



James Stephen Applegate

October 2, 1940 - December 12, 2020

James Stephen Applegate passed into the loving hands of His Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Saturday, December 12, 2020, after an intense battle against Covid-19.

Steve was born October 2, 1940 to Charles and Alice Applegate in Omaha, Nebraska. He was raised in Northfield, Illinois, and upon his graduation from Miami University (O) in 1963, married his childhood sweetheart, Carla Tenney Applegate. They were married for 57 years, and were blessed by two children, Jeff Applegate and wife Julie of Houston, Tx., and Allison Applegate Williams and husband Jeff Williams of Milton, Georgia, and by six grandchildren, Drew, Ben and Summer Applegate, Lindsey, Callie and Abby Williams. Steve is preceded in death by his brother Allen Applegate of Minneapolis Minnesota.

Steve spent his career in steel sales with Armco Steel-Union Wire Rope and Bethlehem Steel.

Steve was a member of second Baptist church where he served as a Deacon and Outreach Leader of the Beacon Bible Study Class. His official title to his family and all who knew him was CEO, Chief Encouragement Officer.

A Celebration of Life is to be determined later under covid restriction.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Stephen Applegate*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *James Stephen Applegate*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *James Stephen Applegate*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *James Stephen Applegate*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Steve had an uncanny ability to evaluate people.
The smartest and best thing he ever did was to choose Carla.*

Tom Seng - December 24, 2020 at 12:54 PM

BE

“ I worked with Steve for close to 20 years and always admired his honesty, work ethic, faith, and sincere appreciation for his customers, co-workers, friends, and family. He was a pleasure to work with and everyone enjoyed his company. Despite his numerous successes and accomplishments, Steve was most proud of the success of others, especially those of his children, children-in-law, and grandchildren. He loved his friends and family immensely and will be truly missed by all. My deepest sympathy to all who had the pleasure of knowing Steve, and especially Carla, the love of his life, and the rest of his family, the joy in his life.

*Bob Emery
Valparaiso, IN*

Bob Emery - December 23, 2020 at 01:48 PM

MB

“ I had the pleasure of working closely with Steve in the 90's at Bethlehem Steel.
A great salesman and a better family man. He always had a soft touch for everyone and could make you feel at ease in any situation. A true gentleman. He will be missed.
Thoughts and prayers go out to the Applegate family.

*Mark Bisbing
Langhorne, PA*

Mark A Bisbing - December 23, 2020 at 12:47 PM

PW

“ When I worked in the plate department of Bethlehem Steel, Steve was one of my Houston salesman. Truly a nice guy. He will be missed. Pat Walton

Patricia Walton - December 23, 2020 at 12:37 PM

DO

“ Suzy and Doy send our sincere feelings of loss of Steve and our prayers for the Applegate family, our friends for nearly 40 years. Steve will be missed by the NF Group and our Poker buddies. Blessings, Doy

Doy - December 16, 2020 at 11:51 AM

LC

Dear Carla and family , Barb and I have hardly the words to express our deepest sympathy on the passing of Steve . He ,as you , will be in our daily prayers . Personally , I will miss his friendly smile and his easy going persona . You know you always had a friend if you knew Steve ! We love you , Barb and Coach

Larry Catuzzi - December 20, 2020 at 11:17 AM

TL

Dear Carla, Allison and Jeff. My heart goes out to you all with the loss of your precious father. What a delightful man and so loving and caring toward all. He loved family and making family connections. I so enjoyed all my interactions with him talking about family genealogy. I would have loved more time with him discussing our shared family connections. He will be greatly missed. What a kind man. I admired him and feel lucky to have known him. I am keeping you all in my prayers for comfort and healing. What a reunion the Fishers and Busskohls are having in heaven right now! Love, Tracy Long

Tracy Long - December 23, 2020 at 09:35 AM

JL

Steve was and is very special to me. I worked with him in Texas with Union Wire Rope. And he was responsible for getting me on with Bethlehem Steel. I owe a whole lot to Steve. A really good man. I will remember Steve and his family in my prayers. John Lenz

John Lenz - December 23, 2020 at 01:04 PM