



Stephen J Ryder

August 31, 1951 - April 17, 2016

Stephen J. Ryder of Annadale passed away on Sunday April 17 at Richmond University Medical Center surrounded by his loving family. Stephen moved from Brooklyn to Annadale in 1990. An avid runner he competed in numerous New York City Marathons. through he years. Stephen enjoyed watching College Basketball, especially Wagner College, and his spare time he loved photography.

Stephen began his career in finance at the young age of 16 when he started working for Chase Manhattan Bank. He retired from Chase in 2010 as a financial analyst, having never worked for any other Bank or Financial Institution, an accomplishment we was most proud of.

Stephen is survived by his two daughters Patricia DiMassi and Allison Ryder, He also leaves behind his beloved and devoted companion Patricia Ramphal, along with his sister and his 3 grandchildren.

Stephen's funeral will be Thursday 9:15AM from the John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals Inc. 28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station). A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at Holy Child Church beginning at 10:00AM. Interment will folllow in Resurrection Cemetery.

A gathering of friends and family will take place on Wednesday from 2-5 & 7-

9PM

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrot Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10309

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 20. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd
Staten Island, NY 10312

Visitation

APR 20. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd
Staten Island, NY 10312

Service

APR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Child Church
4747 Amboy Rd
Staten Island, NY 10312

Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen J Ryder*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *My dearly beloved we were supposed to grow old together but now that dream will never happen. People keep saying that it will get easier as time goes on but for me it is getting harder for me every day you are nit here. I miss you so much, Love always Pat.*

Patricia Ramphal - May 02, 2016 at 01:54 PM




Allison Ryder - May 06, 2016 at 07:44 PM



“ *Patricia Dimassi lit a candle in memory of Stephen J Ryder*



patricia dimassi - April 27, 2016 at 07:02 AM

 Allison
Ryder

“ I would give anything to have you here with me. What a blessing it is for you to be my father and for people to tell me how much I'm like you. It makes me smile. I'm grateful for the photographs, the memories but it hurts my heart to know that they are forever in the past. You are my heart daddy. My whole heart and I don't know how to survive this without you. I love you and I miss you more and more every single day. And in an hour, my heart's going to break a little more, because in an hour, it's going to be a week that you were taken from me and we were robbed of our future endeavors. and all I want is to see you again 📄💔💙🙏🏻✝️

Allison Ryder - April 24, 2016 at 08:51 PM

PB

“ I worked with Steve at Chase for more than 30 years. We became good friends and share many happy fun times at work. He was the sweetest kind and thoughtful person. We kept in touch after we left Chase. Every year he would send a Christmas Card. He will always have a special place in my heart. May he find eternal rest and peace with God.

Patrica Bass

Paricia Bass - April 22, 2016 at 05:42 PM

“ (Peter R's Part 2 of 2)

And lastly, Steve was reliable.

Yes reliable - as a father to his equally reliable daughter, Patricia, and to his poetic daughter, Allison.

Yes reliable - as a life partner - to his first love Rose & then to his last love, Pat, who has cautioned me that Steve wanted no tears shed for him, only celebration of his life.

And they in turn, were reliable loved ones to Steve, showering steadfast, constant and unwavering company and support during his last dreadful journey that brought us all to this time...

Steve's loved ones - please know, he thanks you for that. I know because he told me so many times over his last 24 months. He loved you so much - and you have much to be proud of for the way you supported him, unconditionally. Now, for him, continue to support each other.

And for me, I will find abiding solace in remembering the second tree that will forever reside in memory. One of a cherry tree - in Owls Head Park - once again, back in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn. The time, 1959, in the gentle month of October. A photograph of this time was on display at Stephen's wake at Scalia's.

Lo, that photograph takes me back in warm remembrance. For there I sit - safe in the crux of the limbs of that beautiful symbol of life, a cherry tree. Yes, there I am, at the age of eight, cocky and content. Ever so confident - after all - I am in the company of the two very best male friends that ever blessed my life: my beloved younger brother, Craig, at my feet - and my always recording, resourceful, resilient and - ever reliable best friend, Stephen, at my back. t'was so true - he always had my back!

'till we all meet again my best lad, Steve, be well & at peace!

And please, continue taking good notes! For in due course, we are all going to need them...together with your wise and good guidance. My friend, kindly overlook the tears, and yes, please know well - your life is celebrated. You are loved.

- Peter R. (April 2016)



Peter Reese - April 22, 2016 at 04:58 AM

PD

Thank you so much for being my dads best friend. I loved hearing all about the basketball games you would go to. Thank you for your insight into my father as a young boy, I now know where I get my resourcefulness from . I'm blessed to read what you as well as many others have written about him and I only hope he knows how many lives he has touched and how many people cared for and loved him. My father to me was a man of great strength and dignity and I'm so happy he had a wonderful man as yourself to be his best friend!

patricia dimassi - April 22, 2016 at 10:49 PM

“ *Stephen Joseph Ryder, my always recording, resourceful, resilient and ever reliable best friend.*

As we celebrate the life of our loved one and friend, I, for one, will take solace in the memory of two trees. Indeed, a tree is an image so apropos of the moment because a tree is symbolic of life.

The memory of the first tree that bestows some comfort is that of an ancient tree called a Gingko - one of the oldest living species on earth.

Steve grew up under shade of a tall resilient Gingko tree in front of his boyhood home on 79th Street in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn - and so did I.

Steve always insisted that we first met at the age of two. I would not dare to argue with him since I remember nothing before the age of four - so I readily defer to him upon that issue because surely he took notes in his memo pad even then as a toddler. Steve was always taking notes - recording all about the people and events surrounding him.

Steve's life-long career was in the field of banking but he had the traits of his two grandfathers who were not bankers. His mother's father was a merchant ship's captain - and Steve inherited the calm, watchful demeanor of a skipper at the helm of a cargo ship. We are quite confident that his father's father was a New York City police detective... and Steve surely inherited some of his genes, as Steve could hunt down facts like a hound dog finds a fox...relentlessly.

Even after he retired from Chase Bank - and was living on a fixed income - that fact-finding skill emerged sometimes in delightful ways...

For instance, once we were working on a plumbing leak at his home on East Tenafly (Steve was forever enduring water issues at his

home) and when we drove to get some needed hardware and supplies I said we had to stop by a grocery store to pick up some things that my wife had asked me to get for her.

We pulled up in front of the Key Food in the Evergreen Plaza off of Amboy. While still in the car, I warned, "I have to find bread crumbs - this is gonna take a while..."

Steve replied, "Aisle 7 - rear of store - right hand side - not on sale this week" A tad surprised, I added, "and chicken broth?"

Steve answered, "Aisle 8 - front of store - left hand side - Pacific Foods brand - on sale - I have a coupon. You can have it." I just shook my head, thinking, "maybe that's the kind of stuff that he's been writing down all this time..." We were in and out of Key Food within minutes.

Oh - and Steve was ever so resourceful. One afternoon in 7th grade, Junior High School, we were out at lunch time. We were on the street and two guys, who had probably been left-back for three years and who seemed about six years older, had us hoisted by our shirt collars - looking to shake us down for our lunch money.

Steve, while wriggling in his assailant's grasp, mouthed to me, "Are you ready?" I, also struggling, babbled back, "Huh?" Steve replied, "Get ready!" He then delivered a swift and deft kick to my assailant's right shin. My attacker dropped me in pain and so did Steve's attacker drop him in surprise and off we took - sprinting and laughing all the while. The clumsy oafs had absolutely no shot of catching up to us. Yes - Steve was resourceful even then - and ever so fast - he could run forever. We all know that he completed six NYC Marathons.

And like a Ginkgo tree - Steve was resilient. He was so strong and tough. It took a persistent disease that killed the legendary Humphrey Bogart in eleven short months, a full two years to take my resilient best friend.

- Peter R. (end of Part 1 of 2)

Peter Reese - April 22, 2016 at 04:50 AM



Reading this makes me smile of your past with Steve of your childhood to adults. It made me smile and laugh, you guys were something :).

Raymond Ramphal - April 23, 2016 at 10:53 AM

PD

“ Patricia Dimassi lit a candle in memory of Stephen J Ryder



patricia dimassi - April 22, 2016 at 01:16 AM

MK

“ I am so glad we were able to meet you, you were always warm and welcoming . Now who will take pictures at the family functions. You will surely be missed. Rest in eternal peace. Marcia, Egan, Ena, & family. You are gone but will never be forgotten .



Marcia Kelman - April 21, 2016 at 06:12 PM

ME

“ Melanie lit a candle in memory of Stephen J Ryder



Melanie - April 20, 2016 at 02:51 PM

JC

“ *The Summer blackout of 2006, Steve and I were sitting outside to cool off waiting for the sun to set. We spoke about our family. He made me laugh during his marathon training days that he would have to run faster in the bad neighborhoods of Brooklyn. I haven't seen Steve out much the last few months and was hoping one day to get in a run together.*



*We will miss having you as a neighbor.
Our condolences to Steve's family and friends.*

*Love,
Jason
Karen & Family*

jason chau - April 20, 2016 at 01:42 PM

PD

Thank you so much for your kind words!

patricia dimassi - April 20, 2016 at 10:35 PM

DM

“ *I want to thank you for letting me into your family unbiased of anything. There have been many times when it seemed like we were the only normal people in a group as we would sneak away and have conversations about life, love, and just everyday things. You would'nt say a lot, but it would speak volumes. You had a bigger impact than you would think on all of the people you've touched. You will be greatly missed.*



Denis M - April 20, 2016 at 10:55 AM

PD



patricia dimassi - April 20, 2016 at 10:36 PM

MK

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Marcia Kelman - April 21, 2016 at 01:16 PM

IL

“ *I knew Steven for 50 years in Chase Manhattan Bank, I loss a very good friend, and God will keep him in his hands .*

irmina Leon - April 20, 2016 at 10:30 AM

LD

“ *Steve, your life/ candle burnt off far too soon.. You have left us with an emptiness.. Thank you for your kindness. Your giving nature, and calm personality are reflections of the kind of man you were. We will truly miss you..*



To your family, may God Comfort you at this very sad time.

To my sister Pat and Son Ray, May God give you the Peace & Comfort only He (God) could at this time.

Steve Rest In Peace.. no more pain.. you are Free at Last..

Loretta & Dennis

p.s."ONE DAY AT A TIME SWEET JESUS"

Loretta & Dennis - April 20, 2016 at 09:53 AM

PD

“ *Patricia Dimassi lit a candle in memory of Stephen J Ryder*



patricia dimassi - April 20, 2016 at 05:17 AM

JY

“ *Jacqueline Yong lit a candle in memory of Stephen J Ryder*



Jacqueline Yong - April 19, 2016 at 08:35 PM

JY

“ *Your presence will be missed. Your strengths have carried you to a more peaceful & pain-free place. Our deepest condolences to your family. -- Sis, Dai Chee & Shuit Chee*

Jacqueline Yong - April 19, 2016 at 08:35 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen J Ryder.*



April 19, 2016 at 08:21 PM

CH

“ *Christina lit a candle in memory of Stephen J Ryder*



Christina - April 19, 2016 at 06:03 PM

SS

“ *Susan Stuart purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Stephen J Ryder.*




Susan Stuart - April 19, 2016 at 05:46 PM

VC

“ *Steve, I miss you a lot and I will always remember all the kindness you showed to me.*
Cousin Vee



Vivian Chung - April 19, 2016 at 05:40 PM

 Allison
Ryder

“ *you asked for a basketball before you left us, I'm sure the view for the games are better up there.*



Allison Ryder - April 19, 2016 at 05:09 PM

Allison
Ryder

“ daddy, my heart aches in your absence. I cannot find the words to express how much I miss you. I hope you have found peace because I watched how much pain and suffering you endured in silence and no matter how much we were there, we could never truly know how you were feeling. I love you more than these words can ever suffice for every three hour phone conversation, for every random photo, for every time you stood at the door until I pulled away, for every detail you remembered down to the date, for every moment you stood by my side and were there for unconditionally. Daddy, you are my heart, my best friend, my everything and there is not a thing in this world I wouldn't do to have you back in this world healthy and happy, mowing the lawn and picking tomatoes, running marathons and decorating for the holidays, watching twilight zone and zorro. I pray you're running amongst the clouds now, looking down on us with pride, with a second chance in heaven 💙



Allison Ryder - April 19, 2016 at 05:08 PM

Allison
Ryder

“ Allison Ryder lit a candle in memory of
Stephen J Ryder



Allison Ryder - April 19, 2016 at 04:59 PM

FF

“ *Franky Margaret and Franky purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Stephen J Ryder.*



Franky Margaret and Franky - April 19, 2016 at 04:56 PM

SS

“ *Susan Stuart lit a candle in memory of Stephen J Ryder*



susan stuart - April 19, 2016 at 04:20 PM

SS

May the wings of all the angels carry your spirit safely over the bridge to where God welcomes you home to be in peace as you leave all your pain and suffering behind,

susan stuart - April 19, 2016 at 04:30 PM

MM

“ *Margaret Martin lit a candle in memory of Stephen J Ryder*



Margaret Martin - April 19, 2016 at 03:59 PM

MM

“ *If i started sharing memories there wouldn't be room on here for anything else. You have been a part of my life for as far back as my memory goes.*

*I will always smile when I think of you and there are certain things that will always make me think of you such as Albinos, sunburn, and quack quack waddle waddle. RIP brother
Margaret*

Margaret Martin - April 19, 2016 at 03:42 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Stephen J Ryder.*



April 19, 2016 at 02:57 PM

ME

“ *So many good memories! I especially remember our bike/runs. When Steve was training for the marathon Patricia and I would bike along with him. Now that I think about it we were in awesome shape :-)* One ride was cursed. If I remember correctly my bike got a flat and then we had to find a place to fix it. I have a clear memory of Patricia and I sharing a ten speed so Steve could ride the other one home. We were out for hours. But never a bad word from him. Anyone else would have pitched a fit. It was hot and he was running the whole day and I knew he was annoyed, anyone would have been. But he kept his cool and that let us keep ours. One in a million. I'll miss him.

Melanie - April 19, 2016 at 02:36 PM

RR

“ Steve, you will be missed very much. But I am glad you're free from that bastard cancer that changed you so much in the end. It hurt me to see how much you changed towards the end. I will look back at some good of the memories of how you were there when I had to go to the hospital and when I was hospitalized, it meant a lot that you were there. It was nice seeing you around on the weekends when we moved back to Queens. You were so helpful and supportive to my mother and I. I will miss you being around.

Sincerely,
Ray

Raymond Ramphal - April 19, 2016 at 01:49 PM

PD

“ Pat & Ray: Loretta & Dennis purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Stephen J Ryder.



Pat & Ray: Loretta & Dennis - April 19, 2016 at 01:01 PM

PD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



patricia dimassi - April 19, 2016 at 11:52 AM

PD

“ Patricia Dimassi lit a candle in memory of Stephen J Ryder



patricia dimassi - April 19, 2016 at 11:51 AM

PR

“ Patricia Ramphal lit a candle in memory of Stephen J Ryder



Patricia Ramphal - April 19, 2016 at 11:44 AM

RR

“ Raymond Ramphal lit a candle in memory of Stephen J Ryder



Raymond Ramphal - April 19, 2016 at 11:37 AM

RR

“ Raymond Ramphal sent a virtual gift in memory of Stephen J Ryder



Raymond Ramphal - April 19, 2016 at 11:35 AM

PR

“ to my sweetheart forever I miss you so much it hurts, but it hurt more to see you suffering these past weeks. I know you are in a better place where there is no more suffering and pain. I will always love you.

Love Pat

Patricia Ramphal - April 19, 2016 at 11:22 AM

KR

“ In fond remembrance of a man I have know almost all my life. A man who as far as I can remember stood to protect his daughter and never judged anyone. He allowed you to be yourself and accepted you for who you are. A man who was willing to take his daughter and her best friend to the Run DMC/Beastie Boys concert at Madison Square Garden (my first concert!). I will miss his dry sense of humor and quirky weirdness. Steve, I pray that Jesus met you at the finish line of that marathon!



Kristine - April 19, 2016 at 11:09 AM

FU

“ FlynnO'Hara Uniforms purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Stephen J Ryder.



FlynnO'Hara Uniforms - April 19, 2016 at 10:33 AM

FO

“ *Condolences from the Wilkes Barre Flynn O'Hara store.*

flynn o'hara - April 19, 2016 at 09:31 AM

PD

Thank you !

patricia dimassi - April 19, 2016 at 11:49 AM

PD

“ *To my peachy papa we all miss you! I'm
So glad your suffering has ended. I hope you're up there celebrating
with grandma Angie! I will love you always and forever, Patricia*

patricia dimassi - April 19, 2016 at 06:13 AM

PR

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see you suffering these past weeks. I know you are in a better place
where there is no more suffering and pain. I will always love you.*

patricia Ramphal - April 19, 2016 at 09:48 AM