



Mr. Steve Hammond

November 4, 1952 - May 16, 2019

Steve Hammond, 66, passed away peacefully at his home on Lake Windward in Alpharetta, GA on May 16, 2019. Steve was born November 4, 1952 in New Haven, CT. He graduated from St. Anselm College in Manchester NH with a degree in geography. Steve had a long and illustrious career in the pharmaceutical industry working for several companies, including his beloved Searle. As a senior sales executive, he led many successful sales teams in launching industry leading products such as Celebrex, Ambien, and Daypro. In addition to his success as a pharmaceutical executive, he was also an entrepreneur. While successful in the pharmaceutical industry, he chose to change his life in 2003 and start a business related to his passion of boating. Over his lifetime, Steve was a proud owner of more than 50 different boats of various makes and models.

As “The Boat Butler”, he touched innumerable lives as he served Lake Windward in Alpharetta and other North Georgia communities. He was a member of the University Yacht Club in Flowery Branch, Georgia and in 2008, was a founding member of the Lake Windward Yacht Club. He was a mentor and friend to countless individuals in both eras of his career and lived a life of service to others.

His love of boating started when he was a young man and joined his first yacht club. He was, going out for his first sail, expecting a lesson. However, he was left to figure it out on his own when no instructor came. He spent his entire life this way - doing things on his terms. His favorite saying was, “Is it a

stop sign, or just a sign that says stop?" Steve always found a path around any obstacle.

Steve adored his family. His daughter, Meredith, was the light of his life and he was extraordinarily proud of the successful young woman she became. He was thrilled when she married her beloved Mark, and when his granddaughter Lainey was born, he was over the moon! He was a devoted husband to Cecilia and son to his parents. He was the ultimate family man and lived to make their lives better.

Survivors include Steve's parents, Katheryn and Burton Hammond of Milton, GA; beloved wife of 25 years Cecilia Hammond of Alpharetta, GA; daughter Meredith Schwarz and husband Mark of Nutley, NJ; a brother Ron Hammond and his wife Anne Marie of Chagrin Falls, OH; granddaughter Lainey of Nutley, NJ; nephew 2nd Lt. Chase Hammond of New Mexico and niece Hayley Hammond of Chagrin Falls, OH.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, May 21 from 5:00pm – 8:00pm at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors, 12050 Crabapple Road, Roswell, GA 30075. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00am on Wednesday, May 22 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 535 Rucker Road, Alpharetta, GA 30004

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **21**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

MAY **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
535 Rucker Road
Alpharetta, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Steve Hammond*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *I met Steve in 1984 at Searle Pharmaceuticals, when he was a Pharma Rep in NH. He was a mentor and a friend to me, who taught me a lot about how to be successful in the pharmaceutical industry. I will never forget his warm smile and his laughter. Steve left a lasting impression on many of us. May you rest in eternal peace, Steve, after a life well-lived! My deepest sympathy to the Hammond family.*”

Diana Skrabut

Diana Skrabut - July 13, 2019 at 09:41 AM



“ *Cecilia, I'm numb after seeing the notice of Steve's passing. Great guy who left a lifetime impression on me. I catch myself laughing thinking back on memories, like our road trip through the SE region. Giant personality. Our deepest sympathy to you and the family.*

Mike Jennings - June 13, 2019 at 02:25 PM



“ *Cecelia*
So sorry to hear the news. Have been out of the country for 3 weeks. Steve filled up a room with joy and laughter when he walked in. Always have a special place in my heart for my Searle family. Thoughts and prayers are with you and the family

Lori Magnoni - June 11, 2019 at 08:37 PM

GK

“Cecelia, my heart dropped when I heard the passing of Steve. He was such an inspiration to me and the best boss I ever had. He gave me a chance when others didn't and he was such a great leader and person. I am so sorry to hear this news and will keep you in my prayers during this difficult time. My deepest sympathies,
Greg Kozar

Greg Kozar - June 04, 2019 at 08:53 PM

CR

“My deepest condolences to Steve's family and friends. I hold many fond memories of working with Steve at Searle. He made me laugh. What a kind soul, may he rest in peace.
Connie (Majewski)Rhodes

Connie Majewski Rhodes - May 30, 2019 at 02:47 PM

AB

“I am so sad to hear of Steve's passing. He was always one of my favorite people at Searle -- that smile and sense of humor. He saw it as his role to keep things light and happy while getting the job done. He spent a brief time in Marketing, and I enjoyed the opportunity to get to know him well there. I am grateful for the opportunity to have known him.
Aimee Berner

Aimee H Berner - May 29, 2019 at 11:22 AM



“ Cecelia,
*Sending along thoughts & prayers to you and your family, as one of Steve's many Searle family members.
Steve was responsible for influencing so many of us early on;
guiding us in his own unique way , through both his wisdom and his unforgettable smile.
As one of those blessed to have been touched by Steve's incredible leadership,
I am forever grateful to you for sharing with us an amazing spirit and one of a kind,
Warmly, from his Searle Family,
Corinne Kelly Thornton*

Corinne Thornton - May 27, 2019 at 10:39 AM



“ Cecelia,
*Mary and I are greatly saddened to hear of Steve's passing. We have very fond memories of time spent with him. Steve had a wonderful, impish sense of humor that made being around him great fun. Please accept our sincere condolences to you and your family.
Mary & Steve Murdock*

Steve Murdock - May 25, 2019 at 11:12 PM



“ CeCe
*I am heart broken to find out about Steve's passing. What fond memories I have of our days at Searle together.
My most sincere condolences to you and all of your family.

Dick McCabe*

Dick McCabe - May 25, 2019 at 09:53 PM

NC

“ I was so very saddened to hear of Steve's passing. Steve was a great colleague while at Searle. May he rest in peace. My deepest sympathy goes out to Cecelia and family. Sincerely, Nadine Craig

Nadine Craig - May 25, 2019 at 06:48 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Steve Hammond.



May 22, 2019 at 11:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Steve Hammond.



May 22, 2019 at 11:20 AM

PM

“ Patricia Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Hammond



Patricia Martin - May 22, 2019 at 09:20 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Steve was always a great help with our boat on Lake Windard. He was also a wealth of information of the local area and anything that needed to be done.

Patricia Martin - May 22, 2019 at 09:19 AM



I am so very sorry for your loss Cecelia. My heart goes out to you.

Jeanette Krantz - May 22, 2019 at 04:24 PM



I am very sorry to hear that Steve passed away. He was a joy to work with during my Searle days as he made us feel that we were one big family. I will always be grateful for the opportunity he gave me to move back to NC and work with him again. You are in my prayers.
Marty Goldfarb

Marty Goldfarb - June 07, 2019 at 11:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Steve Hammond.



May 21, 2019 at 08:44 PM

JM

“ Cecilia - my deepest sympathies for the sudden loss of Steve. He made such a huge impression on my life. He was by far the best boss I've ever had, and his shoes will never be filled. I have such fond memories of him bounding into the office in the mornings, all cheery and smiling saying "Good Morning!" as he bounced and skipped like Tigger through the office, never forgetting to give big bear hugs - every day. I will always treasure him and I'm so very sorry for your loss.

Much love -
Julie Mantz

Julie Mantz - May 21, 2019 at 02:54 PM

BP

“ To CeCe and Steve's loved ones,
We were so sorry to learn of your loss. Steve was one of the kindest, sweetest people we have ever known. Always so friendly and a joy to be around. It was such a privilege to have known him. He will be missed and remembered fondly.

Barbara and Dady Patel

B Patel - May 21, 2019 at 12:14 PM

CR

“ Cal, Jane, Luke, and Max Rerucha purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. Steve Hammond.



Cal, Jane, Luke, and Max Rerucha - May 21, 2019 at 10:58 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Steve Hammond.*



May 21, 2019 at 06:41 AM



“ *Ron and Maria Delose purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Steve Hammond.*



Ron and Maria Delose - May 20, 2019 at 04:34 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Steve Hammond.*



May 20, 2019 at 03:41 PM



“ *Ceci, Words cannot express how I feel for your loss, sudden and unexpected. Please accept my condolences and prayers for you and your family through this difficult time.*
Lorna



Lorna Wood - May 20, 2019 at 11:42 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Steve Hammond.*



May 20, 2019 at 10:50 AM



“ *Matt McCormick purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Steve Hammond.*



Matt McCormick - May 20, 2019 at 10:42 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Steve Hammond.*



May 20, 2019 at 09:38 AM



“ *Michelle and Kevin Chinchar purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. Steve Hammond.*



Michelle and Kevin Chinchar - May 20, 2019 at 09:37 AM

TA

“ We loved Steve so much Ceci and feel so blessed to have had him in our lives for so many years. God Bless you and our prayers are with you.

Tammy Hampton



Tammy - May 19, 2019 at 11:02 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Steve Hammond.



May 19, 2019 at 10:57 PM

MH

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Meredith Schwarz (always a Hammond) - May 19, 2019 at 09:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Steve Hammond.*



May 19, 2019 at 08:39 PM



“ *5 files added to the album Neri Family Memories*



Patricia - May 19, 2019 at 07:59 PM



“ *Cecilia, I send my deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers to you and your family.*
Sincerely,
Sue Summers

Sue Summers - May 19, 2019 at 07:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Steve Hammond.*



May 19, 2019 at 06:42 PM



“ *Ceci,
I am so saddened by this unexpected and devastating loss to you and your extended family. Please know that you are admired and loved by all of us at GHI and we are available to you to walk together with you through all of the challenges that Steve's loss brings. Christy Russell*

Christy Russell - May 19, 2019 at 06:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Steve Hammond.*



May 19, 2019 at 06:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Steve Hammond.*



May 19, 2019 at 05:29 PM

RL

“ Cecilia, I, too, don't have the words to express how saddened I am for you and all of the family. I'm at least a quart low of whatever magic your dad had that guided him on knowing what to say and when to say it. I love you and I am sorry that you have this sorrowful event in your life. Godspeed Steve and may the grace of God go with you. May God bless all of you.

Dicky Gene

Richard E. Lynch - May 19, 2019 at 05:29 PM

PS

“ Cecilia, I really don't have words to express how saddened I was to hear of Steve's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers and know I love you dearly. Eternal rest grant unto Steve oh Lotd and let perpetual light shine upon him. May God grant you, peace and comfort through these difficult days. Love you Paula

Paula Lynch Stone - May 19, 2019 at 02:10 PM

LB

“ Cece, I cannot find the words to express how sad I am of this news. You have been in my thoughts and my prayers as I can't imagine what you are going through. I adored Steve. We all did. He was a very special person with a heart as big as his sailboat and a smile to match. It's been over 15 years since I saw him but I can still hear his infectious laugh. I am so grateful to have known him and even more to have called him a close friend. He is really going to be missed. I wish you peace and love and hope that you are able to surround yourself with loving friends and family during this difficult time.

Lynn Bachman - May 19, 2019 at 11:43 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Steve Hammond.*



May 19, 2019 at 11:41 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Steve Hammond.*



May 19, 2019 at 11:30 AM



“ *Ceci so sorry for your loss we still remember you guys at Uyc the commodore parade I have been thru this too
You are in my prayers love you always
Aida Hoffman*

aisa Hoffman - May 19, 2019 at 11:02 AM



“ *Cece,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I found out today of Steve's passing and I am so saddened and surprised. I talked to Steve last week and he was laughing and in great spirits. What a wonderful, wonderful man and we were all lucky to have known him. Please know that your friends are here for you to surround you with love and support. We are all here for you throughout your life's journey.*

Rhonda Shell+ - May 18, 2019 at 10:59 PM



“ *My heart is so broken for you Cecilia and all the family. My thoughts, prayers and love are with you.*

Kathryn Bragg - May 18, 2019 at 07:02 PM

JT

“ *Dear Cece and Family,
My heart aches for all of your family. Steve was a wonderful man, good husband, a wonderful father, grandfather, son and friend. He was a shining spirit always. We shared many fun times on the boat when the kids were young. We kept in touch with pictures of Lainey, his only granddaughter. Steve was like a brother to me; I can hear him calling me by the pet name he gave me: "Beano" said exuberantly. I can also hear him or looking down at us shouting; "This is Unbelievable"... Our dear boat butler has enjoyed the lakes, the oceans; now he's off to higher seas.... he will be so missed. Loved Steve so much. So very sorry for your loss. With love, Jean Tickler, Nashua, NH*

Jean Tickler - May 18, 2019 at 06:58 PM

MR

“ *A beautiful man taken away from us too soon. He will always remain with us in our hearts, memories and dreams. Rest well, Steve. You are so loved. ❤️*

Margarett Lynch Roberts - May 18, 2019 at 06:44 PM

DC

“ *Cecilia, I am so very sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and all of Steve's family. Love Always, Deana*

Deana Bragg Cummings - May 18, 2019 at 06:21 PM

MW

“ *Cece and all of the Hammond family, my heart breaks for you all.
My deepest condolences and love. ~Mikie*

Michael Wilson - May 18, 2019 at 06:05 PM