



Stephen E. Pirnat

July 31, 1951 - February 9, 2020

Stephen Edward Pirnat was in love with life and it showed. Always quick with a joke and eager to embrace a new challenge, he was a thoughtful industry leader, a generous community supporter, a loyal longtime friend to many, and loving husband for 44 years to his high school sweetheart, Betty Pirnat of Tulsa.

On Sunday, February 9, Steve passed away unexpectedly at the age of 68.

Steve was born on July 31, 1951 in Hoboken, New Jersey, the son of Theresa (D'Esposito) and Edward Pirnat. After graduating from St. Joseph's High School in West New York, New Jersey, he attended Villanova University and earned a bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Over the course of his career, Steve worked at Ingersoll Rand, Ingersoll Dresser Pump Company, Pangborn Corporation, and Quest Integrated. He served as CEO of the John Zink Company in Tulsa from 2000 to 2009. He was Chairman and CEO of ClearSign Combustion Corporation, based in Seattle, until his retirement in December 2018. From 2014 until the time of his death, he served as Independent Director of the Texas-based AZZ, Inc.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents and by Betty's sister, Barbara Mathews. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth (Betty) Pirnat of Tulsa, his brother Bruce and sister-in-law Elizabeth Pirnat of Ridgefield Park, New Jersey, his niece Samantha Pirnat of

Hackensack, New Jersey, his sister-in-law Patricia Horgan of Zurich, Switzerland, brother-in-law Richard Horgan of Belmont, Massachusetts, nephew Michael Mathews of Palm Harbor, Florida, and many much loved friends both near and far.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic Church, 4001 E 101st St., Tulsa at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 15. Fitzgerald Southwood Colonial Chapel, 3612 East 91st Street South, Tulsa, will host a viewing on Friday, February 14 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Flowers are welcome, as are donations to Tulsa Ballet.

Comments



“ We , tht Ingersoll-rand lunch group, are sadden by the passing of Steve, he will be remembered by many of his past Ingersoll-rand employees.

William Hay - March 03, 2020 at 11:56 AM



“ Betty, thinking of you and remembering Steve. I enjoyed working for him at John Zink. May you find comfort in this difficult time.

Amy Pettyjohn - February 21, 2020 at 12:20 PM



“ My condolences, Betty. (and no matter what he told you all these years, he lived in back of me)

Donald Michielini - February 16, 2020 at 02:39 PM



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Bob and Kathy Kreps - February 15, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ I enjoyed working with Steve at Ingersoll Rand Company, he was very pro-active and driven to always do a good job and satisfy customers, May God rest his soul and afford him Eternal Grace, and comfort his family, Amen, Bob Goehler

Bob Goehler - February 14, 2020 at 02:28 PM



“ Dear Betty and Family- We loved Steve and his great smile and wonderful humor. Our God has called him home. He will be missed. May he Rest In Peace. James and Linda

James and Linda Estes - February 14, 2020 at 02:17 PM



“ Sorry about Steve Betty. My wife died 14 years ago. You certainly are welcome to contact me any time you need to.\r\n\r\nBob

Robert (Bob) Casper - February 13, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ I hope through the few short years we worked together I managed to show how thankful I was to know Steve. He was my boss and the older brother to us all, witty and caring but mostly , very smart. Though I was not lucky to stay around, I feel I was very lucky to have known him and the love of his life , Betty. Thank you Steve, for all the support you offered me when I needed it the most. I am eternally grateful for his assistance and kindness.Steve was blessed with all the right qualities and made the standards with which I measured qualities in others for all my life. I will miss him and I am certain he will be missed by all who knew him.Rest well dear friend, enjoy eternal peace and joy in heaven.

Tabaneh - February 13, 2020 at 05:15 PM



“ It is an honor and privilege to call Steve & Betty our friends. We have such wonderful memories of great conversation and laughs whether over drinks, at dinner, the theater or while traveling. Steve could be funny or he could be serious but he was always interesting and kind. Those memories we will cherish forever. We love you, Steve, and we'll miss you terribly. Scott & Fran

Scott & Fran Isaacson - February 12, 2020 at 11:52 PM



“ I have such fond memories of Steve. He was always good for an insightful conversation. Such a wonderful spirit about him. He was a good boss and friend.
\r\n\r\nKevin Veit

Kevin & Cherie Veit - February 11, 2020 at 09:20 PM



“ Steve was one of my hero's. He was the 3000 watt light bulb in the room. Lived life to the fullest and Betty was the light of his life. Working with, working for and learning from one of the true business minds and solid friends. I was lucky to cross paths and learn from him. Our thoughts & prayers are with Betty and family. Chuck & Laurie

Chuck & Laurie Powers - February 11, 2020 at 09:19 PM