



Charles Thomas Stefl, DDS

February 19, 1935 - September 28, 2022

At 1pm, September 28th, Charles Thomas Stefl, 87, went home to Heaven to enjoy eternity with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Evelyn Bernice “Niece” Stefl; his son, Timothy Edward Stefl (“Tim-O-thee” or “Sport” to him for 53 years!); his favorite daughter in law (his words!), Wavey Alison Stefl; his grandchildren, Olivia Taylor (19), Jordan Timothy (18) and Luke Linstead Stefl (13); older brother, Donald Lee Stefl (89) and younger sister, Carol Elaine Sheehan (82).

He loved his dental career – as a Captain in the US Navy (22.5 years), in his private dental practices in CA and MA, as well as his years teaching dental students at the University of Southern California and Harvard Dental Schools – until his retirement at just over 80 years old!

He loved golf and watching any sport or event in which his extended family participated – he rarely missed any of Tim’s, Olivia’s, Jordan’s or Luke’s games or activities – even in later years when he had no idea who was playing, what team his family member was on, or who was winning!

“Grampy,” as he was affectionally known by Wavey and his grandchildren – “Tom” to everyone else – was an intense but playful, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend who tended to be fairly quiet until pulled into a discussion about a topic with which he was familiar – it was not uncommon to see him sitting quietly by himself at any get together, just “taking in the experience.” Nor was it uncommon to see him talking to a small group about golf, dentistry, or similar topics for hours at the same event!

He especially enjoyed working with kids of all ages. One of his favorite things to do was read children’s stories (with acted-out voices for all the characters) to Tim in his youth, and eventually his grandchildren when they were old enough to appreciate his talent.

But, the love of his life was Niece. They enjoyed 61 years as a married couple. His favorite joke of all time was “how do you keep any marriage happy? The man needs to know how

to say two things, “yes, dear,” and “anything you say, dear.”” While Tom and Niece wouldn’t say their marriage was without typical conflict or challenge, they would both say they couldn’t have done it without the other. In fact, in spite of his deep descent into Alzheimer’s/Dementia, he always brightened up when he saw her enter his room at the Oak’s Memory Care facility. Even when he forgot her name (he called her Wilson at one point!), his eyes always lit up when he saw her. But, Alzheimer’s is a horrible disease. He frequently forgot Niece was his wife, (although he thought she was pretty!) and that Tim was his son (he recognized he knew Tim, but thought he was a football teammate). But, through it all, his sense of humor never fully disappeared. At one point, after they had tucked him in for the night, one of the attendants said, “Goodnight, I’ll check back in on you, later!” Dad simply replied, “I’ll be right here!” We all laughed – he was still in there!

On his second to last day with us, when the struggle was the greatest, he took Niece’s hand in his, tenderly kissed it, and said, “Thank you!” It was the sweetest thing he’d ever done. And, in less than 24 hours, he was in the arms of his Savior – where he will spend the rest of eternity!

Charles Thomas Stefl was a man well loved – we will all miss him. But, knowing his pain, suffering and confusion is gone – we rejoice in him being in a far better place!

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 4th, 2022 from 9:00am until 11:00am at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, October 4th, 2022 at 11:00am in the chapel at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors located at 12050 Crabapple Road Roswell, Georgia. A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, October 4th, 2022 at 2:00pm at Georgia National Cemetery located at 1080 Scott Hudgens Drive Canton, Georgia.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Truth and Tidings Gospel Trust (donation@gospeltrustusa.org) via PayPal or the Agape Hospice Alpharetta organization (via link): <https://agapehospicecare.com/donate/>.

Cemetery Details

Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Dr
Canton, GA 30114
(770) 479-9300

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Funeral Service

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Graveside Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Thomas Stefl, DDS*



Northside Chapel - October 03, 2022 at 09:00 AM



“ *Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Charles Thomas Stefl, DDS*



Northside Chapel - October 02, 2022 at 01:11 PM



“ *Charles Thomas Stefl, DDS*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Thomas Stefl, DDS.*



October 04, 2022 at 03:52 PM



“ *HP Commercial Field SAs purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Charles Thomas Stefl, DDS.*



HP Commercial Field SAs - October 03, 2022 at 09:43 AM



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Charles Thomas Stefl, DDS.*



October 03, 2022 at 09:18 AM



“ *One time many years ago (too many to mention) I went to California to visit my Aunt Niece and Uncle Tom. For two months they took me in, fed me, took me touring and worked on my teeth. I made many memories I'll never forget! They nicknamed me "Country" Don't know if it was because I was a country bumpkin or my love of country music, but he even wrote the word 'country" on one of my bridges. Personalized dental work! He told me once, " Don't let anyone ever tell you that you have a big mouth! It might work well but it's not big!" I'm glad your suffering is over Uncle Tom, and we will meet again someday....my deepest sympathy to Auntie, Tim, Wavey and family. He will be missed.*

Dawn Howard - October 03, 2022 at 06:54 AM

JP

“ *Tim and the rest of the Stefl family - I was saddened to hear the news of your dad's passing. I know the last several years have been hard on the whole family. Just know your Dad is not confused or in any pain anymore. Maybe my dad & yours are somewhere laughing about their 2 crazy kids that started their careers together at Indigo so many yrs ago. Sending you all my love - stay strong my friend!*

jill S powers - October 02, 2022 at 09:24 PM

RR

“ *Dear Niece and family: we express our condolences to you on the homecall of Tom. Niece, it was always enjoyable to see you and Tom during your visits to Ottawa. More recently we had nice times together over Zoom on Sunday afternoons. Ev and I will always have precious memories of your loving care for our daughter Elizabeth during her university work term year in southern California. Meantime, may our Lord comfort and carry you now, and in the coming days and nights. "He is faithful." With our love, Randy and Evelyn Rodgers.*

Randall Rodgers - October 02, 2022 at 07:17 AM

ES

Thanks Ev and Randy. It will probably hit me when the funeral is over but right now all I can think of is that Tom is with the Lord and out of confusion and pain. I will miss him- not the man he was the last 10 years but the one I married -he was a great man and we had many happy years together and for that I am thankful.

Evelyn Bernice Stefl - October 02, 2022 at 03:54 PM

RR

We will keep on praying.

Randall Rodgers - October 04, 2022 at 10:47 AM

CA

“ *There are so many great memories of Tom that I can't write them all. He was the best. of brothers in law. A man who was a true husband and father and now he is with his Saviour and Lord. I still remember him telling me how the Lord reached and saved him. Now he is at peace. We will meet again.*

Carol Albert - September 30, 2022 at 12:45 PM

DH

“ *We remember our fun hymn sings at there San Diego home with lots of laughs and just come and enjoy! Tom was a gentlemen, loved his family and such a kind man. We are thankful he is safe In the arms of Jesus and we will all be together again one day! Much love to the family.*

Dennis & Lydia Hall - September 30, 2022 at 11:31 AM