



Steven Eugene Courtney

February 2, 1957 - March 25, 2019

Steven Eugene Courtney born in 1957 at Springfield, Illinois to Harry Lee Courtney Sr. and Margaret Rose Bineham Courtney. Steve graduated in 1975 from Lanphier High School at Springfield, Illinois and attended Illinois Wesleyan University before completing his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1987 at Columbia College of Chicago where he studied Film and Screenplay. Steve was an amateur screenwriter and wrote the screenplay "This America "which was registered with the Writer's Guild of America but had not yet made it to the silver screen. His military career began as an intelligence specialist with the Illinois Air National Guard and he completed intelligence analyst training at Lowry Air Force Base in Aurora, Colorado. A sense of adventure and a heeded call to duty compelled Steve to enlist in the United States Army. After completing basic training, infantry and airborne schools, he attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia and was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell Kentucky as a Second Lieutenant. He often insisted that Fort Campbell was actually located in Tennessee rather than Kentucky. By the time he made his Captain rank, Steve had affiliated with the Special Forces branch of the U.S. Army. After completing Special Forces phase training, he proudly wore his green beret the remainder of his military career and had served as an instructor for phase training of newly selected Green Berets. He graduated from the Army General Command and Staff College in 1994. His assignments that can be mentioned publicly included service as Special Forces Historian with deployments to

Bosnia and to various parts of the Middle East. Steve settled in south central Florida after his assignment to the Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa. Steve retired from the Army Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel. Steve's civilian career was as a software developer and a computer programmer. He worked as a contractor for government and private entities throughout the eastern and southern United States until he landed his dream job as an I T Systems Programming Administrator for the Florida Attorney General in Tallahassee.

Steve was a family-oriented man and he gleaned much joy from his relationship with his friend Lucky, a Jack Russell and poodle mix who has never grown up. Steve was well known, and appreciated, for his sharp wit and sarcastic humor. His interests ranged from film Noir to battle reenactments and included organizing a video library, collecting books, classical music appreciation, writing, and he was an avid fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Steve was preceded in death by his mother Margaret of Taylorville, Illinois and his late wife My Hue of Land O' Lakes, Florida. He is survived by his current wife Sompis of Tallahassee, Florida; father Harry Sr. of Springfield, Illinois; brother Harry Jr. of Savannah, Georgia; sister Cherie of Standard City, Illinois; brother Kevin of Columbus, Ohio; stepdaughter My Lee Neidlein of Dade City, Florida; stepson Robert Do of Tacoma, Washington; and step grandson Ajee Carr of Dade City, Florida.

A celebration of life service will be held at Eastview Baptist Church, 2277 East Black Ave., Springfield, Illinois from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM on Friday, May 24, 2019. Interment will follow at 2:00 PM in Camp Butler VA National Cemetery, 5063 Camp Butler Rd., Springfield, Illinois with full military honors.

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the Courtney family with their arrangements. (850-385-2193 www.bevisfh.com)

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **29**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Tribute Wall

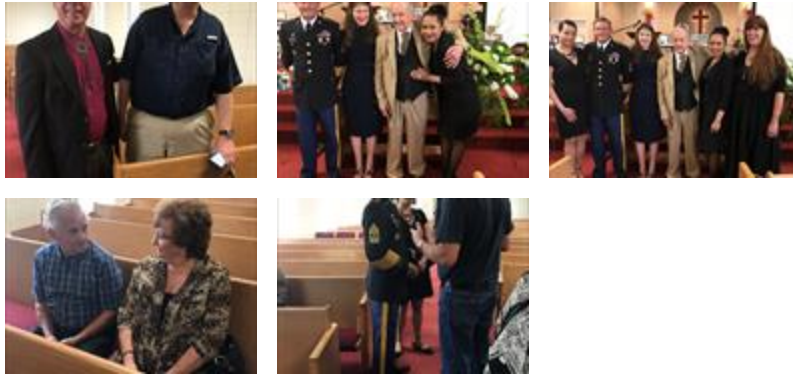
JP

“ Steve was a good man and a great friend. He was in our wedding 40 yrs ago. So many wonderful and precious times! We will miss you friend.

Judy and Steve Powell - February 01, 2021 at 08:00 PM

B
BEVIS

“ 11 files added to the album Celebration of Life



Bevis Funeral Home - June 06, 2019 at 08:34 AM

B
BEVIS

“ 3 files added to the album Camp Butler National Cemetery



Bevis Funeral Home - May 26, 2019 at 10:32 AM



“ 15 files added to the album Camp Butler National Cemetery



Bevis Funeral Home - May 25, 2019 at 07:31 AM



“ Cherie Courtney-Price sent a virtual gift in memory of Steven Eugene Courtney



Cherie Courtney-Price - May 20, 2019 at 11:46 PM



“ Cherie Courtney-Price sent a virtual gift in memory of Steven Eugene Courtney



Cherie Courtney-Price - May 20, 2019 at 11:45 PM

CC

“ *Cherie Courtney-Price lit a candle in memory of Steven Eugene Courtney*



Cherie Courtney-Price - May 20, 2019 at 11:21 PM

CC

“ *Love you brother! Forever and always in my heart, your "favorite little sister" Cherie.*



Cherie Courtney-Price - May 20, 2019 at 10:45 PM

CC

“ *3 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Cherie Courtney-Price - May 20, 2019 at 10:17 PM

TY

“ I was taken aback and saddened in learning that Steve had made his transition from this life.

When Steve and I were in high school together, we were best friends -- especially in our Jr. and Sr. years. We always were laughing, joking and being sarcastic, as much as possible. Spent probably too much time together; and were constantly hanging out as each other's houses; when we weren't involved in the theater club or performances. Lots of fun and fond memories of those days, to be sure.

He went off to Illinois Wesleyan and I went to Bradley, and traveled in different directions.

We lost touch after high school, but reconnected about 10 years ago. What a surprise and pleasure to become reacquainted. We caught up and spoke about where our travels had taken us; him into the military for 20 years and me living and working in New York City for the same amount of time.

His family and my family got to know each other. I was happy to see he was happily married and had a strong community of friends around him! Most of all, it was good to see his irreverent, self-deprecating humor was still alive and well all these years later. Our old banter picked up as though it never stopped.

We got together many times during our stay near Tampa; and, I was happy we had the chance to relive old and live some new memories. What a satisfying experience it was for me.

His kind heart, goodness and loyalty to his family and friends will surely be missed. My sadness at his passing brings appreciation and sentimental tears to me for his unyielding friendship to me as a teenager; and his reaching out to reconnect years later.

Rest in peace my friend! You deserve to meet some people in

heaven to banter with them and laugh along with your weird and wonderful sense of humor!

You will not be forgotten!! Blessings and prayers those you have touched and leave behind.

Ralph (Travis) Young

Travis Young - May 17, 2019 at 12:23 PM

GS

“ *Harry (Jr): Many of us from the SCSO reminisce about the good old days and your name is usually included. Please accept my deepest sympathy on the passing of your father and know you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Gary Stone

Gary Stone - May 15, 2019 at 08:54 AM

B
BEVIS

“ *23 files added to the album Visitation*



Bevis Funeral Home - April 01, 2019 at 08:29 AM

TR

I'm a good friend of Steve's and just found out. We were at IWU together and found each other again a few yrs ago. We managed to get together in the Tampa area and I'm so glad we did. I'll miss him so very much. Godspeed Steve. Hugs to your family. Tom Richards

Tom Richards - April 06, 2019 at 02:52 AM

B
BEVIS

“ 1 file added to the album Life Tributes



Bevis Funeral Home - March 30, 2019 at 10:13 AM

MN

“ You'll always be my father until my last breath. I love you and will miss your sarcastic remarks.



My Lee Neidlein - March 29, 2019 at 12:24 AM



“ 123 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Bevis Funeral Home - March 28, 2019 at 11:45 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Glenna - March 28, 2019 at 11:13 AM