



## Stephen Alan Forristall

January 25, 1947 - September 17, 2019

Where to begin with a man that lived life large. He worked hard, he played hard, he loved unconditionally.

Steve was born in Sparta, Wisconsin to his parents, Leland and Genevieve Forristall. His Dad was career Military, which led them to Frankfurt until Steve was six. He then moved to San Antonio. He graduated from Alamo Heights in 1965. His High School classmates became his lifelong friends. He graduated from the University of Texas and was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. Again, his fraternity brothers became his lifelong friends. The stories from the Kappa Sig house are legendary. He was able to watch his beloved Longhorns football game right before the Lord called him home.

He started his own business, Forristall's G.T Cars, in 1971 in Houston. His love of cars and racing led to 48 years of buying and selling classic cars beyond his wildest dreams. Many of the cars that came through his dealership now reside in museums around the world. Steve spent many years vintage racing at tracks across the United States.

Steve married his wife, Margaret, on July 10th, 1982. Together, they were able to travel to races and other car events, which brought a whole new circle of friends and fun. Margaret never watched a race. She stood behind the stands and friends would keep her updated on his place in the race.

Their daughter Elizabeth came along in 1985. He loved and adored his Ebeth. He never missed a ballet recital or dance team event. He and his Ebeth were kindred spirits. He would come home from an exhausting day to have Elizabeth fix him "French Onion Soup" in her play kitchen. When she was older, she loved going on a "Sunday Drive" with her Dad in one of his race cars.

Stephen Jr. arrived in 1990. Having a son made his world complete. His son grew up on Gran Prix and Lemans instead of Disney and Looney Tunes. Coaching Little League was a total joy. Margaret and Steve spent many years sitting in Baseball bleachers. Watching his son play baseball kept him young and energized.

He loved his children and gave them the space and support to follow their dreams and choose their own paths. When their son married Samantha (actually Sam), their family only grew larger and more joyous. Having his two precious Granddaughters, Grace and Audrey, brought an unimaginable phase of happiness. Being Iya, was the best job in the world. He and Gracie would huddle together over an art project which usually got Iya in trouble because in his world Gracie could do no wrong. His last visit with one-year old Audrey ended with three nose kisses as he walked out the door. His feet did not touch the ground for days.

He was also Iya to many great nieces and nephews. There was always a line for tickle time with Iya.

He will be missed by, Margaret, Elizabeth, Stephen and Sam, Grace and Audrey, sister and brother-in-law Immy and Joe Hill, nieces and nephews-in-law, great nieces and nephew, many cousins, and a vast plethora of friends.

Matthew 25:23

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **28**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Grace Presbyterian Church  
10221 Ella Lee Lane  
Houston, TX 77042

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen Alan Forristall*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Stephen Alan Forristall*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Stephen Alan Forristall*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Stephen Alan Forristall*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *It was 1997 and had been bitten by the vintage Ford Mustang bug and set out to find a decent car that wasn't full of rot. That's when I heard of Steve. I bought a '66 Mustang coupe from him and I still have that car today. I learned a few things about Mustangs from Steve. I thought I'd check in to see what he had for sale and learned of his passing. Please accept my late condolences. RIP Steve.*

**Mike Sticklen** - September 13, 2022 at 10:03 AM

MD

“ I have photos of my various trips to Steve's shop when he was on I-10 near Dairy Ashford (Memorial City). Wow! Some serious collector cars (Ferrari's, Alfa's Maserati's, Lambo's, etc.) could be seen there. I never met the man but his sales/technical staff were always open to questions from penniless dreamers such as myself. The shop's heyday was the 80s as I recall when the "Grey Market" was in full swing and the Southwest a/w boom was on. Later he was well known as a FORD Mustang and Pantera specialist. Thanks, Steve!

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Mark in Dallas - January 19, 2022 at 10:36 PM

MS

“ Met Steve years ago at his shop off of Gessner in Houston, purchased a couple of Mustangs from him and was actually looking for a car today , went online to see if he was still selling collector cars , and came across his obituary. Fine gentleman , and I enjoyed stopping in over the years and salivating over the latest unattainable treasure he had in the shop , while he shared history of it and many more vehicles in the bay. Rest in Peace Steve , and condolences to your family...

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Mark Shedd - August 25, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen Alan Forristall.



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September 27, 2019 at 02:36 PM



“ *Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of Stephen Alan Forristall.*



September 27, 2019 at 11:19 AM



“ *Dan & Debbie Valentine purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Stephen Alan Forristall.*



**Dan & Debbie Valentine** - September 26, 2019 at 04:49 PM



“ *Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Stephen Alan Forristall.*



September 26, 2019 at 01:17 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen Alan Forristall.*



September 26, 2019 at 09:07 AM

FC

“ *From your Iowa cousins Rick and Greg Cahail purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Stephen Alan Forristall.*



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**From your Iowa cousins Rick and Greg Cahail** - September 25, 2019 at 11:01 PM

PW

“ *We were next-door neighbors until it was time to leave home and then we lost touch even though I remained a neighbor of his parents until their deaths. Ours was a neighborhood full of kids because we were the post WW2 babies. We had good times in that neighborhood. I have enjoyed reading about his life and antics after leaving the neighborhood. RIP old playmate.*

*Peggy Struwe Williams*

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**Peggy Struwe Williams** - September 24, 2019 at 01:02 PM

RV

“ *Margaret, our hearts are aching with you during this terrible time of loss. I have a clear picture of Steve making the rounds in heaven right now, and meeting people with the same twinkle in his eye that he always had here. He was a fun friend during our time as Houston Christian parents.*

*We're praying for you all in the days ahead.*

*Richard Vaughan*

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**Richard Vaughan** - September 24, 2019 at 10:16 AM

DV

“ *Diana Geis Vandel lit a candle in memory of Stephen Alan Forristall*



**Diana Geis Vandel** - September 23, 2019 at 10:17 PM

DV

“ *Steve was a dear friend for many years, we hung out in high school, in college...I went to some of his fraternity parties, and after college we continued on. At the 50 year high school reunion I got to spend a lot of time talking with Steve. He is a true gentleman and friend. He was a blessing to us who knew him.*

**Diana Geis Vandel** - September 23, 2019 at 10:15 PM

CP

*Starting a successful business 2 years out of college says volumes of his character and abilities.*

**Charles Potts** - September 24, 2019 at 11:16 AM

JB

*Margaret, I am so sorry for your loss. I never had the pleasure of meeting Steve, but knowing you - I'm sure having fun was #1 on his list. My prayer for you is that our Heavenly Father will hold you and your family in his loving arms as you go through these days of mourning and that you may experience God's peace & love & restoration during this time.*

**Jane Dobkins Bilberry** - September 26, 2019 at 11:24 AM

KW

“ Steve was always so much fun and had eyes that twinkled with mischief. We were very naughty one summer before our senior year in high school; we got together a few times because a mutual friend was away on vacation ... We spent time making prank phone calls and thought we were so hysterical! I was a Kappa Sigma Little Sister and was so excited when Steve pledged Kappa Sig. It's impossible to think about Steve without smiling and I so admire the accomplished and generous man he became.

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**Katherine Willis** - September 23, 2019 at 09:30 PM

KW

“ Margaret, our hearts are with you, your children and grandchildren at this time of great loss. We are shocked and saddened by the passing of your wonderful husband and hope you find comfort from all the good times you shared together.  
*The Willrodt Family*

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**Karen Willrodt** - September 22, 2019 at 07:17 PM