



## Steven Dean Schwartz

November 11, 1953 - December 18, 2019

Steven "Steve" Dean Schwartz, 66, of The Villages, FL, passed away on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 due to complications from lung cancer, and is now fishing at that great trout stream in the sky.

Steve is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Sharon Kay (Laurich) Schwartz, his children, Emily Schwartz (Jessica Campbell) and Adam Schwartz (Ashley Fay), his sister, Sharon (Schwartz) Aasheim, and his brother, David Schwartz. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews and their children. He is preceded in death by his parents, Orrin and Helen Pauline (Waller) Schwartz, his brother, William "Bill" Schwartz, and his son, Jason Schwartz.

Born on November 11, 1953 in Ottumwa, IA, Steve married Sharon Laurich on August 6, 1977, and graduated from pharmacy school at the University of Iowa in 1981. A respected pharmacist for four decades, he lived for many years in Donnellson, IA, where he and Sharon raised their two children, before moving to The Villages, FL, in 2013. An avid outdoorsman, Steve loved fishing, golfing, country music, and grilling for family and friends. He was an Army veteran, a leader in the Boy Scouts of America, and an active member of the American Legion.

A celebration of Steve's life will be held at Beyers Funeral Home at 1123 W.

Main Street, Leesburg, FL, on Friday, December 27th, with family receiving guests from 9-10 AM, followed by a memorial service from 10-11 AM. He will be interred at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to American Legion Post 474 in Donnellson, IA. As there is not an online option for donations, please make checks payable to American Legion Post 474 and send them to: Gary Haeffner, 704 Dewey Ave., Donnellson, IA, 52625. An alternative would be for people to plant trees in Steve's memory through [americanforests.org](http://americanforests.org).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Sharon and Family,  
Steve was one of the nicest guys I know. He had a heart of gold.  
I am so sorry for your loss and he will be missed by all.  
Ellen Carlo-McKeel

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**Ellen Carlo** - December 23, 2019 at 06:43 AM

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“ We met Steve and Sharon on the golf course about 5 years ago and instantly became fast friends. Over these past years we were blessed to be able to spend a lot of time with them during the three months per year that we were in The Villages. We will always remember his infectious smile, generosity, and humor. We will especially remember his grilling expertise. We were blessed to be able to share many, many good meals with them. Sharon, Emily, and Adam we send you our most heartfelt sympathy and love. We wish we could be there on Friday to celebrate Steve's life with you. Know that our thoughts and prayers will be there. Sharon we will see you in April and give you the biggest hug that you can handle. Sending virtual hugs and prayers now. RIP STEVE. Your shining light will be missed.

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**Barb Fleck** - December 22, 2019 at 10:42 PM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Steve-O, as I used to call him while working with him at Walgreens in Fort Madison, was always one of my favorites to work with. He always has a smile on his face and we were always joking and laughing about something. We joked that I was going to move to Florida with him when he went and go to college and I'd take care of the pool. He was always so humble, happy, and kind. ❤️

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**Kali Kern (Basham)** - December 22, 2019 at 10:19 PM