



Stephen Stidinger

March 30, 1945 - April 23, 2026

NAPLES - Stephen Stidinger passed away on April 23, 2026. Stephen was born in Lewistown, Pennsylvania, March 30, 1945, to Dorothy (McCoy) and Gail Marlin Stidinger.

Stephen served in the United States Air Force Security Service from 1965-1968. He was stationed in Brindisi, Italy, a country he fell in love with, and returned to often. After his military duty, Stephen attended Millersville University in Pennsylvania.

Upon graduating from college in 1974, Stephen relocated to Washington, DC, where he started his career as an events planner. He was employed by the American Association on Mental Retardation (now the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities) until 1999. It was in Washington that Stephen met his life partner, Jack Castore.

In 1999 Stephen and Jack moved to Naples where Stephen took the position of events planner for the Association for Services Management International. When that company relocated to San Diego in 2007, Stephen was hired as events planner for NewsBank, Inc until his retirement in 2020.

Stephen was predeceased by Jack Castore, his partner for 33 years; his father, Gail Marlin Stidinger; his mother, Dorothy (McCoy) Stidinger; and his

son, Andrew Allwein.

Stephen is survived by his brother Dennis Stidinger (Jamie) of Lebanon, PA; his grandson Austin Allwein of Kailua HI; nieces Nicole Swallow (Craig) of Hummelstown, PA; Brandy Dark (Adrian) of Siler City, NC; Lauren Woodring (Chaney) of Orlando, FL; and daughter-in-law Dori Allwein of Prescott, AZ.

Stephen was a member of Christus Victor Lutheran Church in Naples, Florida since 1999, serving six years on church council, as well as many church committees. Stephen was ever committed to his faith in Jesus Christ.

Stephen had a passion for films, theater, and traveling annually to Italy with his partner,

An important part of his life were his three Shelties-JJ, Kinzey and Hannah. He leaves behind his beloved dog, Cassie.

A Memorial Service will be held at Christus Victor Luther Church 15600 Tamiami Trail North, Naples Florida Saturday, May 9, 20026 at 1:00PM

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.shikanyfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

Christus Victor Lutheran Church
15600 N. Tamiami Trail
Naples, FL 34110

Tribute Wall

KC

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Stephen's passing. I was just thinking of him today and found this. He and Jack adopted Kinzey from our Rescue years ago and we always considered them to be our best adopters! If only every dog could live as good as his dogs. I'm sure it was a happy reunion in Heaven between them all. ❤️ My heart & prayers are with Stephen's family and friends. He will be fondly remembered.

Kathy Cochran - May 22 at 08:27 PM

JS

“ May you rest in peace Stephen. I'll miss you. Love, JoAnne and Tony

JoAnne Studer - May 10 at 04:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stephen Stidinger.



April 29 at 10:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Stephen Stidinger.

April 29 at 10:50 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of Stephen Stidinger, give you peace, comfort and strength...

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom.
You will not be forgotten...*

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

*US Air Force Veteran, Stephen Stidinger, is “A True American Hero”
God Bless†*

*† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life
for his friends. John 15:13 †*

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - April 29 at 05:53 AM

CD

“ *Cheryl Davis lit a candle in memory of
Stephen Stidinger*



Cheryl Davis - April 28 at 10:08 AM