



## Mr. Stephen Parrish

May 5, 1948 - December 16, 2018

Stephen R. Parrish, 70 of Plant City, Florida, born in Plant City on May 5, 1948, walked into Heaven on December 16, 2018 with a smile on his face. Steve was loved and admired by so many, his strength and resilience were an inspiration. He loved life and lived it abundantly. Steve was a huge Florida Gator, Nascar, and Lightning fan, he loved hunting with his son in law, football, and watching the stock market daily. During his life he was a member of the Plant City Elks Lodge and Rotary Club. Steve loved his daily visits from his caregiver, Diana, his smile would brighten when she walked in the room. We know that Steve now walks the golden streets and is dancing with his wife, Debbie, and for that we are thankful. He was preceded in death by his wife, Deborah A Parrish and his parents Randolph and Esther Parrish, he is survived by son Alex Parrish (Jen) and their children Greyson, Landon, and Bryson, his daughter Heather Milam (Anthony) and their children Brooke (Quay), Kaylie, and Tony, and his Sister Lisa Finley (Louis), and many other loving family and friends. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, December 20 at 4:00 PM at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 S County Rd 39, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 3:00 PM. His children Alex and Heather ask that in lieu of flowers donations be sent, in memory of Stephen R Parrish, to the Plant City Raider Champions Football, 1 Raider Place, Plant City, FL, 33563. Expressions of condolence at [HopewellFuneral.com](http://HopewellFuneral.com)



# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Stephen Parrish



Hopewell Funeral Home - December 20, 2018 at 10:47 AM

JG

*Our hearts are with you my friend*

Jerry an Shirley Gill - December 20, 2018 at 06:59 PM

PJ

*Our love to the family! Elaine and Joe Johnson*

Patricia Elaine Johnson - December 25, 2018 at 09:18 PM

BA

*My heart goes out to all of Steve's family. I knew him at U of F during our freshman year. We double dated to homecoming and became friends as pledges to Sigma Nu. I also was on the field that fateful day of his accident. I lost touch with him when he returned home but have never forgotten him. I'm so happy that his life was so full with family, friends and career. Enjoy walking the streets of heaven my old friend.*

Bob Ackland - February 26, 2019 at 09:03 PM

SS

“ I just learned of Steve’s passing. He was my tax accountant and very good friend. His wife Debbie worked for me in real estate and we all went to Las Vegas together. I remember Steve sliding in and out of a taxi from his wheel chair to the taxi on a slide board. I remember him rolling up to the black jack tables in his wheel chair and sitting a bit lower than the rest of us at the table. I remember him advising me on my tax returns and company financial statements. I remember him most as someone I respected and admired. Rest In Peace my friend.

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**steven smith** - February 20, 2019 at 11:26 PM

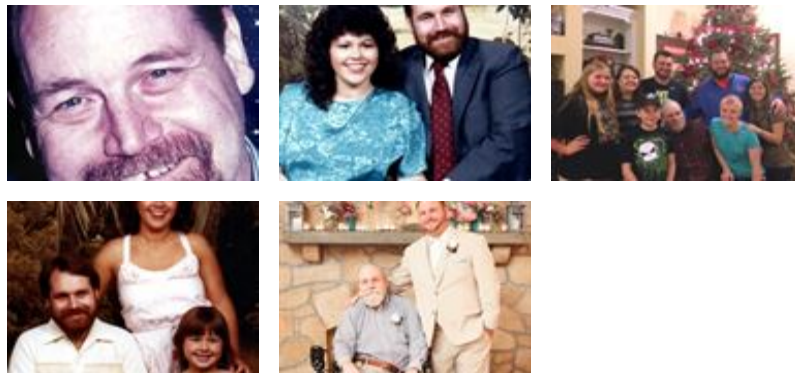
SH

“ So sorry we won’t be able to attend funeral today. The weather is just too bad for us to drive over. Doug has always admired Steve and is so sad he didn’t get by to see him. Doug has advanced Parkinson’s and has difficulty getting around. You all are in our prayers as you go through this difficult time.  
Doug and Sandi Harwell

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**Sandra Harwell** - December 20, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - December 20, 2018 at 09:42 AM

VG

“ Steve was just an all around great guy. He was humble honest and grateful for life even with all its difficulty that he dealt with everyday. I remember going to my homecoming in high school with Steve as my date. He was a football player and enjoyed it so much. One of favorite dates in high school. Rest in Peace we all will miss you.  
Vonda Gainey

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**Vonda Gainey** - December 20, 2018 at 07:09 AM

DK

“ I was Steve's Caregiver for the last 4 years and was with him and the family at his side til the end. I will miss this man tremendously. He was the kindest man and we always shared jokes, & secrets together.  
But most of all we were both GATOR fans and Nascar fans, I will miss all the great conversations and laughs. He was definently a fighter for sure. Rest in Peace my friend.

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**Diana Kennedy** - December 20, 2018 at 01:14 AM

BG

“ Almost 50 years ago when Steve's life changed dramatically, he and I shared a task. That task was to travel from Plant City to USF so he could continue his college education. I admired his courage then and that admiration has continued during his adult life as well. Some people would have just given up and not accepted the challenge of education, a career and then a family, with the health issues that he had. You just can't help but admire someone that continues forging ahead in a positive direction, when life changing obstacles are put in their path. I'm very happy, that I had the privilege to know Steve.

*Barry Green*

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**Barry Green** - December 19, 2018 at 08:57 PM

AN

“ I have worked with Steve one of his caretakers couple years ago he was awesome very kind considerate who made me laugh we watched NASCAR tease each other about football he was a Gator fan I'm Florida State fan he will be missed prayers for the family rest in peace

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**Amanda Norris** - December 19, 2018 at 06:50 PM

MP

“ Knew the Parrish family over the years and always enjoyed seeing Steve He was a great guy. Godspeed Steve!

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**Melissa Poage** - December 19, 2018 at 03:11 PM

ND

“ We had plane geometry together. He was always happy and smiling. Very likable guy.

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**Nancy Dawson** - December 19, 2018 at 10:28 AM

NP

“ My dad Carl & Steve's dad Randy were best friends from childhood. We would visit often & we played together as very young children. Our mom's compares notes. We went to kindergarten & high school together. Steve was always fun to be around. Rest In Peace my dear friend.

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**Nancy Parrish** - December 19, 2018 at 07:24 AM

RP

“ Steve was a great friend -- shared many, many good times and laughs - a team mate also a Planter, RIP dear friend.

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**robert pyle** - December 19, 2018 at 06:01 AM

LR

“ We had the same babysitter for our early elementary years. You will always have a place in my heart, my Wilson Elementary Friend. Rest In Peace, Stevie, RIP,

Lynne Reilly - December 18, 2018 at 10:09 PM

LB

“ Stevie, you will be missed. Our days go back even before Wilson Elementary days. We had a good group of neighborhood kids. RIP childhood friend!

Linda Boswell - December 18, 2018 at 09:42 PM

EK

“ Although we were schoolmates since Wilson Elementary School in Plant City, a fond memory I have of Stevie is when we were both freshmen at UF. Accompanied him to a few Sigma Nu frat parties...always the gentleman. Rest in the sweetest peace, Stevie. You will be missed. 💔 🕊️ 💙

Elizabeth Ayscue Katz - December 18, 2018 at 05:43 PM

HM

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Heather Milam - December 18, 2018 at 03:28 PM

LC

*PROUD TO HAVE KNOWN STEVIE. HIS FOLKS AND MINE COLLIE AND ANNIE RUTH GREEN WERE BEST FRIENDS (WELL THE GIRLS) LISA YOU WERE SO LITTLE AND PROBABLY DON'T REMEMBER COMING TO OUR HOUSE ON OAK AVENUE, AND PLAYING ON THE PIANO. STEVIE DIDN'T COME OVER AS OFTEN. BUT HE WAS ALWAYS A PART OF THE CONVERSATION. ESTHER AND MAMA WERE A MESS TOGETHER. STEVIE DID A FAN-TAB-U-LOUS JOB ON MY TAXES UNTIL I MOVED TO TENNESSEE. YOU WERE THE BEST STEVIE. PLEASE KNOW LISA, ALL OF YOU ARE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. LOVE TO YOU ALL, LIZ (ELIZABETH GREEN CALAWAY)!*

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**Liz Calaway** - December 19, 2018 at 04:47 PM