



Stephen Muckerman Swift

November 29, 1960 - December 5, 2019

On Thursday, December 5th, 2019, Stephen Muckerman Swift, fondly known as Big Yea passed away unexpectedly at the age of 59. Big Yea was born on November 29th, 1960 in Chicago, IL to Hampden and Margaret (Muckerman) Swift. Stephen graduated from Lake Forest Country Day School, Lake Forest Academy and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Saint Leo University in Saint Leo, FL in 1985.

Stephen had a passion to serve and protect others. Joining the Kiwanis Club in April 2004 it became his second family. Stephen embraced bimonthly Kiwanis meetings where his genuine desire, willingness to serve and protect others was a natural fit with their mission of serving youth. At their seasonal fundraisers, you could readily spot him wearing his characteristic, beaming and infectious smile, whole heartedly sharing his contagious good will. Always patient and inclusive, happy to all, willing to listen and offer his help, he was a hit with children, friends, new and old, and the elderly.

Stephen began his day with his fitness routine at the Lake Forest Rec Center, often followed by morning services at St. Mary's Church before going to work at the family owned business, John S. Swift Print Co. Stephen enjoyed dog walking, playing golf, biking, beach swims, movies, travelling and trips to Lake Forest Library. He was lifelong Cubbies and Bears fan. As a voracious reader, he studied U.S. History and enjoyed Mystery and Geography. His Library Card was worn thin! Stephen's loyalty reflected on his family, friends and community in so many helpful and sincere kindnesses. Always a joy to have

around, welcoming to all, a gifted listener and eager walking companion, remarkably friendly and loads of fun, made Stephen universally loved!! Stephen was preceded in death by his father Hampden, his mother Margaret and his brother Hampden, Jr. He is survived by family members Jessica M. Swift, John S. Swift (Mary), Nina E. Swift, Christy S. Maxwell (Peter), Laura C. Swift, Shepard C. Swift (Patricia), Martha Maria Swift, Bryan M. Swift (Lindsey), Stewart G. Swift (Dodie), Sheila S. Keil, Constance J. M. Swift (Quinn Miklos), twenty-three nieces and nephews and the family dogs, Star and Molly. A funeral mass will be held on Friday, December 20, 2019 at 11:30 am at Church of St. Mary, 201 E. Illinois Rd., Lake Forest, IL. Private interment at Lake Forest Cemetery. For information – Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest, 847-234-9649 or www.RTfunerals.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to The Kiwanis Foundation of Lake Forest and Lake Bluff, P.O. Box 34, Lake Bluff, IL 60044.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

DEC 20. 11:30 AM (CT)

Church of St. Mary
175 East Illinois Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045
<http://www.churchofstmary.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Stephen Muckerman Swift*



Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest - December 20, 2019 at 06:11 PM

NW

Just finished watching the full video of A Tribute to Steven! What a Beautiful Family! What a Shiny Star! He will truly be miss!

Nettles Wellington - December 23, 2019 at 06:32 PM

MH

Such a GREAT tribute to a WONDERFUL person. I love you Stephen.

MARK HOFELD - December 25, 2019 at 02:18 PM

CB

“ *Christopher Bacon lit a candle in memory of Stephen Muckerman Swift*



Christopher Bacon - January 12, 2020 at 08:18 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen Muckerman Swift.*



December 13, 2019 at 12:45 PM



“ *Marina Carney lit a candle in memory of Stephen Muckerman Swift*



Marina Carney - December 12, 2019 at 11:38 AM



Stephen was always with a smile and very devout! What a tragedy! He will be missed by all that had the pleasure of knowing him. My heart goes out to all the Swift family

Marina Carney - December 12, 2019 at 11:42 AM



“ *I have fond memories of Stephen from our Lake Forest Country Day School days and from 'Pasquesi's' where he was upbeat & positive and loved his lime there! He truly was a good soul and he will be very missed!! My thoughts & prayers are with him, the Swift family and all of his friends.*

Ralph I Dunne - December 12, 2019 at 07:45 AM

KB

“ *Katie Frost Bibbs lit a candle in memory of Stephen Muckerman Swift*



Katie Frost Bibbs - December 11, 2019 at 09:30 AM

CB

“ *Christopher S Bacon lit a candle in memory of Stephen Muckerman Swift*



Christopher S Bacon - December 11, 2019 at 02:02 AM