

Stephen Gardiner Stromberg

February 18, 1943 (Rockford, IL) February 27, 2025 (Rockford, IL)

Stephen Gardiner Stromberg, 82, was born February 18, 1943, to Paul Lewis and Helen (Gardiner) Stromberg. He passed away in his Rockford home on February 27, 2025.



Steve was a member of the West High School Class of 1961 Reunion Committee.

A banker for many years, Steve later followed in the artistic footsteps of his father and grandfather - working as a professional painter in the field of interior design. He loved fishing and the outdoors and honed his skills as a shore bird and duck decoy carver and artist.

Steve was proud to have lived most of his life in Rockford's North End neighborhood. He appreciated local history and had a great eye for antiques; he employed that knowledge when he helped salvage many of

the treasures from Hill House, the historic mansion built in 1907 by George Forbes, founder of Gunit Corporation. The home was acquired by F. LeRoy and Ellen Mayo Hill, the other of the only two families to occupy it.

Steve had many lifelong friends, never knew a stranger and had great conversations about many things; there was never a shortage of topics at his weekly breakfasts and lunches with friends. In acknowledgment to the Downtown Group: Steve was also a friend of Bill.

Predeceased by his Parents; Brother, Carl Edward Stromberg; Aunt, Eleanor Ruth Stromberg Manby; and Grandparents, Carl Edward and Hilma Ellide (Akesson) Stromberg, Steve is survived by Nephew, Brian (Jodi) Stromberg and their family; special companion, Julie Kappes; Gus, the cat; and many life-long friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday April 12, 2025, at GPS Faith Community Lutheran Church, 11189 Forest Hills Road, Machesney Park, IL, 61115. Please bring a story to share, and in lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Stephen's name to Noah's Ark Animal Shelter, 111 North 1st Street, Rockford, IL 61107.

Interment was private at Arlington Memorial Park, Rockford. The family was assisted by Stateline Cremations, 6204 Forrest Hills Rd., Loves Park, IL 61111.

Reference:

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