



## Stephen M. Oliveira

May 18, 1950 - April 22, 2024

Stephen Michael Oliveira, age 73, passed away peacefully in his sleep in the early morning hours of April 22, 2024, taking the secret of how he got the car stuck between two trees with him. Steve was born on May 18, 1950, in Honolulu, HI (yes, before it was a state) to Sylvester and Helen (Alencastre) Oliveira. He grew up in Lihue, HI running wild in all those places you see in the movies with his four siblings, Bernice Crowder (Harry), JoAnn Oliveira, Sylvester "Oli" Oliveira Jr (Yolanda), and Georgiana Warner (Michael). He spent 23 years in the Army, retiring as a Sergeant First Class. He then worked in multiple school districts as a teaching assistant for about 20 years before retiring permanently so he could go fishing whenever he wanted.

Steve loved hunting, fishing, traveling, being a "W," and spending time with his friends and family. He

was an active member in his church and had a strong faith in God. His greatest talent was picking up a beer bottle with only his tongue. He was also a roadie for the Hudson River Bells for many years. He served on the Board of Education for the Coxsackie Athens School District where he infamously tried to quit in the middle of a meeting, but his resignation was rejected.

Steve is survived by his wife, Jeanne (Cozzocrea) Oliveira (who married him for his body and Star Wars movies), his children, Stephen Jr (who recorded himself speeding in the truck and left the evidence in the truck) (wife Alexia Vernon), Richard (the one who got a needle in his foot twice) (wife Shelley Coker Oliveira...sorry Shelley), Maureen-Lynn "Molly" (the one who knows

how to plan the perfect murder) (fiance Michael Quinn) and Jae (the favorite one who he wanted to come live with him at the hospital), his grandchildren Patience and Kaia, and his many nieces and nephews. He warns them he's still watching. He had many friends in his life and will be missed, although we know he would just ask us what the big deal was. Those who saw it will never forget the Hawaiifro. The 80s were... a time.

Visitation will be held on Friday, May 3, 2024 from 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. and also on Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 P.M., with a Celebration of Life to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024 - Star Wars attire encouraged... if you know, you know) starting at 1:00 P.M. Visitations and the Celebration of Life will all be held at the First Reformed Church of Athens , 18 North Church Street, Athens, N.Y., 12015.

In lieu of flowers, the family strongly suggests making a donation to The First Reformed Church of Athens, P.O. Box 101, Athens, N.Y., 12015.

Arrangements are under the direction of Richards Funeral Home of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Inc., 28 North Vernon Street, Athens, N.Y. 12015.

Condolences and memories of Stephen may be shared at [www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net](http://www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

First Reformed Church  
18 N. Church Street  
Athens, NY 12015

## Visitation

MAY 4. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life

MAY 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Reformed Church  
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Athens, NY 12015

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Della Simmons purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Stephen M. Oliveira.*



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**Della Simmons** - May 04, 2024 at 09:02 AM

DS

“ *Della Simmons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen M. Oliveira.*

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**Della Simmons** - May 04, 2024 at 09:02 AM

DS

“ *Thank you Steve for being a friend and a great family man. Your joy for life was infectious. You will be remembered with kindness and warmth. May the Lord keep you in his light. My condolences to your loved ones. Blessings and prayers, a dear friend Della Simmons.*

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**Della Simmons** - May 04, 2024 at 08:23 AM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen M. Oliveira.*



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May 03, 2024 at 02:39 PM

M&

“ Mike & Lori planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen M. Oliveira.

Mike & Lori - May 03, 2024 at 02:39 PM

TK

“ Terri K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen M. Oliveira.

Terri K. - May 02, 2024 at 04:56 PM

JC

“ It was a pleasure getting to know Steve & taking care of him during his time at the VA. He was a wonderful man! Sending my deepest condolences to all.

-Jess Cronin (RN at the Albany VA)

Jess Cronin - May 02, 2024 at 01:18 PM

GS

“ Gail Stacey lit a candle in memory of Stephen M. Oliveira



Gail Stacey - May 01, 2024 at 07:35 PM

PK

“ I am so sorry to her about Steve’s passing. He was a special, caring and funny person. I will never forget all the fun we had and trouble we got into at school. You are all in my prayers.  
*Paula kalney*

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**Paula Kalney** - April 30, 2024 at 08:57 AM

PE

“ What a great picture we will all remember that wonderful smile. He was such a special person and we all loved him. A kind and caring person always looking out for someone else, putting others ahead of himself. We miss you Steve . We know you are at peace and rest.

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**Peggy** - April 27, 2024 at 11:33 AM

BK

“ We all loved Steve. I can't go into our church without feeling his presence there. We miss him.  
*He was a kind and gentle soul.*

*Bill and Kathy*

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**Bill and Kathy** - April 26, 2024 at 12:04 PM

KH

“ I don't know you folks, but I just thought that this obituary was great. He sounds like he was a heck of a man! I'm so sorry for your loss.....but I feel like you won't really be losing him. Seems like his impression will be a lasting one. May the Force be with you all! ♡

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**Kate Hansen** - April 26, 2024 at 09:10 AM



“ *OH i am so sorry. He was a great man and will be missed.*

Patrick Andrews - April 26, 2024 at 08:26 AM



“ *Jeanne and girls. I am so sorry to read about Steve's passing. I enjoyed working with him at Catskill Middle School. Everyone that knew him loved him. My sincere condolences to you all.*

Gina Berry - April 26, 2024 at 08:16 AM



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Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc. - April 24, 2024 at 01:05 PM



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Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc. - April 24, 2024 at 01:04 PM

RH

“ Richards Funeral Home sent a virtual gift in memory of Stephen M. Oliveira



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**Richards Funeral Home** - April 22, 2024 at 12:18 PM

RH

*We wish to express our condolences to The Family of Stephen M. Oliveira during this difficult time and throughout the days ahead.  
Sincerely Yours,  
Richards Funeral Home of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Inc.  
Athens, N.Y. and Cairo, N.Y.*

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**Richards Funeral Home** - April 22, 2024 at 12:19 PM



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**Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc.** - April 22, 2024 at 12:15 PM