



Stephen M Darby

September 12, 1946 - August 22, 2019

Stephen M Darby, 72 years, of West Union, Ohio, passed away on Thursday, August 22, 2019, at his home, surrounded by close family.

Steve was born in Charleston, West Virginia, on September 12, 1946, the son of the late Oscar and Jane (Davis) Darby. Steve was a lifelong educator, as well as a 4-H advisor, and a coach for several sports. He served as a pastor for the Dunkinsville United Methodist Church, after serving as the former pastor of the Seaman Community Methodist Church.

In addition to his parents, Steve was preceded in death by his daughter, Kelley Darby; and by a sister, Mary Jane Kropf. Steve is survived by his wife, Nancy (LePere) Darby, whom he married on April 27, 1968, and by two daughters, Julie (Lynn) Weeks, of West Union; and Sarah (Aaron) Bischoff, of Paw Paw, Michigan. He also leaves behind two sisters, Bonnie (Steve) Krieger, of Manchester; and Debbie (Bob) Sutton, of Bright, Indiana; and two grandsons, Andrew Weeks and Aden Weeks.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM, Sunday, August 25, 2019, at the Seaman Community Methodist Church, in Seaman, Ohio. The ceremony will be officiated by Ray Degenkolb. Burial will follow at the Cherry Fork Cemetery. Family and friends may pay their respects from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM, Saturday, August 24, 2019, at the Lewis-Sullivan Funeral Home, Seaman, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made in Steve's name to either the Dunkinsville United Methodist Church, C/O Brenda

and Mike Crackel, 14460 State Route 41, West Union, Ohio 45693; or to the West Union Football Team, C/O Scott McFarland, 405 Lookout View Drive, West Union, Ohio 45693; or to Heartland Hospice, 333 N. Summit St., P.O. Box 10086, Toledo, OH 43699.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Wallace-Thompson Funeral Home, Lewis-Sullivan Chapel. Please visit us at www.wallacethompsonfuneralhomes.com to sign our online guestbook.

Tribute Wall

TF

“ Steve truly understood the job of Guidance Counselor. What a blessing he was to our son at North Adams. We'll never forget how he helped our family!

The Butler Family - August 30, 2019 at 01:09 PM

BH

“ So sorry to hear this. Mr. Darby was a very good person. Bev "Jamison" Humphrey

Bev Humphrey - August 29, 2019 at 12:45 PM

SL

“ Our thoughts and hearts go out to you during this difficult time Steve was a great man and he'll always have a special place in our hearts. We hope the days ahead get easier. The Lockwood Family

shirley lockwood - August 25, 2019 at 04:52 PM

MP

“ My family and I want to extend our sympathies to Nancy and her family. Steve touched the lives of so many and will never be forgotten. Even though he was ready to meet Jesus it doesn't make it any easier saying goodbye to such a great man who will e missed. Prayers for the family during this difficult time.

Marie Palmer - August 24, 2019 at 04:07 PM

RC

“ Nancy & Family,
Sorry to hear of your loss . It's been such a long time since he was
at Peebles High School and that I have seen him. He was always a
happy & caring person .God's Blessings

Rose Copley - August 23, 2019 at 07:21 PM

NB

“ Steve was a wonderful example of a Christian. Steve touched so
many lives with his love and caring attitude. I asked my son Robert,
who was one of the boys on his first wrestling and football teams, to
share a memory. Robert said he had many good memories; but the
one he would share is remembering help roof the old house on
Hampton Rd., as not many people would remember. I remember
how Steve took the time to visit Robert when he got home from
Minnesota, meant a lot to Robert. Nancy and Julie and family I send
my love and appreciation in knowing your family and the times we
shared in my past life as a banker.
I know you will miss Steve but you know he is happy, well and safe
in the arms of our loving Savior. God Bless and Love from Robert
Behm and Norine Behm

Norine Behm - August 23, 2019 at 10:49 AM

AR

“ MR.Darby ,you was a great person my kids loved you when they
had you in school I never heard anyone say so many nice things
about a person as we did hear about you and your love for your
family and the kids at school we are so sorry for your loss but you
are in the arms of are Lord and at home in peace and love in
heaven you will be missed by all the rigdon family

Alice Rigdon - August 23, 2019 at 08:58 AM

JB

“ Great school principal.great memories.u will be missed..

Jacki Burgess Browning - August 22, 2019 at 11:23 PM

AE

“ The first memory that comes to mind is him at the Peebles Pool. He was always in those red shorts. :) He was always so kind and caring.

Anita Evans - August 22, 2019 at 11:19 PM

EB

“ Steve and Nancy were the second family we met when we moved to the area in 1972. How welcoming they were to both Walt, my husband and myself as well as to our children. He was a fine man in so many ways and I am honored to have know him

Emily Bunn

Emily Bunn - August 22, 2019 at 09:52 PM

KL

“ My first experience with school was in pre-k at Locust Grove School. My very first memory of school besides me crying my eyes out on my first day was Steve helping me with whatever project we were working on and his calm voice settling my worried little mind. That was my very first good memory of school and I always remembered that. He and I talked about it years later when he was my High school principal. He was a great man who influenced me in so many ways. Fly High Mr. Darby.

Karen Lowe - August 22, 2019 at 09:38 PM

JB

“ I can never call him Steve, he has been and always be Dr Darby. He was caring, understanding, and patient principal to a troubled teen who needed it. He forever changed my life. He will be greatly missed.

Jessica Bracken

Jessica Bracken - August 22, 2019 at 09:12 PM