



Stephen C. Frechtling

December 21, 1946 - September 18, 2017

Stephen C. Frechtling Age 70, died suddenly September 18, 2017 at Fort Hamilton Hospital. He was born in Hamilton on December 21, 1946, the son of James C. and Lela (Butts) Frechtling. He graduated from Taft High School in 1964 and was a 1968 graduate of the University of Michigan, where he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He was a veteran of the United States Army serving as an interrogator in Vietnam from 1968-1970. He married Geraldine E. Hays on June 5, 1971 in Ypsilanti, Michigan. He spent his career doing what he loved and was a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, serving as a deacon. He was President of Hamilton SAY Soccer Association for 29 years, spending countless hours on the soccer field as a referee, and organizing numerous tournaments. He loved baking banana bread and sharing it with the community. He is survived by his wife, Gerry, Hamilton; his four children, Mathew (Jennifer) Frechtling, Hamilton, Scott (Jill) Frechtling, Fairfield, Jeffrey (Heather) Frechtling, Hamilton, and Anna (Robert) Kroeger, West Chester; a brother, John T. Frechtling, Hamilton. He is also survived by nine grandchildren; Bradley, Benjamin, Madeline, Ella, Lela, Kendall, and Claire Frechtling, Evelyn and Robert Kroeger. Funeral services will be held, Thursday, September 21, 2017 at Weigel Funeral Home, 980 N. W. Washington Blvd. Hamilton, Ohio 45013 at 10:30am with Dr. John H. H. Lewis officiating. Interment will be in Rose Hill Burial Park. A visitation will be held Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at The Presbyterian Church, 23 S. Front St., Hamilton, OH 45011 from

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Memorials may be made to The Presbyterian Church in his memory. Online condolences are available at www.weigelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Burial Park

2421 Princeton Road
Hamilton, OH 45011

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 20. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Presbyterian Church
23 S. Front Street
Hamilton, OH 45013

Service

SEP 21. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Weigel Funeral Home
980 N.W. Washington Blvd.
Hamilton, OH 45013
(513) 892-1524
<https://www.weigelfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall

BH

“ To Gerry & family,

I just learned of Steve's passing thru the actuarial grapevine. Please accept my condolences. I always enjoyed Steve's sense of humor, and I greatly appreciated his help for me getting on at Cincinnati Financial after my early retirement from Western-Southern. How quickly time passes; it seems not that long ago when I was playing tennis with him at the apartment complex where he lived off Colerain avenue. He and all of you will be remembered in my prayers; may he rest in peace.

Bob Honkomp

Bob Honkomp - September 30, 2017 at 01:16 PM

DH

“ *Steve was a great ref, a great man and worked tirelessly to improve the game of soccer in every aspect. He will be missed.*

Dave Humphrey

Dave Humphrey - September 22, 2017 at 04:38 PM

SP

“ Dear family,

Steve was a special person as you know. He touched many lives and was loved by people throughout his lifetime. He was both funny and serious. You had the best of Steve.

May wonderful memories live in your hearts forever and give you comfort.

Sue and Mike Paxton

Sue Paxton - September 21, 2017 at 05:50 PM

RY

“ Dear Frechtling family, I am deeply saddened by the news that Steve has passed.

I have only known Steve for about 7 years or so really. I coach a local girls high school soccer team and of course Steve would always bring me banana bread every time he Had one of our games. He was a great man and will be truly missed on and off the field. I feel like I should tell you that his kindness not only had a profound effect on me but it also effected my players. They thought he was awesome!

*I will lift your family up to the Lord and pray for peace for you all.
Rusty Young*

Rusty Young - September 21, 2017 at 01:46 PM

JS

“ I have known Steve since elementary school and I always liked him. However, as I got to know him better in my adulthood, I grew to love and respect him. I was fortunate to have taken an Alaskan cruise with some classmates including Steve and Gerry and I will cherish those memories. Steve was so much fun and I was able to see the love he had for Gerry, his children and grandchildren. He was a wonderful family man and a man of integrity. It is so hard to think we will never see Steve again as he was such a "larger than life" personality. We will miss you, Steve. May you rest in peace. Prayers to Gerry and the rest of Steve's family.

Judy Anschuetz Schmidt - September 20, 2017 at 07:26 PM



“ Dear Frechtling family,

I have know Stephen for over 30 years. I shared only our common interest in the game .

What a great man to know and call friend. I will miss his handshake,it was always manly!

I will miss his smile , it was always welcoming. I will miss his confidence, it was always inspiring..

I will keep all of you in my prayers.

Kelly Kalberer

Kelly Kalberer - September 20, 2017 at 03:32 PM

JB

“ Steve was not only a great referee he was a great man. So many have respect for him and how he lived his life. Steve refereed MANY of the games I've coached over the years. He was a fair ref, kept games under control and engaged with both coaches and players. Beyond the field, I felt blessed to call him friend. None of us was ready for this, we were shocked and saddened to hear of his passing. Prayers to his family at their great loss. We will see you again Steve, I'm sure he will have banana bread waiting for us.

Jan Bennett - September 20, 2017 at 02:48 PM

SS

“ I am shocked and very sad to hear about Steve's untimely passing away. he has left behind a lot of sad people and good memories to remember him by. I always enjoyed chatting and referring Soccer games with Steve. He was very friendly and a great charmer. He knew how to control the games, coaches, players and fans and make it fun for everyone.

Steve, my friend, you may be gone form this earthly world to a better place but you will always remain in our hearts. I am going to cherish the good times I has in your company. May your Soul rest in peace.

I send my deepest condolences to the family.

Sursum Corda

Take Care.

Shekhar Singh

Shekhar Singh - September 20, 2017 at 01:21 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Stephen C. Frechtling.*



September 20, 2017 at 12:23 PM

DA

“ I met Steve 20-some years ago when he was the Referee Assignor for Hamilton youth soccer and I for Fairfield. We soon developed a close friendship eventually working together assigning over 100 club teams and running a dozen tournaments each year. We always asked the tournaments to provide bananas to sustain potassium levels for the referees working many games. At the end of the tournaments we would end up with leftover bananas sometimes a case or more. Steve began collecting the leftover bananas and returning to the next tournament with the banana bread. He started taking Fridays off work before tournaments just to bake and blocked baking time in our tournament scheduling. He experimented with different ingredients and when he retired he greatly expanded the many varieties he baked and every tournament he attended donated to and benefitted from the banana bread cause. During soccer season we talked to each other more than we did our families. Steve liked to tell people we were opposites which is why we worked so well together. He was extremely detailed and kept a record of every match he officiated no matter what level. Every time we met I could always count on him for a story or memory as his recall of people he met especially coaches and players was uncanny. He always was a cheerleader for local youth sports and the S.A.Y. soccer program was dearest to his heart. He changed my perspective with his constant cheerful smile and positive outlook. Today I still use the parting words Steve always said to me: "Have Fun!"

R.I.P. Steve you will be greatly missed by the soccer community.
-Doug Asmus

Doug Asmus - September 20, 2017 at 11:33 AM

FO

“ FOSC purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Stephen C. Frechtling.



FOSC - September 20, 2017 at 11:08 AM

HF

“ Heinrich Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Stephen C. Frechtling.



Heinrich Family - September 20, 2017 at 09:25 AM

5S

“ 5 Points Say Soccer purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Stephen C. Frechtling.



5 Points Say Soccer - September 20, 2017 at 08:38 AM

DF

“ Doug and Bonnie Asmus and Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Stephen C. Frechtling.



Doug and Bonnie Asmus and Family - September 19, 2017 at 11:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stephen C. Frechtling.*



September 19, 2017 at 10:42 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen C. Frechtling.*



September 19, 2017 at 10:19 PM



“ *The Strawberry Soccer Invitational Team purchased the Beautiful Whisper for the family of Stephen C. Frechtling.*



The Strawberry Soccer Invitational Team - September 19, 2017 at 06:56 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Stephen C. Frechtling.*



September 19, 2017 at 05:09 PM

RD

“ I met Steve several year ago when he was my assignor for the Troy Strawberry Festival Invitational tournament. Over the year I got to spend a lot of time with him during the tournament.



When ever I ran into Steve he would always ask about my family. We will miss him dearly.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Fretchling family he will be missed by all the people that he touched.

RIP Steve!

Rusty Dornbusch - September 19, 2017 at 04:53 PM

KF

“ Steve was one of the first referees that I met when I began officiating. There wasn't many referees who didn't know Steve. He was always very helpful to all the new officials. He will be sorely missed. Thank you Steve for all you have shared.

Kelly Frey

Kelly Frey - September 19, 2017 at 04:17 PM

RR

“ Hamilton say soccer was Steve. As a select soccer coach I spent many years by Steve side organizing soccer tournaments and commiserating coaching ideas. I also knew him as a professional in the insurance industry working at Cincinnati insurance company. If you had had your children raised by somebody else Steve would be a first consideration. He will be sorely missed and she was deeply respected and loved. Richard Ruby

Richard Ruby - September 19, 2017 at 02:58 PM

AR

“ In a moment like this there seem to be no words, but Steve was such a strong cheerful life force, it is rather easy. The Rensing family has known Steve for many, many, years. My earliest was coaching against him in SAY, but only every other year, since Anna is a year older than Jessica. He was one of my favorite opponents. Then Jeff and Brian were teammates and the traveling was so fun to share with Steve and Gerry. All the while the MASC tournament was mingled in the mix. Working with Steve as the referee coordinator and just a plain old ref was a pleasure, well, most of the time.
His smile, his spirit and his compassion will be missed.
Ken & Andrea Rensing and family

Andrea Rensing - September 19, 2017 at 02:20 PM

MA

“ Midwest Soccer Officials Association purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Stephen C. Frechtling.



Midwest Soccer Officials Association - September 19, 2017 at 02:09 PM

TF

“ Steve will be missed by the ref'ing community. You always knew when Steve was on the field because of the way he ran. You always knew when he was near you because of his smile. May God give your family peace in this time of sadness. Steve, I will see you on the pitch in heaven. Please safe me a place.....

Tim Finke - September 19, 2017 at 01:39 PM

 Cathy Blevins

“ So very sorry for your loss, Gerry and family. I will be praying for you. God bless you all.

Cathy Blevins

Cathy Blevins - September 19, 2017 at 01:31 PM

FR

“ When Steve came to visit in Texas we thought we had adopted him in to the family. He would show up at our camper door every morning for countless hours of playing Mexican Train. He also enjoyed eating, and I love to cook for someone who enjoys it. He will be so missed. My prayers go out to the family and all who loved him. 🙏❤️

Frances Smith & Bob Runge - September 19, 2017 at 12:48 PM

DD

“ Dayton Christian School Athletic Department purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Stephen C. Frechtling.



Dayton Christian School Athletic Department - September 19, 2017 at 12:40 PM

RH

“ Steve was always a smiling face when you walked into the ref tent at 7:15 am. His smiling face and personality will be missed.

Rob Hormann - September 19, 2017 at 12:30 PM

DT

“ *The Creek Classic Soccer tournament will always remember Steve for his banana bread, we all enjoyed eating it, and looked forward to it each year. We are going to miss his smiling face and his bread.*

John Ankeney and Diane Thullen and the staff of the Creek Classic Soccer Tournament.

Diane Thullen - September 19, 2017 at 12:00 PM

JS

“ *John Ankeney and staff of the Creek Classic Soccer purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Stephen C. Frechtling.*



John Ankeney and staff of the Creek Classic Soccer -
September 19, 2017 at 11:53 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen C. Frechtling.*



September 19, 2017 at 11:41 AM

GF

“ My condolences to the Frechtling family and friends. I officiated a soccer game last Wednesday with Steve in Fairborn, and as always it was an honor to work with him. He was a leader among the SW Ohio area officials--on the field and behind the scenes organizing and assigning local tournaments. I am glad I got to work with him that one last time. Thanks Steve for all you taught and did for me.

George Fenimore - September 19, 2017 at 10:46 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Stephen C. Frechtling.



September 19, 2017 at 09:39 AM

CC

“ My most sincere condolences to the Frechtling family. Steve was one of the first people I met when I moved into the area and without his help and caring personality, I would not be where I am today. I will be forever grateful and his legacy will live on forever. Casey

Casey Croysdale - September 19, 2017 at 08:41 AM

LT

“ Joyce park, a golf cart, and a cigar!
Condolences to the family.
Les Thomas

les thomas - September 19, 2017 at 08:10 AM

PW

“ Steve was a great ref and an even better man! He was a true ambassador for our sport fostering relationships between coaches, players, and refs alike. His kindness, wit, and camaraderie will be missed by so many. I know that so many of us will be thinking of Steve the next time we step on the pitch! My heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to his friends and family.

Pat Winkler, Milford Girls Soccer

Pat Winkler - September 19, 2017 at 06:49 AM

JG

“ I am deeply saddened to learn of Steve's passing. A great official, a wonderful sense of humor and always a kind word. Nothing like watching him light up at a High School soccer match when he presented the coaches with a home made loaf of bread of various flavors. He was a greater trainer to all as well. As a former director of SAY Soccer, I knew Steve always had a guiding hand on the Fairfield/Hamilton SAY program.

We will miss you good buddy!

Jim Gruenwald

James Gruenwald - September 19, 2017 at 06:31 AM