



Stephan Allen Van Cleve

February 1, 1939 - September 24, 2020

Stephan Allen Van Cleve, 81, of Evansville and Port Charlotte, FL, passed away Thursday, September 24, 2020 at St. Vincent Hospital.

Steve was born February 1, 1939 in Shelbyville, IN to the late Edmund and Florence (Phares) Van Cleve. He was an optometrist and a partner in Specialty Eyecare of Evansville. Steve was a member of Corpus Christi Catholic Church and the Indiana Optometric Board; served as president of the Indiana Optometric Association and was an adjunct professor of the Indiana School of Ophthalmology. Steve also served on the board of the Tarpon Harbor Community Association. Steve enjoyed traveling with his family and is now on to life's greatest adventure.

Surviving Steve are his wife of 31 years, Chris (Regan) Van Cleve; children, Stephan Bradley (Rhonda) Van Cleve, Melissa (Jay) Higgins, Shelby (Christopher Johnson) Van Cleve, Lauren (Kody) Steed and Alex (Hope) Van Cleve; grandchildren, Charlotte and Emily Van Cleve, Chad Horgan, Elizabeth and Tabetha Gissiner, Sam and Levi Higgins, Lincoln Ashby, Fenna Johnson and Corbin Steed.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 10:00 AM on Monday, September 28, 2020 at Corpus Christi Church, Rev. Tyler Tenbarge officiating. Entombment will take place in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 1:00 until 6:00 PM on Sunday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 9:00 AM until service time on Monday at Corpus Christi Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Corpus Christi Church, 5528 Hogue Road, Evansville, IN 47712 or to the Moll Foundation for Haiti, 8024 Wolf Creek Court, Evansville, IN 47712.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 27. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Visitation

SEP 28. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Corpus Christi Catholic Church
5528 Hogue Road
Evansville, IN

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

Corpus Christi Catholic Church
5528 Hogue Road
Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Stephan Allen Van Cleve*



Pierre Funeral Home - September 27, 2020 at 11:07 AM

RB

That was a lovely tribute full of family, fun, love, and shared adventures. Thank you for sharing.

Rhonda Baumgart - September 27, 2020 at 09:56 PM

KS

Chris, Jim and I are deeply saddened by Steve's passing. We were out of town and just learned about it this afternoon. Steve was a beautiful Christian, such a kind, fun-loving friend to all. He will be sorely missed yet heaven is blessed to have him. We love you, Chris, and are so disappointed to have missed his funeral.

Kristine Schroeder - September 28, 2020 at 05:49 PM



“ *Stephan Allen Van Cleve*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM

RM

“ My name is Ron McDaniel. I practiced optometry with Steve in the early years. He was a great clinician and years ahead of his contemporaries in his scope of practice. I learned a great deal from him. I'll never forget the kindness he and Barbara showed to my wife Ann and me nor the antics of the very young Brad and Melissa. Try as he might, I never developed a taste for either scotch or golf. Ann and I send our condolences.

Ron McDaniel - October 01, 2020 at 03:29 AM

SF

“ Steve was one, if not the most, respected leader within the IOA, during my and many other's era. He was always astute, charismatic, definitive, even humorous! while gaining the confidence of all within our grand organization. His leadership, dedication and love for Optometry was just unexcelled. His memory will never fade for all of us that had the honor and privilege to know and serve with him. Optometry was truly served and enriched by Steve. Steve has made eye care with Indiana and this nation better. Many lives have been enhanced, even to those that never even knew him through his service within the IOA and the Indiana State Board of Optometry. May his memory be a blessing to his family and all of us who knew Steve as a great friend, mentor and leader. Steven L. Seward, OD FAAO

Steven L. Seward, OD FAAO - September 30, 2020 at 03:15 PM

JD

“ My thoughts are with the family of Stephan Van Cleve

*Jeffrey C Marshall, O D
Bradenton. FL*

Jeffrey C Marshall, O D - September 30, 2020 at 09:35 AM



“ Steve and I both were from Shelbyville. We both were active in the IOA at about the same time. We attended a lot of State and national meetings together. He was a trailblazer and a lot to do with our current law. I was do sorry to here about his passing.

Oren Olinger - September 28, 2020 at 07:20 PM



“ Great times, great friend, great loss... Sending love and light to your entire family! Love, The Carty's

Ann Carty and Family - September 28, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ Nicolette Sammet lit a candle in memory of Stephan Allen Van Cleve



Nicolette Sammet - September 28, 2020 at 09:29 AM



To Chris and the whole family, May you find comfort in each other and know Steve is in a better place without pain. Our family will keep you in our prayers.

Nicolette Sammet - September 28, 2020 at 09:32 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Stephan Allen Van Cleve.



September 27, 2020 at 09:10 PM

RW

“ To Shelby, Christopher, Lincoln, Fenna, and the rest of your wonderful family.

We wish for you: Peace, Love, and the Comfort of fond memories in your time of grief.

Sincerely,

Rich and Carrie Van Winkle.

Richard Van Winkle - September 27, 2020 at 06:54 PM

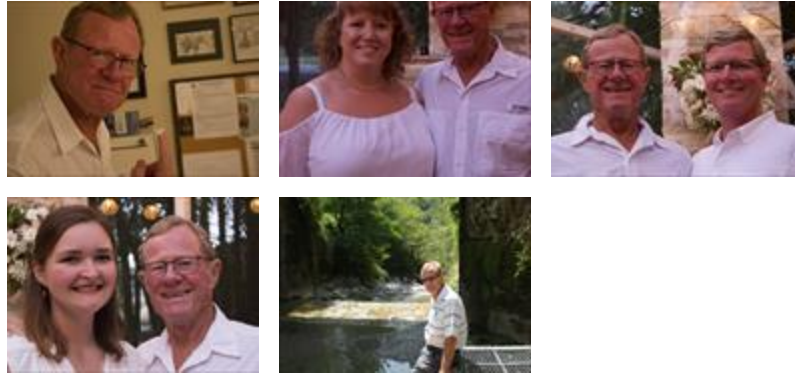
WE

“ I had the honor and privilege to practice for over 20 years with Dr. Steve VanCleve. He loved life, family, IU, and Optometry. He dedicated his life to Optometry, serving as President of the IOA 1978-9, Optometrist of the Year in 1984, and most recently and well-deserved, Life Time Achievement Award in 2020. He continued to serve as an Indiana Optometric Board member for many years. On the many trips to conferences in Indy and Bloomington, he would often say how blessed we were to have a profession that we love. Helping provide better vision and eye health to our patients was what made Optometry an enjoyable lifetime profession. One could enter a large convention room and listen but for a moment and hear his distinctive laugh and know that Steve was in the room. Steve was my friend, a colleague, a mentor, and a brother. Our lives are enriched for having known him and we will cherish the times we had together. Thank you for being an important part of our lives. You made Indiana Optometry better for having been a part of it. We will miss you. Thoughts and prayers for Chris, family and close friends. RIP 🙏

Walt Egenmaier - September 27, 2020 at 04:38 PM

BC

“ 30 files added to the album LifeTributes



Brad Van Cleve - September 27, 2020 at 04:02 PM

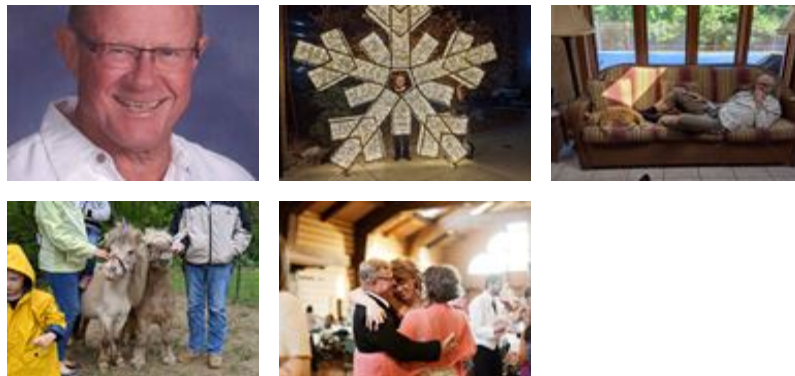
DW

“ Chris you have our deepest sympathy. Our prayers are with you, Steve and your family. Al and Darlene Weinzapfel

Darlene Weinzapfel - September 27, 2020 at 02:03 PM



“ 179 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pierre Funeral Home - September 27, 2020 at 10:59 AM

SW

“ I worked for Dr. Robert Gregg and he was friends with Dr. Van Cleve, anytime he came to our office he always had a smile on his face he had such a wonderful personality he will be greatly missed. My prayers go to the family

Sandy Worthington

Sandy Worthington - September 27, 2020 at 08:55 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Stephan Allen Van Cleve.



September 27, 2020 at 08:25 AM

AK

“ Steve was my husband's roommate at Indiana University, member of our wedding party, God Father to our son Dallas, and a cherished friend for over 60 years. We will miss his laugh and smile very deeply. God bless you, Chris, as you mourn this terrible loss.
Ron and Ann Keller

Ann Keller - September 26, 2020 at 03:39 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Stephan Allen Van Cleve.



September 26, 2020 at 01:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Stephan Allen Van Cleve.



September 26, 2020 at 10:36 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity* was purchased for the family of Stephan Allen Van Cleve.



September 26, 2020 at 10:08 AM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Stephan Allen Van Cleve.



September 26, 2020 at 09:27 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Stephan Allen Van Cleve.



September 25, 2020 at 06:32 PM

DO

“ Steve was the biggest and always positive influence on my career. He was one of my instructors in my final year of optometry school and even let me live in his home for about a month!! A year later when I called him to be a referral for me to join the Air Force he said of course.... but you should look at an office in Boonville first.... This began 20+ years of close friendship and Much professional advise from Steve. So much advise that he was more like a father figure. When my Dad suddenly passed on Sept 24, 2016 I asked Steve if he would be my substitute Dad.... he gladly agreed. Now Sept 24, 2020.... I lost my second Dad. My heart is broken, but it goes out to Chris and the kids!! My comfort comes when I think that my two Dads have met each other and that we will all be together one day in Heaven!!



David Hyndman OD - September 25, 2020 at 06:01 PM

TF

“ The Valley Electric Association Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Stephan Allen Van Cleve.



The Valley Electric Association Family - September 25, 2020 at 05:57 PM