



Stephen Cochrane

September 10, 1956 - April 10, 2010

Stephen Cochrane, 53, Bismarck, ND, died April 10, 2010. A celebration of his life will be held Friday, April 16, 2010, at 2pm at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck. A gathering will start at 1:00 pm at Parkway Funeral Service. GO GATORS! Stephen was a loving husband and father who touched and inspired many. Stephen was passionate about the outdoors, adventure, and most importantly, his family. He and his wife of 20 years, Debbie, were the definition of "soul mates." Stephen was a graduate of the University of Florida where he received an undergraduate degree in Latin American Studies and a Masters in Business Administration MBA and will always be an avid Florida Gators fan! Professionally, Stephen enjoyed much success as a Chartered Financial Analyst CFA. Upon his death, Stephen was the Executive Director of the North Dakota Retirement and Investment Office, overseeing over \$4 billion in state pension and investment plans. Stephen is survived by: his wife, Debbie Cochrane; his five children, Benjamin Cochrane, Jeffrey Conover, Timothy Conover, Shawna Cochrane, and Heather Cochrane; his grandson, Carter; his first wife, Karen Lennard mother of Benjamin; and his sisters, Camilla Cochrane, Lesley Quick, and Kimberly Cochrane. Stephen was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Barbara Cochrane. Memorials may be given to The Central Dakota Humane Society, 2104 37th Street, Mandan, North Dakota 58554, Phone: 701 667-2020, https://secure13.softcomca.com/cdhs_net/How to Help/Make a Donation/donationform.htm or to Shands Teaching Hospital at the University

of Florida, Shands Office of Development, PO Box 100386, Gainesville, FL
32610, Phone: 352 265-0111 <http://shandsgiving.org/giving/>

Tribute Wall

DE

“ Steve was a good friend for the nearly 40 years I knew him. Quick with a joke, fun-loving, but smart, thoughtful and deep. I wish I hadn't kept putting off a visit to Bismarck. Words can't express our loss.

Drew Efron - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I just wanted to pass along my sincere sympathy to the friends, family and colleagues of Steve. I only met Steve once -- just two months ago, when he was kind enough to grant me a meeting when I was traveling in North Dakota. Just the fact that someone in his position would take the time for an "intro" meeting from someone he had not met and a firm he had not engaged with before tells you a lot about his kindness and graciousness. He was extraordinarily generous with his time, and I was struck by both his openness and kindness -- and his passion for the Florida Gators! :-While I only had the one business encounter, it was memorable because of Steve's kindness, and it certainly made an impression on me. I am so sorry for your loss. Take care --Jill Farrell

Jill Farrell - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VK

“ It was a pleasure and a privilege knowing Steve. I always appreciated his true friendship, the way he loved his wife, family, and their dogs. He always was down-to-earth and liked people.

Vida Keller - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ Steve, you will be missed by everyone that you met in your life. You were a person that became a friend the minute you met someone. You were genuine and kind and the type of person that anyone would be honored to be called your friend. We will all miss your sense of humor and wit and most of all your friendship. May you rest in peace my friend.

Jeffrey Ulness - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Debbie and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all in this difficult time. I truly enjoyed knowing and working with Steve over the years. He was definitely a professional in every sense of the word and a mentor to us all. We will miss him dearly.

Sue & Howard Sage - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ I always enjoyed working with Steve and looked up to him. He was a great guy and a good friend. He always greeted you with a big smile and a warm handshake. We used to joke that I could be comfortable wearing cowboy boots to work, because there was a good chance he had his on to. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Cochrane family.

Bryan Reinhardt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ I was so saddened to learn of the news. I've only known and been working with Steve since 2006, but always enjoyed it. He was one of the good guys - gracious, thoughtful and always a professional. My prayers are with you and your entire family. I will miss him.

Chris Aidone - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ As an SIB trustee I greatly admired and respected Steve. He was a brilliant professional and a classy guy, who treated others with kindness and caring. Over the past several weeks, Steve and I enjoyed many visits discussing the world of finance and how we might work together to find new and innovative paths to enhance client portfolios. You left us much too soon Steve. God bless your soul and provide comfort and strength to your family and loved ones.

David Gunkel - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Steve was a business acquaintance. He was great to work with and had such a way of making things understand to all. He will be greatly missed by those of us in the pension business. Cindy Hemphill

Cindy Hemphill - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Peace man! I hope and pray you have found the joy you so rightly deserve. The joy that you could somehow share with all of us, even though you may have struggled to find it inside.

Jeff Engleson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Debbie and Family, I have not had the privilege of meeting you, but from pieces of your life gleaned from Steve's conversations, I know you are very special. My thoughts and prayers will be with you now and into the future. My respect for Steve creates this wish as I express my very best to each of you. May your memories sustain you and God's love give you strength. Most respectfully, I remain Steve's friend, Lowell Latimer

Lowell Latimer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ To Debbie and family, and my dear Cochrane cousins, I am so sorry to learn of Steve's death. The Barber cousins have great memories of visiting our Cochrane cousins when we were all children. Debbie, I last saw Steve a number of years ago but I will always feel an enduring connection to him as well as to Uncle Larry, Aunt Barbara, and Leslie, Camilla, and Kimberly. I wish I had had the opportunity to get to know you and the children. Visiting the guestbook and reading the comments submitted, I was not at all surprised how loved and regarded Steve was. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Marion

Marion Barber Mills - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ I had the pleasure of living next door to Steve on the river for a short time years back. I just remember thinking that he was just a really great guy, always happy, smiling and full of life! My best to his family Troy

Troy Wollmann - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Debbie and family, I am sorry to hear of the passing of Steve. He was a wonderful person and I am so glad to have had the opportunity to have known him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. God's Blessings!

Sandy Erickson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ We are saddened to learn of Steve's passing, but know that he is in a wonderful place. Our hearts and prayers are with Steve and his family. Don & Kathy

Don & Kathy Parker - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Stephen Cochrane*

March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Even though we are miles and miles away our hearts are with you during this difficult time. We love you all and hope you know that if you ever need a shoulder to lean on we are there. Love, Kevin and Michelle Parks*

Kevin and Michelle Parks - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Debbie and Family...My words seem so inadequate to express what's in my heart. The world was a better place because of Steve Cochrane. He touched many and taught us much. He will be deeply missed...*

Kelly Schmidt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Debbie - I'm terribly saddened at this news. Please keep Steve's perpetual joy alive so more people can experience it. It is a true loss to humanity. I wish peace for you and your family.*

Dina Baird - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Debbie, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. I feel fortunate to have known Steve for the last 10 years. I always appreciated his honesty and how easy he was to work with. He will truly be missed by everyone on both a professional and personal basis. Lyle*

Lyle Fitterer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Stephen Cochrane*

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“ *We were all very sad to hear of Steve's death. We had good times with him when we were all together. He will be missed. May we all find the strength within us to go on. May his soul be at peace now. Love you SteveDebbie our prayers are with you and the family always.LoveBarbara*

Barbara Ortutay and Family - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Family, I may have been twelve years older than Steve, but he was truly my teacher, my mentor, my friend. Those of us who were fortunate enough to work with Steve knew his brilliance encompassed but also transcended the world of investments. We have lost such a dear, dear man and selfishly, we do not want to let him go. I find comfort in this brief saying:"Perhaps they are not stars in the sky but rather openings where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down to let us know...they are happy." Be gentle with yourselves. Steve would want that...for all of us.*

Barb Evanson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Debbie and Family, I am so proud to have known Steve and honored to have enjoyed the company of such an amazing person. I am truly saddened by his passing and wish you all my deepest sympathies and prayers. Steve's passion to everything and everyone around him was truly inspirational. Personally, the support and guidance he gave me in my career is something I will never forget and will always appreciate. As a Chief Investment Officer, it was evident that the interests of the members of the North Dakota Public Employees' Retirement System was Steve's top priority. Steve's expertise and dedication to the retirement savings of North Dakota's public employees is something that will be realized and appreciated for many generations to come. I will miss you mate. James

James Clarke - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ It seems like yesterday that I met Steve when he worked for the Florida State Board of Administration. As a Minnesotan, I was shocked when he took a position in ND. When I called him, he shared that he and his wife made the move for the benefit of their children and that he loved his new home and his board members. He embraced the Prairie! I was a money manager so just an annoyance to Steve in his busy day. But we became friends and he once said, "Kathleen I will always take your calls because you don't waste my time." I consider Steve one of the best professionals in our industry...compassionate, honest, intelligent, funny and dear. We will miss him. Kathleen Callahan

Kathleen Callahan - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ I am so sorry to hear this news, Debbie. Please know that I am here for you should you ever want to talk. My heart aches for you and your family. Lean on us your family and friends, as well as your faith. Continued thoughts and prayers as you travel this unbelievably difficult grief journey. Gwen

Gwen McCay - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Debbie and family,I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that there are so many of your friends and family who are thinking of you and are grieving with you. Steve was a fantastic man, a consummate professional, with a fantastic sense of humor. He loved you all very much.Even though I will be out of town for the funeral, you are in my thoughts, and my prayers.With deepest sympathy,Jim

Jim Poolman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I knew Steve for about 13 years professionally. Always a warm smile, a “hi guy” and a quick laugh, Steve was always more than a professional colleague, he was a genuine friend. Engaging and thoughtful, he was always straight-forward and gracious whatever the circumstances. My thoughts and prayers are with Debbie and his family and all the folks at RIO.

Toby Seggerman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ I will always have a special place in my heart for you. You were a great cousin who will always be remembered with a smile. I pray that the Cochrane, Strauss and Quick families will find peace in knowing how loved you were not only to family, but your friends too. Rest in peace cousin - I love you.

Gloria Napolitano - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Steve was a very special person and friend to me. He was extremely smart but warm, kind and patient. He always showed gratitude, usually in small ways through a kind word or an encouraging email note. He deeply respected and appreciated his staff, colleagues and board members. He was honest and dependable in his dealings with investment managers, of whom I am one. I will miss Steve and commend his soul to God's good grace and loving embrace.

John Pluta - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Please accept my sincere sympathy on the tragic death of Steve. As so many others, I grew to know and care for him both in a professional capacity and through personal conversation. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of loss and bereavement.

Korrine Lang - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I worked at a gas station Stephen frequently stopped at. He was a very nice man and always had a positive attitude with a big smile on his face. I will never forget how nice he truly was. He will be missed by many people.

Lisa Smestad - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Dear Debbie & Family, Our hearts go out to you with deepest sympathy in the loss of Steve. Thoughts and prayers are with you. ~Laurie Braun and Caitlin Hagarty

Laurie Hagarty Braun & Caitlin Hagarty - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ I will miss you my friend. You both mentored and inspired me in my time of need, I am forever indebted to you. I will enjoy fond memories of you whenever the Gators take the field. My thoughts and prayers are with Debbie and family. Paul

Paul Lofthus - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Steve has left this world way too soon. I can't imagine what family and friends are going through at a time like this. I always appreciated Steve's smile and warm, outgoing nature. He as also a great asset to the public employees of North Dakota and all of us will miss his leadership. I hope that Steve has found peace.

Bob Toso - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ We are in shock as we read of Steve's passing! He was always so fun to be around and his smile was infectious!!!! Though you moved out of our neighborhood years ago, we have fond memories of your time in the neighborhood. Steve always took time to talk to the boys about cars and stereos and what ever else they needed to talk about. Never did get the chance to thank him for that kindness. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time. No words can make up for the loss you most certainly are feeling, but we trust that with time the good memories will make it easier to face each day. All our love Doug and Robyn Wonnenberg John, Mike, Connie and Mark

Robyn Wonnenberg - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *Debbie, my thoughts and prayers are with you hon. You know Danny past away April 1, and I know what you are going thru. If you like you can email me and we can start communicating. We use to be close as kids. Love you much, take care.*

Anita Lynn Stewart Witt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *You and your family have been in our prayers during this difficult time. Thinking about you everyday! We love you!*

Pam, Rich, Alex, Cheyenn Christensen - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Debbie, Ben, Heather, Jeff, Shawna, and Tim, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this trying time. Your family and Steve have been incredible friends to us and to have had the opportunity to have know Steve will always be treasured. Sharon, Sandy, Alex, & Walker Blunt*

Sandy Blunt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM