



Stephan Scott Lay

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Stephan Scott Lay, 50, a resident of Hermitage, Tennessee, died on Tuesday, March 21, 2023. Born November 6, 1972, in Tampa, Florida, he was the son of the late Norman Leon Lay and Lona Ann (Wilson) Lay. He graduated from Vivian Gaither High School in Tampa, Florida in 1990 where he was a member of the musical ensemble Showcase. In his youth, he attended Christ Community Church where his faith was instilled for the duration of his life. Known as StevieD, Ty Stevens, Ty Mitchell, Steve, or Stephan, he was always the same man: performer, thinker, and reveler. He enjoyed life to its fullest.

Stephan was a loving father, brother, uncle, and friend who will be missed dearly. He was a gifted musician who played the piano and other instruments, entertained countless audiences, wrote hundreds of songs, composed five musicals in which he acted and directed, produced one Easter cantata, and created numerous comedy sketches through artful storytelling. Stephan was a member of several bands in the Tampa and Baltimore areas including Fifth Level, The Reagan Years, and More More More. Whether entertaining for devoted band fans, musical aficionados, political attendees, or faithful churchgoers, Stephan gave his all with generous performances. Stephan also enjoyed breeding English bulldogs with former wife Andrea Lay. As a multifaceted artist, he drew, designed figurines, and self-taught web design. Stephan dressed in his own unique style and collected a variety of hats, a reflection of his artistry. His talent to make potential residents feel right at home made his job as a Leasing Agent successful and rewarding in Baltimore, Boston, and Nashville. Stephan valued his best friend of 32 years, Kris Pirtle of Nashville, Tennessee, with whom he lived at the time of his passing. His family will remember him as a kind man with creative genius, an independent spirit, and a paradoxical nature.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved brother Michael Dean Lay.

Stephan is survived by his son Kevin Mitchell Lay of Superior, Wisconsin; sisters Angela (Jean-Louis) Miranda and Melissa (Jamey) Rawls; brothers Timothy (Tammy) Lay and Reverend



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Randall (Melinda) Lay, all of Tampa, Florida; sister-in-law Amy (Crabill) Lay of Tampa, Florida; step-mother Reba (Hall) Lay of Port St. Lucie, Florida; step-brothers Michael Colby (Jill) Weems of Orlando, Florida and Clint (Cherie) Weems of Springfield, Missouri; half-brother Matthew Lay of Port St. Lucie, Florida; nieces Brittany (Matt) Rueff of Gainseville, Florida, Amanda, Christy, Abby, Merritt, Anna; nephews Austin, Jonny, Carl Jacob (Zoe) Rawls, Henry, Ray, Jonah, Aaron, James; cousin Doug Smith and many aunts, uncles, cousins, great-nieces and great-nephews from Florida, Kentucky, and Michigan; and a host of friends, co-workers, and fans.

A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2023, at 3 P.M. at Northwest Community Church at 14913 Hutchison Road, Tampa, Florida 33625.

Spring Hill Funeral Home has been entrusted with the cremation arrangements of Mr.Lay, a landmark since 1785: "Where Nashville Comes to Remember.

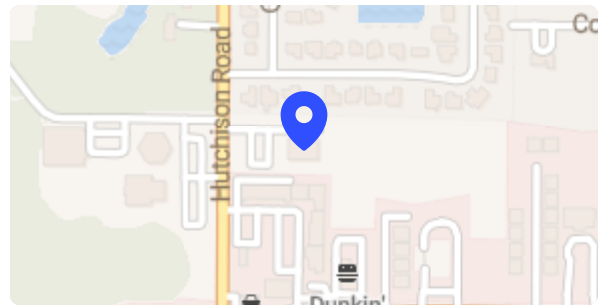


Celebration of Life Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, April 29, 2023

 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Northwest Community Church**
14913 Hutchison Road, Tampa FL 33625





Tribute Wall

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Nikki Pennington shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I miss seeing you sing and perform. It was what you were born to do. I often look at some of the videos I would take at The Jetty. You were one in a million Stephan. ☐
Nikki



May 17 at 8:50 AM



Anonymous sent a Summer's Light Bouquet to the Lay family.

April 25 at 7:00 AM



Anonymous sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Lay family.

April 21 at 7:00 AM



Carolyn Lynn Shanholtz lit a candle in honor of Stephan.

Carolyn Shanholtz lit a candle in memory of Stephan Lay

April 21 at 6:29 AM



Carolyn Lynn Shanholtz sent a virtual gift in honor of Stephan.

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April 21 at 6:28 AM



Jennifer lit a candle in honor of Stephan.

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April 2 at 3:29 AM





JB

Jimmy Brock posted:

To the entire Lay family, as well as all extended family, I wish to offer my deepest condolences for this untimely loss. Stevie and I had a couple of solid years together back in high school. He was a year behind me. Other than bringing the house down performing his Showcase solos (he was pulling off Queen back then), a couple things come to mind regarding our friendship back then. Firstly, we would ride around, usually to Wal-Mart from his house on County Line Rd on my little Honda Spree scooter. Looking back we were channeling Dumb and Dumber long before the movie ever came out. I'm quite certain we looked ridiculous. Secondly, Stevie would take two tape recorders and two blank tapes. He would record his vocals on one, then play that one along to the other one recording his new vocal. He would do this multiple times layering his voice this way to create harmonies on tape. Full vocal harmonies all with his own voice! No doubt inspired by Freddie Mercury at the time. I remember just sitting there at his house in amazement. My heart aches for your loss. It is with sadness and sorrow that I write this message. May his memory endure. Jimmy Brock

March 28 at 11:58 AM

SJ

Sharon Jordan May 26 at 9:04 PM

Rest In Peace Steve still cannot believe you're Gone from this Earth. Now you're in Heaven Singing with Our Loving Father God Angel's. Knowing you your probably teaching The Angel's New Song's!!! Forever Young Steve You Are Missed. Rest In Peace. Loving you, Sharon Jordan and Family 🧑🧑🧑🧑🧑💙💙💙💙💙

SJ

Sharon Jordan May 12 at 12:40 PM

My Dear God Om Heaven I just now heard about this. What a Shock!!! Steve you will be forever Missed and Always Love!!! Our hearts are broken 💔💔💔 this is hard to believe!!! Please Lay Family know that The Jordan Family care's very much. We were all close to Steve and my son Michael Jordan and they loved each other like a brother!!! You are Missed Dear Friend Always. I will be Praying for everyone too. Rest In Peace Stevie. We love you, The Jordan Family 💔🧑💔🧑💔🧑

LL

Larry C Lawman April 4 at 7:02 AM

Well said Jimmy. My condolences to the Lay family. I was shocked and very sad to just learn the news from another Gaither High School class mate. I paled around with Jimmy, Stevie, Melissa Lay, and the rest of the music geeks and remember all those times well. Stevie was the best. Whether piano, singing, beat boxing, he was so talented. I remember the vocal layering he and I would do at his house singing into a speaker at the time. Not sure how he figured out how to do that, but he did. After every show, Showcase or Chorus, walking out to the parking lot, Stevie always said "I love you man" We lost touch after high school and went separate ways, but but I've always reminisced those days. Jimmy on the drums, me singing back-up, and Stevie nailing "Find Me Somebody to Love". You will be missed my friend. You made the world a better place. Larry Lawman



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Stephan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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