



## Stephen Willis Kagay

September 8, 1944 - May 22, 2014

Stephen Willis Kagay, 69, of Estero, FL, formerly of Bel Air, MD, died Thursday, May 22, 2014. He was born September 8, 1944 in Columbus, OH, the son of H. Ralph and Harriet (née Swain) Kagay.

He is a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps, who honorably served two voluntary tours in Vietnam. Mr. Kagay was a 1972 graduate of Penn State University. Later that year he joined the firm of Rummel, Klepper & Kahl Engineers, headquartered in Baltimore, MD. He was part of the team that managed the construction of the Baltimore Metro subway system. In 1980, he became a partner with the firm. As an exceptional leader, he grew the Construction Management/Inspection division from less than 40 to a team of more than 250. One of his most notable accomplishments was his role in the management of the \$2.4 billion replacement of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge which crosses the Potomac River near Washington, D.C.

Mr. Kagay was active in his church as a Eucharist Minister at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community, Ft. Myers, FL. He was an avid Baltimore Ravens fan and a Corvette enthusiast.

He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Dianne L. (née Shiner) Kagay; his beloved sons, Stephen Willis Kagay Jr. of White Plains, NY and Ryan Francis (Elizabeth) Kagay of Colleyville, TX; his brother, Dr. Michael Ralph (Carol) Kagay of Princeton, NJ; and his cherished 5-week old granddaughter,

Camille Elizabeth Kagay.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at 12:00 Noon at Our Lady of Light Catholic Church, 19680 Cypress View Drive, Ft. Myers. Relatives and friends are invited to call in the Chapel of the church beginning at 11:00 a.m. preceding the Mass. Burial with Military Honors will take place at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

Arrangements by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA 22211  
<http://arlingtoncemetery.mil>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 28.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community  
19680 Cypress View Dr.  
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

## Mass of Christian Burial

**MAY 28.** 12:00 PM (ET)

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19680 Cypress View Dr.  
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen Willis Kagay*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *God Bless/RIP,to ALL who served."When we look to heavens scene,we will find the gates are guarded by Another United States MARINE". Thank YOU for your service,those two tours in Nam,Steve.Also remembering back at West High in 1962..... Semper Fi.*



**Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC** - July 12, 2014 at 07:20 AM



“ *I just heard of Steve's passing from another Marine who served with him in Viet Nam. I am truly sorry. Steve was a good Marine, very good at what he did, and I will always remember his sense of humor.*

*Ed Lynch  
Port Clinton, Ohio*

**ed lynch** - July 05, 2014 at 06:28 AM

DS

“ To Dianne, Stephen and Ryan:  
I'm way late on my comments Kagay Family but knowing my boss and fellow Marine has passed I feel a loss and only wish I could have shared in your loss more closely. I loved this man and along the way over 28 years until he retired early I enjoyed working under this fine mans supervision. We enjoyed much suscess over our years with RK&K, there was no better boss, partner and a real Marine that I could have worked with over my career.  
I share in your loss of this fine gentlemen, husband and father and I will get to Arlington one day soon; I know Mr. Kagay will continue to carry on. Semper Fi

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David H. Shearer - June 17, 2014 at 05:45 PM

DK

Thank you so much for your kind words, Dave. - Dianne

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dianne kagay - June 19, 2014 at 05:44 PM

JS

“ Mr. Kagay was a good boss, and more importantly a good man. He always took the time to talk to everyone regardless of where you ranked on the totem pole. He genuinely cared about his employees in the field, and never had a problem taking the time out of his day to talk to you and see how you were doing. He was a fair man and the world will be worse off without him in it. Sorry to hear of his passing. He will be missed by many.

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Jason Smith - May 30, 2014 at 10:41 AM

DK

Thank you so much for your kind words, Jason. - Dianne Kagay

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dianne kagay - June 19, 2014 at 05:45 PM

PF

“ Dianne, Steve, Jr. And Ryan, We were so sorry to hear that Steve passed away. I have some great memories of our years with the Harford Sox and he is one of them. I can still hear him, towards the end of the games yell, "warm up the bus", because we were heading home after another win! He was so proud of his boys! It's great that God gave us the ability to remember the happy times. You shed a tear with the memories now, but someday you will smile when you think of him. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, The Schwartz Family

Pat and Roland Schwartz & Family - May 28, 2014 at 10:31 AM

DK

Thank you so much for your kind words, Pat and Roland. Great memories... - Dianne

dianne kagay - June 19, 2014 at 05:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen Willis Kagay.



May 28, 2014 at 09:35 AM

EH

“ Great boss and even a better man...always had a smile and took the time to know you...the person. Semper Fi

Eric Hiemenz - May 28, 2014 at 07:51 AM

DK

Thank you so much for your kind words. - Dianne Kagay

dianne kagay - June 19, 2014 at 05:47 PM

LH

“ Steve was a man of great integrity. A wonderful friend, boss, colleague and mentor. He was always there to help others and everybody liked him. I have never met anybody who did not. I feel very privileged to have known him for 34 years.

Lars

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Lars Hill - May 28, 2014 at 05:42 AM

DK

Thank you so much for your kind words, Lars. You were such a big part of his life. He always enjoyed your phone calls to catch up. - Dianne

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dianne kagay - June 19, 2014 at 05:48 PM

DA

“ I was shocked to hear of Steve's passing. During the 10 years we worked on the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project, Steve was my "personal runner". Every time he went to the project office, I had plans and displays for him to transport. Each time, I would politely ask "would you mind taking these for me?" He finally told me to quit asking and just put my stuff on the chair with his things; he never minded being my personal errand runner....always with a smile for me. RIP Steve, you will always be remembered warmly in my heart. Debi Adkins, CADD Coordinator, RK&K

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Debi Adkins - May 27, 2014 at 03:25 PM

DK

Thank you so much for your kind words. - Dianne

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dianne kagay - June 19, 2014 at 05:49 PM

DK

Thank you so much for your kind words. - Dianne Kagay

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Dianne Kagay - June 19, 2014 at 05:55 PM

RP

“ Rob Pettis lit a candle in memory of Stephen Willis Kagay



Rob Pettis - May 27, 2014 at 03:15 PM

DK

Thank you so much. - Dianne Kagay

Dianne Kagay - June 19, 2014 at 05:55 PM

LI

“ Diane,  
Words can not express the deep sympathy I feel for you and your family. God give you strength and Bless you all. Thinking of you  
Your choir friend,  
Linda Golden

Linda - May 27, 2014 at 01:00 PM

DK

Thank you so very much. - Dianne Kagay

Dianne Kagay - June 03, 2014 at 10:44 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Stephen Willis Kagay.



May 27, 2014 at 10:37 AM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Stephen Willis Kagay.



May 27, 2014 at 07:52 AM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss Diane. May God bless you and your family with strength and peace at this difficult time.



Jeannine Stein Drvirch - May 27, 2014 at 07:21 AM



Thank you so very much. - Dianne Kagay

Dianne Kagay - June 03, 2014 at 10:44 AM



“ On behalf of the West High School Alumni Association, I send our condolences to Stephen's family. It is always a sad day when we lose an alum. We will list Stephen's passing in the next quarterly edition of the Alumni Association newsletter so his West High family and friends will also be aware of his passing.

Dorance Hornsby - May 26, 2014 at 08:44 PM



Thank you so very much. - Dianne Kagay

Dianne Kagay - June 03, 2014 at 10:45 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen Willis Kagay.*



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May 25, 2014 at 04:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Stephen Willis Kagay.*



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May 25, 2014 at 03:40 PM