



Stephen McGoonan Jr.

July 31, 1972 - October 11, 2017

Wantage - Stephen McGoonan, age 45, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at Karen Ann Quinlan Home for Hospice in Fredon. Born in Englewood, Steve graduated from High Point Regional High School in 1990 and has lived in Sussex County all of his life. He had enlisted in the United States Army on April 10, 1990 and served in Afghanistan from December 19, 2007 until September 18, 2008. He retired as a Sergeant First Class from the New Jersey Army National Guard. Steve had been employed as an elevator constructor for Otis Elevator Company. He was predeceased by his mother, Dona McGoonan; his maternal grandparents, Pat and Fred McAliece; and his paternal grandfather, Stephen McGoonan, Sr.. Steve is survived by his parents, Stephen and Joy McGoonan of Wantage; his brothers, Jim McGoonan and his wife Amanda of Wantage and Sean McGoonan of Hardyston; his paternal grandmother, Gladys McGoonan of Wantage; his fiancé, Maureen Las and her daughter Olivia; his niece, Dona McGoonan; and his cousins, Lori, Keith and TJ Fedirko and Tammy, Jim and Megan Hobar. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Interment and military honors will follow at the Northern New Jersey Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Sparta. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Northern NJ Veterans Memorial Cemetery, P.O. Box 82, Sparta, New Jersey 07871. Online

condolences may be offered to the family on www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Northern New Jersey Veterans Memorial Cemetery

75 North Church Road
Sparta, NJ 07871

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.
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Service

OCT **17**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AC

“ I am so sorry I have missed the services for your dear son, husband and father. At times like this there are no words. Dear Joy you have been a good friend. You and your family are in my prayers. "Peace be with you" Luke 22:38. Amy Compton and family

Amy Compton - November 03, 2017 at 02:51 AM

LF

“ Lt. Col. Ron Deloatch & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Stephen McGoonan Jr..



Lt. Col. Ron Deloatch & Family - October 17, 2017 at 11:46 AM

WG

“ As a young Soldier Stephen became one of mine as a member of our unit and his character and respect of others was always in the forefront of our daily work, I always could depend on him and trust his ability to do his job and help others!! We have been blessed to have soldiers like Stephen and I know that someday we will all be together again....SFC Wm. Gardner US Army Retired

William Gardner - October 16, 2017 at 08:54 PM

DR

“ Rest in Peace sweet cousin. You were a good man here on earth and without a doubt you will be a wonderful Angel in Heaven. Until we meet again, I love you Stevie.
Denise Doherty-Ruiz



Denise Ruiz - October 16, 2017 at 11:37 AM



“ My father informed me of Steve's passing this morning and I was shocked and deeply saddened. I first met Steve on a band and chorus trip my sophomore year in high school. He was a good friend and consummate gentleman. He was a great friend to me, far better than I deserved. He loved his family and RUSH! He introduced me to RUSH and took me to two of their concerts. He brought his little brother, who he adored, over for swimming lessons at my parents' pool. We always had a great time together. The last we spoke he visited me in Westchester County NY after he made a trip to the PX at West Point. He gave me a beautiful cut crystal canister that I had in my office for many years filled with little treats for my students. I don't remember why we lost touch but am sorry we did. He was the type of person who you wanted in your corner. To his parents, Stephen and Joy McGoonan; his brothers, Sean McGoonan, Jim McGoonan and his wife, Amanda, his fiancée, Maureen Las, and her daughter, Olivia; and his extended family I am so sorry for your loss.

Revelation 14:13

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this down: Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from their hard work; for their good deeds follow them!"

DM CM - October 15, 2017 at 08:45 PM



“ The hardest thing is saying goodbye, especially to someone with so much love, talent, and care. Such a strong spirit will always find its way! You'll be missed more than you know. Love you ❤️



TJ - October 15, 2017 at 01:38 PM

JP

“ To the McGoonan family, Our deepest condolences from your family in Australia. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Joan (Angeles) Puletua and family

Jo (Angeles) Puletua - October 14, 2017 at 06:25 PM

KL

“ My deepest sympathy and sincere prayers of comfort go out to the McGoonan Family. May the Lord bless you all and hold you in His loving arms of peace.
SFC Ken Lucas

Ken Lucas - October 14, 2017 at 04:12 PM

VS

“ Jim - so sorry to hear about the passing of your brother. May his memory be eternal. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Aunt Voula and Uncle Bob



Voula Stout - October 14, 2017 at 02:42 PM

TM

“ So many memories of growing up - forts and legos and Froggy, and art (you were always a better artist than I!) and so much more. You are missed more than you know. Love you always -

Tammy, Jim & Megan



Tammy, Jim & Megan - October 14, 2017 at 11:43 AM

TH

“ Tammy, Jim & Megan Hobar lit a candle in memory of Stephen McGoonan Jr.



Tammy, Jim & Megan Hobar - October 14, 2017 at 11:34 AM

MH

“ It was an honor to have SFC McGoonan serve together in A Troop 5th Squadron 117th Cavalry. He was a dedicated, caring, and competent professional, and we all relied upon his cool and analytical approach to solving challenges. I pray for his entry into Eternal Life, and ask that he save a place for all of us Troopers at Fiddler's Green. Show 'em The Way! LTC Michael P. Hrycak, USA, Ret.

Michael Hrycak - October 14, 2017 at 07:17 AM



“ Deepest condolences to your family. SFC Mcgoonan and I served together in the Cav. He was the NCOIC for our S2 section. He offered great advice and mentorship. He always told it how it was, and didn't mince his words. He was an excellent leader and mentor. It was an honor to serve along side him and learn.



Tim Aquino - October 14, 2017 at 12:46 AM

SC

“ I knew him from chemo where we roomed together. Due to fact they put both trouble make in on room, he was a great kid, I enjoyed talking with him about everything rest easy Sgt we got your 6...Scott Williams. Chemo buddy

scott - October 14, 2017 at 12:18 AM

JW

“ Jim and Kathy Walker purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Stephen McGoonan Jr..



Jim and Kathy Walker - October 13, 2017 at 08:06 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Stephen McGoonan Jr..



October 13, 2017 at 06:23 PM

Freya Michelle

“ Steve was a great guy who will be missed by many. My deepest sympathies to all in the family.

Freya

Freya Michelle - October 13, 2017 at 05:43 PM

LT

“ Lots of wonderful family memories--summer visits as kids, holiday gatherings, weddings, moving help, babysitting, discussions of dogs, music, art, cars, motorcycles, bad drivers and so much more. I will miss my commuting phone buddy. You took that final drive WAY too soon and you will be missed dearly. I hope the left lane is clean and green on your journey. Love you always cuz!
XOXOXOXOXOXO

Lori, Keith & TJ - October 13, 2017 at 05:27 PM

TF

“ The Fedirko's lit a candle in memory of Stephen McGoonan Jr.



The Fedirko's - October 13, 2017 at 05:13 PM

Scott
Caufield

“ I was friends with Steve throughout high school. I'll always remember all the fun we had in the old Pathfinder and black GTI running all over Sussex County. You'll be missed, buddy. Scott Caufield

Scott Caufield - October 13, 2017 at 03:13 PM



“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Stephen McGoonan Jr..



October 13, 2017 at 11:52 AM

LO

“ Love, Maureen & Olivia purchased the Majestic Heart for the family of Stephen McGoonan Jr..



Love, Maureen & Olivia - October 13, 2017 at 11:39 AM

SK

“ There are too many memories to put on here. I miss you more than you will ever know. My heart goes out to the family - all of you. Just know I am here for all of you if you need me.

Sue

Suzanne Kopycienski - October 13, 2017 at 11:27 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen McGoonan Jr..



October 13, 2017 at 09:26 AM