



Stephen John Rosettie

December 4, 1945 - October 14, 2014

Stephen J. Rosettie, 68, entered into eternal life October 14, 2014 at SUNY Upstate University Hospital Community Campus in Syracuse, NY. Born December 4, 1945 and raised in Albany, NY, Stephen resided in Syracuse, NY for his entire adult life. He was the son of the late Louis R. and Geraldine Ehmke Rosettie. Stephen was a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy, Class of 1963, earned a bachelor's degree and completed master's studies for teacher certification at SUNY Environmental School of Forestry in Syracuse, NY. After 30 years of service, he retired as a science teacher from the Syracuse School District in 2001. Prior to his teaching career, he was a United States Army Veteran who served his country in the Vietnam War from 1968 – 1970 and received the Bronze Star for meritorious service. He is adored and survived by his loving wife, Cindy Smallman-Rosettie; stepdaughter, Jenny Lee; brother, John J. Rosettie (Gail) of Clifton Park; several nieces, and a nephew. Stephen was grateful for his lifelong friends John Hoag, Owen Colfer, and Jack Wagner, for always being there for him. A special thanks to Ed Hetnar, Susan Phillips, Rick Stohrer, Gail Calcagnino, and Marilyn and Bruce Laubacher for their longtime friendship and support. Stephen enjoyed nature, animals, the outdoors, and fished every chance he had. He served on the Board of Directors of Baltimore Woods Nature Center and the Central New York Land Trust. He volunteered with the Cat Coalition. He enjoyed camping in the Adirondacks, Acadia National Park, and going on frequent whale watching trips to Cape Cod with his wife, Cindy. He shared his

love of nature, the sea, and whale watching with his students. Most of all, he cherished times spent with his family and friends. A memorial gathering of family and friends will be held at a later date. Those wishing to remember Stephen in a special way may make a contribution to The Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies, 5 Holway Avenue, Provincetown, Massachusetts 02657.

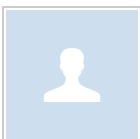
Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Stephen John Rosettie*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - October 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Cindy my deepest sympathy goes out to you and to all of Steve's friends. He was a unique and wonderful guy who always made a good time better and a difficult time easier. I'll always remember him dashing through the tall grasses of the disappeared meadows that ran through what is now Hackett Boulevard in Albany. He was always in search of some creature: a Polyphemus Moth, Rana catesbiana or a Scarlet Tanager. He and our little natural world were alive with wonder and excitement, and Steve's enthusiasm made it even more so. I hold those days in precious memory and I'm sure you have many as well that will never be forgotten. Rest in peace Steve, we loved the time we spent with you. . . . \"/>O\"*

October 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Stephen was a best friend ever since I met him. we shared many wonderful walks in the woodswith owen. we also shard his snakes, cats, ferrets and even the mouse that started out being food for the snake and became another pet. lyra was a young child and she slithered around on the floor along with the snake. cindy made hummus and babaganoush for us when we vivited.it was the first time we e ver had it!! love, pat colfer XXOO

October 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Cindy, I am so sorry for your loss and for all of us who have lost a dear soul. He was such a caring man and a great naturalist. Take care of yourself sweetie.

October 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Very sorry to hear of Stephen\'s passing. He was a great classmate.

October 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Cindy -
I was very sorry to hear of Stephen\'s passing, and am keeping you in my thoughts. Take good care of yourself, and take comfort from family and all the animals that you and Stephen held dear.

October 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ My sincere condolences in the passing of Steve. We worked together at Shea and I remember him as a very caring teacher and friend.

October 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM