



Stephen John Ketterer

August 23, 1930 - November 18, 2024

Stephen John Ketterer, of Alpharetta, GA, passed away on November 18, 2024. He was born and raised in the Bronx before moving to Rye, New York where he attended high school, playing on the baseball and basketball teams. He graduated with the Rye High School class of '48 and then enrolled at Colgate University where he earned an undergraduate degree with the class of '52. Subsequently, he attended grad school at night at NYU, where he earned his MBA. Steve was a member of the Phil Delta Theta fraternity at Colgate.

After college, Steve served in the US military. He is a Korean War Combat Veteran with the US Army 5th Regimental Combat Team. Sadly, one of his good friends who he fought with in the war was the last American soldier killed in combat in Korea.

Steve served his community alongside multiple non-profits – on the board of the Cave Creek YMCA, as a driver for Foothills Caring Corps, and, as a volunteer with the Downtown Urban Community Kids (DUCK) of Phoenix.

Steve and his wife Sandy made Scottsdale their home for 28 years, and, he attended Desert Hills Presbyterian Church.

A very skilled baseball pitcher, he was offered a contract to pitch for the NY

Giants (before the Giants moved to San Francisco) which, at his father's urging, he declined in order to attend college. He enjoyed a lifetime love of baseball, as a star pitcher for the Colgate baseball team and then as an influential Little League and Babe Ruth baseball coach, coaching multiple players who played professionally. He was also an accomplished golfer.

Steve was an extremely loyal employee, and worked for Mobil Oil his entire career, steadily rising through the ranks to eventually become the GM of worldwide Corporate Purchasing. In that role, he managed hundreds of people and travelled the world many times over.

Steve is preceded in death by his parents, Stephen and Emma Ketterer, and his sister Carol Stringer.

Steve is survived by his beloved wife Sandra Ketterer, and, the mother of his children Judy (Klabundy) Ketterer, their children Stephen Ketterer (Ignacio Ramirez), Robert Ketterer, Laurie DiFrancesco (Lawrence) and Douglas Ketterer (LeAnn and their boys – Steve's grandson's Axel and Oliver); and, his sister Doris VonGlahn.

Steve was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia in 2020, and, fought for 4 long years.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

https://www.lls.org/ways-to-give?ds_rl=1278572&gad_source=1&ds_rl=1278572&gclid=Cj0KCQiAu8W6BhC-ARIsACEQoDCdtyB_XdvjhShiGSiAjPerwYd2jb9w96L2faSIbUx190I7twGPy7UaApmrEALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds

Cemetery Details

Georgia National Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Celebration Of Life

DEC 16. 10:30 AM (ET)

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

Graveside Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Love from Jana, Doug, Susan & JD purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Stephen John Ketterer.



Love from Jana, Doug, Susan & JD - December 14, 2024 at 10:48 AM



“ Ferrante sisters purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Stephen John Ketterer.



Ferrante sisters - December 12, 2024 at 09:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen John Ketterer.



December 11, 2024 at 03:19 PM

RK

“ 1 file added to the album *Steve Ketterer in action*



Robert Ketterer - December 09, 2024 at 07:40 PM

SK

Such a great family photo.

Sandra Ketterer - December 13, 2024 at 01:16 PM

JD

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Joe DiFrancesco - December 03, 2024 at 10:03 AM

RK

What a great picture, Joe! Dad loved the water...and his time with the DiFrans in Canada!

Robert Ketterer - December 09, 2024 at 07:38 PM

SK

I just love this photo, Joe. Steve looks so happy. Thank you for sharing it.

Sandra Ketterer - December 13, 2024 at 01:15 PM

MA

“ I have so many fond memories of “Mr. Ketterer”, visiting regularly when you all lived in Rye. I would not know where to start! Sadness will be inevitable but I also hope you all can share wonderful memories that allows you to laugh while celebrating “Mr. Ketterer’s” long and adventure filled life!

Max - December 01, 2024 at 12:26 AM

RK

Thank you, Max! Those years in Rye were the best. And you were definitely a part of our family. Dad loved and admired you and always spoke in glowing terms about you. We are so thankful for your love and friendship!

Rob Ketterer - December 01, 2024 at 07:39 PM