



## Mr. Stephen Alan Pratt

October 22, 1949 - March 30, 2019

Stephen Alan Pratt , who died at 69 on March 30, 2019 , was born in Clarksburg, WV on October 22, 1949.

Steve was the son of the late Dr. Arden Lee Pratt and Jean Allen Pratt and is survived by his daughter, Jennifer Elin Taitt (Duncan), sisters Cynthia Henderson (Tom Malmlund) of Los Angeles, Leslie Pratt (Pamela McCain) of Plant City, and his aunt, Caroll Spring of Plant City.

After graduating from Bethlehem Central High School in Albany, NY he spent a year traveling the world and living abroad with his parents and sisters, touring Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Calcutta, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Germany, and the U.K.

Steve enlisted in the Navy in 1969 and began his training at the Great Lakes Naval Station where he earned his dolphins, volunteering for service in the elite submarine corps. He served on the USS Trepang, a fast attack nuclear submarine. Its main mission was the strategic defense of America. Other missions included performing scientific experiments and intelligence gathering in the the North Atlantic, Caribbean and the Mediterranean. In 1971 while at Great Lakes, he married Jennifer's mother, former spouse Kim (Kimmel) Pratt of Safety Harbor, FL..

After the Navy, Steve was employed by Unisys, a worldwide technology company, working in Florida, Saudi Arabia, and Ventura, CA where he became an expert technical writer, documenting complicated software manuals and training materials. In 1989 he married former spouse and dear friend, Lori Valentine of Palm Harbor. He then went on to write for a variety of industries including defense, manufacturing and consumer services. Steve retired in 2015.

He loved to travel. His most recent international trip was to the Holy Land in November of 2017. Steve also had a life long fascination with space exploration (most recently the Space-X launches, where he would follow live feeds of the launches, even if they were in the middle of the night!). He loved British murder mysteries, Pink Floyd, Facebook, sci-fi /alien movies, and the Hallmark Channel. (yes, you read that right!). His extensive library of books and his movie collection were a constant joy to him.

He loved theological research and Bible study, and never missed starting each day with morning devotions.

A private service will be held at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, Plant City. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association (<https://www.heart.org>), the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (<https://www.nmcrs.org>) or Society for St. Vincent DePaul Center of Hope ([http://www.svdpccsp.org/c\\_hope.htm](http://www.svdpccsp.org/c_hope.htm)).

# Cemetery Details

## **Hopewell Memorial Gardens**

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# Tribute Wall



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



Hopewell Funeral Home - April 13, 2019 at 08:59 AM

BP

Very Nicely done. It showed the full life that Steve lived...

Bill Pelka - April 17, 2019 at 07:12 PM

Bill  
Ryan

“ Thank you Cindy for letting me know of Steve's passing. I have many great memories of Steve and your family. Lots of neighborhood friends, school friends, sports friends will miss him. Rest in peace my friend.

Bill Ryan - April 24, 2019 at 11:33 AM

MI

“ My deep condolences to Stephen's family and friends.



Mike - April 20, 2019 at 01:36 AM

NS

“ *What a beautiful video tribute!*



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**Nancy Pratt Straw** - April 14, 2019 at 04:31 PM

NS

“ *I was so deeply saddened by the news of Steve's passing. My heartfelt condolences to Cindy, Leslie, Carol and all of Steve's family.*



*So many memories. Most from when we would all be in West Virginia. Cindy & I have reminisced about Steve being the 'designated leader over all us girls'. He was always up for the challenge with that great twinkle in his eyes and a smile. We didn't think we would get into trouble if Steve was there. Oh did we have fun!*

*They say when we lose a loved one here on earth we gain an angel in heaven. May you take comfort in knowing that you have another angel watching over you. Steve you have earned your wings - now fly!*

*May the care and love of those around you provide comfort and peace to you through the days ahead.*

*My sincere condolences,  
Nancy Pratt Straw  
Cousin #3*

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**Nancy Pratt Straw** - April 14, 2019 at 04:31 PM

DE

“ My heart goes out to the Pratt family, especially my friend Cindy. Viewing the video brought together for me the closeness and support that you had for each other through life's successes and challenges. I saw so much of Stephen's curiosity about the world and his support for others. May you forever be there for each other's journey.....Prayers and condolences.....

*Denise Orthen*

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**Denise** - April 14, 2019 at 12:20 AM

DP

“ Steve was my older cousin by 6 months. He was the first born boy in the Pratt family and I am the first born girl. We have Pratt family history. Steve and Uncle Arden were also two of the most intelligent people I have known. He would read National Geographic magazines while the rest of us read comic books. I have many memories over the years mostly from all of our times in West Virginia. So many. Even though I have not seen Steve recently I always envision him living the good life in Florida and being happy there. I know life is a journey but it just does not seem long enough to me.

*Rest in peace my cousin.*

*Diana "Sue" Pratt*

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**Diana S Pratt** - April 13, 2019 at 10:44 PM

CA

“ Steve Pratt was an amazing, sacrificial, godly man. I am grateful that the Lord placed him in my life ten years ago. He will be missed greatly but I know that we will be reunited one day in heaven..... See you on the other side Steve! Thank you for being a wonderful friend, prayer warrior, and spiritual encourager. I will miss you. Your sister in Christ, Cathy

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**Cathy** - April 13, 2019 at 07:43 PM

TM

“ Tom Malmlund lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen Alan Pratt



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**tom malmlund** - April 13, 2019 at 02:07 PM

TM

“ Steve was my brother in law. We were very different people; however, as the years passed I began to realize that in many ways we were very similar. Both of us had been involved in sports when we were younger. Both of us enjoyed fast cars. Both of us were alpha males, which caused some problems in the early stages of our relationship. Both of us enjoyed a variety of beers. Both of us enjoyed the company of women. And both of us enjoyed life in general. Steve and I had become good friends. I miss him; however, I know that he is in the place that he felt is the ultimate destination after life on earth is over.

Tommy

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**Tom Malmlund** - April 13, 2019 at 02:01 PM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - April 13, 2019 at 07:54 AM

RF

“ Dear family and friends of Stephen A. Pratt, ET2(SS),

*On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans - USSVI, please accept our sincere sympathy at Stephen's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May you find kindness to warm you, sympathy to comfort you, and cherished memories to bring peace to your heart.*

*We are forever grateful for Stephen's service to our country in the United States Submarine service. Stephen was a crewmember on the USS Trepang (SSN-674). To our Brother of the Phin we say, "Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch."*

*"Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way." 2 Thessalonians 3:16.*

*Pratt, Stephen A., ET2(SS), US Navy, now on Eternal Patrol -- Fair Winds and Following Seas to our departed shipmate. Stephen's record is posted online in the Eternal Patrol file on the USSVI website.*

*Rev. Ray Fritz, EM1(SS) - Acting National Chaplain United States Submarine Veterans, USSVI and Assistant Chaplain Carolina Piedmont Base, USSVI. Leave a message at (803-619-1121).*

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**Raymond A Fritz** - April 12, 2019 at 08:46 AM

CS

“ Steve was my only nephew and he was also my neighbor. I knew I could call on him if I needed a favor.

We often enjoyed dinners together on Friday evenings, with mutual friends, Sammy and Mary. I will miss him.

Rest in peace Steve. Until we meet again,

Auntie Carroll

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Caroll Spring - April 09, 2019 at 10:53 AM

TB

“ I still can't believe that Steve is gone he was just in getting his haircut , I'm so glad I got to spend some time with him laughing again about the good ole days ...we would always talk about how much I disliked his driving he scared the heck out of me and he always thought that was so funny! Steve had such a great heart and would put a smile on your face but most of all if you had a request for prayer he was such the prayer warrior..knowing that Steve is having the time of this life Praising our Savior is comforting , not to say he won't be missed because he surly will be ... ❤️🙏😭

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Tracy Buckley - April 08, 2019 at 07:44 AM

LP

“ As the youngest of the kids, I had the best big brother around. I remember him coming home from swim practice with wet hair and smelling like Brut. He built big model cars and helped me build forts. He taught me how to throw a football, aim a baseball, hit a golf ball, and swim like a fish. We were almost ten years apart, but he never treated me like a kid that I remember. I was always proud of him. He could be a difficult and stubborn man, but inside he was a sucker for a kitten. He was firm in his beliefs, no doubt. We were diametrically opposed on many things, but we could sit for hours and talk about what separated us, and frequently found we were closer on issues that's it appeared. I'll miss you Stephen and love you always. Smooth sailing, my brother. Say hi to Mom.

Leslie Pratt - April 07, 2019 at 09:24 AM

KP

“ Kim Pratt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen Alan Pratt



Kim Pratt - April 06, 2019 at 11:06 PM

KP

*It doesn't yet seem real that you have left earth, Steve. When next we meet, it will be a celebration in Heaven. God keep you until then.*

Kim Pratt - April 06, 2019 at 11:09 PM

KO

“ *Kris Ozimek lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen Alan Pratt*



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**Kris Ozimek** - April 06, 2019 at 01:01 PM

KO

“ *This still seems so unreal to me, my heart is broken. So many wonderful childhood memories with Steve...riding bikes, playing kickball in the street, swimming at Lincoln pool all day. I'll never forget how sweet he was to me when I called him while in California to try and reach Cindy, and mixed up the time difference...we must have talked for twenty minutes before he mentioned that it was three o'clock in the morning! I feel awful that I didn't stay in touch with him after that. Love and miss you my sweet friend. Sending big hugs* ❤️

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**Kris Ozimek** - April 06, 2019 at 12:42 PM

TH

“ *My friend, brother-in-law, golfing buddy and sailor, has left us far too soon. I have great memories of golf matches with Steve both overseas and here at home (I rarely seemed to win); visiting with him on the Trepang; and cribbage till dawn. May you see green fairways and calm seas.*

*With love and condolences to your family,*

*Travis (Smokey) Henderson*

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**Travis Henderson** - April 06, 2019 at 12:24 PM

JI

“My condolences to the family and thoughts of eternal peace to Steve.”

*Jack Ingram and daughter Tara*

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**jack ingram** - April 06, 2019 at 10:48 AM

CE

“ I too served with Steve on the Trepang as a fellow electronics tech. He will be missed. Calm waters and smooth sailing my friend.

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**Charles Kline ET1(SS)** - April 05, 2019 at 10:16 PM

KE

“ Steve always had a smile on his face, and a bit of sarcasm in his voice 😎. Steve was always there to help any way he could. One of the smartest men I have ever known, although he never carried on about it. I have always been very proud to call Steve my brother, we have been to hell and back, no better man have I ever served with. Steve rest your oars, we have the watch. Until we meet in heaven my brother.

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**Kearn Estes** - April 05, 2019 at 06:05 PM

BP

“ Condolences to the family. Spent some time with Steve on USS Trepang during the early '70's. Always fun to be around, listen to his stories. May God bless this Sailor and his extended family in their time of need. Stand down Sailor, we have the watch. Your duty to your former shipmates, flag and Country is done. Rest in Peace Steven...

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**Bill Pelka** - April 05, 2019 at 05:23 PM

AC

“ *Rest well Steve, you see our Lord face to face now.*

Alan Cogliano - April 05, 2019 at 03:01 PM

LB

“ *We were blessed to know Steve. Condolences to his beloved family at this time of loss.*

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.*

Louise and Allen Barrett - April 05, 2019 at 02:00 PM

CH

“ *I miss you, Big Brother. You were part of my life from the beginning of my life. You were one of the only people who knew what it was like to grow up in the same house I grew up in. I'm glad to have so many memories, and I'll be in Florida tomorrow to hug our little sister.*

*I know you don't want us to be sad because you are now living in your dream home. and probably humming one of your favorite Pink Floyd songs, "Wish you Were Here". I love you!*

Cindy Pratt Henderson - April 05, 2019 at 12:04 PM

CH

“ *Cindy Pratt Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Stephen Alan Pratt*



Cindy Pratt Henderson - April 05, 2019 at 12:04 PM