and began walking an hour a day and that led him to become a runner. He became active in "Anderson Road Runners Club" for 25 years. He completed 29 Mini-Marathons and many 5K's. He helped put on races for The Mound's Run and The White River Run.

Stephen is survived by his loving wife of 40 years Nancy; daughter, April

Hedgecraft of Westfield (fiance', Mark Gregory); and grandchildren, Khloe Miller and Kaden Miller. Residing in Carlsbad, California is his step-son, Rich (Shilpa) Lewis; step-grandson, Omni Lewis; sister, Pam (Steve) Lackey; brother-in-law, Bill Collins; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Susan Collins, and Linda Kimbrell.

The family would like to give a special appreciation to all the doctors, nurses, and chaplains at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital and Chesterfield EMT's for their wonderful care.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the family has chosen to have private family services at Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory.

Burial will take place at East Maplewood Cemetery in Anderson.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Loose Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Stephen A. Hedgecraft*



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**Loose Funeral Home** - November 17, 2020 at 03:10 PM

KH

*Nancy, I am so sorry and will be keeping you and your family in my prayers.  
God Bless  
Kelly Hall  
Pct*

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**Kelly Hall** - November 17, 2020 at 07:11 PM

PV

“ *Pam, I am so sorry to hear about Steve. I would run into him and Nancy at Cracker Barrel, probably twice a week.  
I know.  
You will see him again someday.  
Love you.  
Peggy (Wasson)*

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**Peggy Vilhauer** - November 19, 2020 at 08:26 PM

PV

“ I was married to Steve's cousin Bill Wasson.(Peggy Niccum) I knew Steve's family long before that.  
When family was together we always had a good time. In later years I would run into Nancy and him at Cracker Barrel, at least twice a week.  
I guess that's the place to hang out in our golden years!  
Rest in Peace Steve

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**Peggy Vilhauer** - November 19, 2020 at 08:15 PM

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**april hedgecraft** - November 30, 2020 at 09:05 PM

JR

“ So sorry to here this! We live down the street and he was such a great neighbor.  
This past spring he let us borrow his tiller since we allowed another neighbor to cut through our yard when having new laterals put in.  
One of Jims favorite memories is when our son was trying to learn to ride his bike without training wheels and "dad" was getting frustrated.  
Stephen told Jim he will get it one day. Low and behold about a half hour later he did.  
He will be greatly missed !

*Jim & Sue Roundtree*

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**Jim & Sue Roundtree** - November 19, 2020 at 06:33 PM

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**april hedgecraft** - November 30, 2020 at 09:05 PM

NC

“ Sid and I have known Steve for 50+ years. Sid shared an apartment with Steve and a couple of other guys when they were in their early 20's. If those walls could talk....His daughter and our daughter were born a month apart and we shared many memories during April and Kelly's early years. Steve encouraged Sid to participate in mini marathons in which he ran two of them with Steve. He coached me for several weeks to run but due to knee problems I couldn't participate. He shared his vegetables from his garden...his tomatoes were the best! As we ended up being neighbors, he helped Sid with fixing and tuning lawn mowers over the years. As I am writing this, I am realizing we had so many memories over the years and we will so miss him. Rest in peace dear friend.

nancy copeland - November 19, 2020 at 01:01 PM

AH



april hedgecraft - November 30, 2020 at 09:04 PM



“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Stephen A. Hedgecraft.



November 18, 2020 at 07:18 PM

NT

“ My husband and I were so sad to hear of Steve’s passing. We live in the neighborhood and would talk often when we passed by with our dogs. Steve’s parents and my parents were very good friends when we were children. My father and his worked together. He always kept that yard looking immaculate. I wouldn’t allow the dogs to even step on it. Ha. I remember the beautiful pink roses so well.

*Terry and Nikki Tucker from Katie Court*

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**Nikki Tucker** - November 18, 2020 at 09:58 AM

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**april hedgecraft** - November 19, 2020 at 08:42 AM

TS

“ Stephen was one of my most dedicated yogi..one of the best....always full of energy...motivating other people in yoga studio...sharing good memory,funny story..we laughing a lot in the studio then he telling jokes..everyone love him.. .very pleasant person to be around ,very kind, very caring...i know he has a health problem , but he always act like its nothing..with his motivation and previous athletic history, i was sure he can make 85 at least..its was heart breaking news ..i was crying..and i still can not believe he is gone..just don't want to believe...so sorry..i was pray for him and praying for his family now ...deepest deepest condolences...

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**Tatiana SMITH** - November 17, 2020 at 07:15 PM

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*Thank you so much for all the kind words!! He was definitely one of a kind!❤️*

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**april hedgecraft** - November 17, 2020 at 08:36 PM

JR

“ Pam my dearest best friend I'm so sorry for your loss your beloved brother always your hero. Our deepest condolences and prayers for your family. Love Janet & Ron Rust

Janet Rust - November 17, 2020 at 06:56 PM

FP

“ FGS Accounts Payable purchased the Lovely On e Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Stephen A. Hedgecraft.



FGS Accounts Payable - November 17, 2020 at 03:44 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen A. Hedgecraft.



November 17, 2020 at 03:30 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



**Loose Funeral Home** - November 17, 2020 at 03:04 PM

JG

*Steve attended yoga classes that I taught at Unity Church in Anderson and at my center Source Yoga in Fishers. He was always joyful and encouraging to me and everyone around. His love and light shined brightly and the love he shared with everyone will always remain.*

**Janie Gunn** - November 17, 2020 at 03:36 PM

MM

*I met Steve in a yoga class I was a student in. He also became a student of mine when I started teaching. He was an incredible guy who was always the first to step up and help or offer an encouraging word. His was always kind and thoughtful. If he missed a a yoga class everyone noticed since he brought such light and joy to us all. He had tremendous spirit. I was privileged to hear about his life and his experiences and his health challenges. He was a gift to all the lives he touched. Marianne Maxwell*

**Marianne Maxwell** - November 17, 2020 at 07:16 PM

NH

*I want to thank everyone for your kind words and the memories that you have shared. Steve needed all of your prayers. His suffering is over and he is greatly missed. Again, thank you very much.*

**Nancy Hedgecraft** - November 21, 2020 at 09:31 PM