

OBITUARY

Stephen B. Van Campen of Hackettstown, loving father and long-time New Jersey resident and civic leader, passed away on June 7, 2013, in Hackettstown. He was born in East Stroudsburg, Pa. to the late Bernard Van Campen and the former Marion Van Why.

Stephen achieved much in his 71 years. He was a 1959 graduate of East Stroudsburg High School and earned a Bachelor of Science for pre-veterinary medicine from Penn State University. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. His early career experience included positions with Joseph E. Seagrams & Sons, RCA/Hertz Corp. and Revlon International before joining New York City-based J.B. Gilbert & Associates in 1974, a well-known and respected management consulting and executive search firm. He eventually became president of Gilbert & Van Campen International. For nearly 20 years, Stephen traveled millions of miles around the world in search of key executives for Fortune 100 companies. He also owned and operated the Lillagaard Hotel, a historic bed and breakfast on the New Jersey coast, for several years. In his retirement, Stephen served in the local private security industry and as a private investigator.

In addition to a long and successful professional career, Stephen honorably served his community in a variety of civic roles. These included nominations by former Governor Thomas Kean and appointments by Congresswoman Marge Roukema as the Chairman/Vice Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Commission to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, where he fought unwaveringly to maintain and preserve the historic legacy and unparalleled beauty of one of America's most visited National Parks. He served as a member of the New Jersey Governor's Commission on International Trade, participating in one of the first International Trade Expos in the former Soviet Union and as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Warren County Community College and on the Tri-County George Washington Council, Boy Scouts of America.

In June 1992, Stephen was awarded the Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizens Award. In May 1995, the National Ethnic Council of Organizations Foundation honored Stephen's long-time community service and legacy as a descendant of one of New Jersey's original Dutch immigrant families, who arrived in 1652, by awarding him the prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

Stephen is survived by his son Brendon, daughters Ragan Michele, Meghan, Taylor and Hannah and one sister, Elsie Spencer. He has six grandchildren; Rieley, Logan, Connor, Tessa, Landon, and Norah. He was predeceased by sister Jeanne Tonkay. He is remembered by former spouses Eugenia Johnson, Karen Jamison and Ellen Banks.

Dad, we will miss you but will always cherish the memories we made.

A Memorial Visitation will be held in Stephen's honor on Tuesday, June 11, from 4-8 p.m. at the Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High St., Hackettstown. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Attn: Superintendant, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, 1978 River Road, Bushkill, Pa., 18324. Online condolences may be sent to cochranfuneral.com

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