



## Stephen Hill Wernert

August 2, 1950 - November 11, 2018

Stephen H. Wernert, 68, of Toledo passed away suddenly on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at the University of Toledo Medical Center. He was born in Toledo on August 2, 1950 to James and Rosemary Wernert.

Stephen attended Rosary Cathedral Grade School and St. Francis de Sales High School, graduating in 1968. He attended St. Meinrad Seminary for 2 years where he was a member of the basketball team. Stephen later went on to the University of Toledo where he received his BA Degree in 1976.

He worked as an orderly at St. Vincent's Medical Center while attending college and later worked at the 7up Bottling Company for 21 years. He finally retired from the Archway Cookie Company in 2004. Stephen was an avid golfer and University of Notre Dame football fan and also enjoyed spending time up north at the family cottage and around the pool in the summer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother James, and niece Nancy. He is survived by his wife of 41 years JoAn; sons Christopher (Diana), Sean, Kevin (Jen), Keith; daughter Colleen (Justin) Hudson; brothers Tony (Kay) and David (Kathy); sister in law Mary Kay; grandchildren Hadley, Cullen, and Ainsley as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Friday, November 16 from 2 – 8 p.m. with a sharing of memories at 7 p.m. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, November 17 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the funeral home followed by the Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at 10:00 a.m. Memorials may take the form of

contributions to the church.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the UTMC nurses Kelli, Arianna, and Mandy for their loving care.

Please view and sign the guest registry at [www.coylefuneralhome.com](http://www.coylefuneralhome.com)

“We love you very much and will miss you.

Keep an eye on us until we see you on the other side.”

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 16. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Sharing of Memories

NOV 16. 7:00 PM (ET)

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1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Service

NOV 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
2255 Central Grove  
Toledo, OH 43614

# Tribute Wall

PB

“ Steve and I were class mates at Rosary Cathedral and then (like Mark below) we were room mates at St. Meinrad. We had a lot of fun together and he always seemed to be in a good mood no matter what problems were around us. We were the men from TOLEDO and we stood proud together. Separated a very long time over the years I never met JoAn and his family and really wanted to see Steve again. He was a good man and got along with everyone. No doubt he was a good husband and father. My condolences and prayers. You made it Steve!

*Pat Bailey  
New Orleans*

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**Pat Bailey** - November 19, 2018 at 04:44 PM

MA

“ JoAn and Family, Tony and David, and families. I would like to extend my condolences. Steve and I were room mates at St. Meinrad for two years. Steve had a rich chuckle, a great sense of humor and easy manner with everyone he met. He was a natural born leader. The Benedictines were grooming him for the Monastery but Steve had other ideas. He told me about JoAn shortly before they got married and I made it to the wedding and reception. I hope someday to meet his kids and grandchildren and tell them some stories about the great human their Dad and Grandpa is...

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**Mark** - November 16, 2018 at 08:56 PM

MB

“ Thoughts and prayers for Steve, his family, and friends.

*Michael L. Benner*  
*St. Francis de Sales Class of '68*

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**michael benner** - November 15, 2018 at 06:56 PM

CV

“ 1 file added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



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**COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS** - November 15, 2018 at 12:49 PM

CH

*The Chris and Mary Hunter family were saddened to hear of "Ragweed's" passing. Our older sons remember some very funny times with bellicose David, story-teller Skip and ironic Rag. Several parties around the pool are most memorable. The Hickeys never seemed to appreciate the humor as much as the Hunters. Mary has numerous stories concerning the spoiled baby that Jim mocked and Rosie protected. We all cared for Steve and Joanne and children over the many years and will miss him greatly. Condolences to Joanne and the brood. Laugh heartily when you think of Steve.*

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**Chris Hunter** - November 16, 2018 at 10:47 AM

TF

“ The Nowakowski Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Stephen Hill Wernert.



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**The Nowakowski Family** - November 15, 2018 at 12:35 PM

JN

“ Steve and I graduated together in the Class of '68 at St Francis de Sales. I'll never forget how impressed I was with his easy friendliness and warm communication skills; these led him to become a popular classmate, a perennial class officer and Class President during our Junior year.

*In addition, I will always remember his passionate dedication and relentless determination to the Wrestling program. This sport was extremely challenging. It required a tremendous amount of physical work and toughness simply participating in daily practices as well as an equal amount of sacrifice and great self control regarding eating habits in order to make weight before all matches.*

*Steve was a friend, a leader, a fighter and a winner; he will be sadly missed but well remembered by all his classmates. I was certainly honored to have known him.*

*My Greatest Wishes for Comfort and Peace for all his Family and Friends,*

*James F Nowakowski*

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**James F Nowakowski** - November 15, 2018 at 11:28 AM

DC

“ Steve was a classmate at Cathedral ('64) and St. Francis ('68). So glad to have been able to visit with him at the SFS 50th Reunion Mass last August. Condolences to the Wernert family.

*Don Carroll  
Cincinnati, OH*

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**Don Carroll** - November 14, 2018 at 11:39 PM

BA

“ Tony, David, & families: So sorry about Steve.

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**Betty Applebaum** - November 14, 2018 at 10:55 PM

EF

“ Steve was a high school classmate of mine at St. Francis. Steve had a special skill that allowed him to be friends with a lot of different people. We celebrated our 50th Reunion this past August. In retrospect, it was a wonderful blessing to see Steve at Mass on Saturday of reunion weekend. Please accept my condolences. I hope you find some consolation in the knowledge that Steve is at peace in his heavenly home.

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**Edward J. Fitzgerald** - November 14, 2018 at 08:52 PM

RT

“ JoAn, kids and Wernert family, I am so sorry for your loss. Back in the 80's and 90's the 7UP family was a tight knit unit and Steve was a vital part of that environment. We worked hard and also played hard and many forever friendships were made. Steve's Holiday Kickoff Mtng. Skits were legendary! He was so talented! We're gonna miss you Buddy, RIP "Lil' Squirt". Rick "Topper" Tolland

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**Rick Tolland** - November 14, 2018 at 05:26 PM

LA

“ JoAnne and family - I am so sorry to hear of Ragweed's passing. I am sure he was greeted by his mom, dad and other family members. Please know that my heart and prayers are with you as you grieve his loss. Hugs, Linda Anderson

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**Linda Anderson** - November 14, 2018 at 12:22 PM

KD

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire Wernert family. May your memories of Stephen bring you comfort in the days and weeks ahead. God bless you all.*

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**Karmen Duke** - November 14, 2018 at 10:30 AM