



## Steven B. Shusterman

December 29, 2023

Steven B. Shusterman (Steve), 69, originally of West Hartford, passed away on December 29, 2023 as a result of a COVID-19 infection and underlying conditions. Steve was born on March 1, 1954 in Hartford, CT to the great joy of his parents, the late Elvira Previtali and Samuel Shusterman. Steve was a devoted husband to his wife Joanie Shusterman, a quirky and fun father and grandfather, a beloved brother, and a selfless friend and neighbor. Steve appreciated the little things in life that make it great, like a hot cup of coffee, warm pet greetings, the spotting of a cool car or motorcycle, and the chance to pick up an awesome guitar. His loss is deeply felt by his family who loved him dearly.

Steve graduated from Hall High School and the University of Hartford, and enjoyed a career in marketing and direct mail. In recent years, Steve was able to retire and participate in a quieter life in Newington and then Broad Brook, CT with his wife. In his youth, Steve loved nothing more than lounging on the beach in Wildwood, NJ and putting his feet in the cool ocean, splashing the salty water on his face. For years Steve's steady companion was Sindar, a giant black Newfoundland dog, that Steve showed to become a Champion. Steve cared for and loved a menagerie of creatures throughout his life including dogs, cats, lizards, fish, frogs, birds and parrots to the delight of his children and family. Throughout his life, Steve found solace and happiness listening to The Beatles and George Harrison and playing his guitars.

Steve is survived by his wife Joanie Shusterman of Broad Brook, CT; his children, Samantha Shusterman and her husband Carl Nilsson of Arlington, MA and Thomas and his wife Amy Shusterman of Newington, CT; three grandchildren, Rosalie Vera and Richard Jon Nilsson and Nathan Dean Shusterman; his brothers, Allan and his wife Joan Shusterman of Stony Creek, NY, and Robert and his wife Karen Shusterman of Hull, MA; and his nieces and nephews, Jennifer Shusterman of Essex, CT, Jason Shusterman of Manchester, CT, Hillary Shusterman of Quincy, MA, and Colton Shusterman of Hull, MA.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 AM on January 11, 2024 at the Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle, 872 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Human Society.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Steven Shusterman please visit our Sympathy Store.

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle  
872 Farmington Ave.  
West Hartford, CT  
(860) 233-8269

# Tribute Wall

JO

“*Everyday that goes by I think of you and I know your at “Peace” in Heaven, but I am trying very hard to stay strong and keep focusing on what we discussed several years ago, and I am keeping busy, but at night time it’s the hardest for me! I kiss your picture when I go to bed and when I wake up! I loved you and you loved me. When I go out I always think of you and when I come home, I sometimes even talk to you. It’s part of my healing process! We had a long time together and I never thought even today, how alone it’s been without you Steve. I plugging along and yes I don’t hear much from anyone, they are grieving your loss too. However, I am blessed that your spirit is with me and you are keeping me strong. I get grief messages each day to help me deal with your loss. I miss you and love you so much.*

*Your Wife Mrs. Joanie M Shusterman*

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**Joanie** - February 01, 2024 at 06:36 PM

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“*I didn’t see him for many years, but I remember him well from schooldays. Always a nice guy with a joke to make and a smile on his face--sounds like he stayed the same his whole life. Condolences to his family, who must miss him greatly.*

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**Ira Fagin** - January 11, 2024 at 12:43 PM

JM

“ Dear Alan, Robert, and family:

*With a heavy heart I extend you my sentiments and sympathy over the recent passing of Steven.*

*Griswald Drive was the foundation of my childhood. It was full of children who engaged and played various activities together. Steven was one of them.*

*I have fond memories of playing tackle football with no equipment with him in my backyard. Steven and I had for several years a snow removal and lawn mowing partnership with a number of neighbors. One neighbor thought we should be doing it for charity, but Steven and I stood firm and demanded our just compensation.*

*It was an honor and privilege to know and socialize with him.*

*With deepest condolences,*

*Joey Mascolo*

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**Joseph Mascolo** - January 10, 2024 at 01:01 PM

RS

*Thanks "Joey". We definitely had some great times on Griswold Dr in the old days. Be well. Rob*

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**Robert J Shusterman** - January 10, 2024 at 02:19 PM

RA

“ *I had the pleasure of knowing Steve when we worked together at Advo System. We were together in customer service and threw together a picnic for the company. He was a kind man with many interests and always a joy to be around. God bless him.*

*Rich Albert*

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**Richard Albert** - January 09, 2024 at 06:17 AM

JS

“ *My world was complete with you in it. My world is empty now. However, I was with you in the end and that was a blessing, but I miss you so much. The memories we had after 29 years, I will cherish them forever. Your loving wife Joanie Shusterman*

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**Joanie Marie Shusterman** - January 08, 2024 at 08:44 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Steven B. Shusterman.*



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January 08, 2024 at 03:04 PM