



Stephen Ellis Busch

March 20, 2013 - March 20, 2013

Stephen Ellis Busch passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 19, 2013. He was a generous man of deep service to family, church, Rotary, and music education. Born May 18, 1930, in Neenah, Wisconsin, Stephen moved to Fort Collins where he was a Professor in music education at Colorado State University until retiring in 1997. Stephen is survived by JoAnne, his wife of 54 years; his two daughters, Gwynne Cleveland and Carol Busch; and his grandson, Stefan Bennett. He is preceded in death by his daughter, Heather; his parents, Mary and Orrin Busch; and his sister, Carol Letter. He will be remembered by family and friends at a memorial service on Saturday, March 23, at 1 p.m. at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his honor may be made to the Colorado State University Department of Music, Theater, and Dance c/o Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

Tribute Wall

KT

“ *JoAnne, Gwen and Carol My thoughts are with you.*

Kacy Thompson - August 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *My sympathies to your family. I moved to Fort Collins 18 years ago. The first thing I did was to find a church with a bell choir. Stephen was the director at FUMC and was so welcoming when I showed up to rehearsal. He was a joy to have as a director.*

Lynne Klingelsmith - April 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ *My deep sympathy to Stephen's family. Shortly after we moved to the Winslow Stephen came to visit George. They had a delightful talk as they remembered their interest in all things music.*

Virginia G Febinger - March 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *I was sorry to read about Stephen's passing. I was a secretary in the Music Department for 2 1/2 years. He was always so bright and cheerful whenever he came in. We liked to share chocolate brownies! We have lost a very kind man. Take care of yourselves.*

Earlene E. Bell - March 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Dear Jo Ann and family our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Ellen and I feel so fortunate that we were able to have a brief visit with Steve last summer. Having not seen Steve for a couple of years it was enjoyable to again share his lively, optimistic view of life. Steve was my faculty neighbor in the Music Dept. for over 30 years. He was also the first Coloradoan I met when I stepped off the plane for my interview at CSU. I valued his friendship and was inspired by his warmth and energy for students and colleagues. Bob Nisbett

Robert Nisbett - March 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ Jo Anne and family I was saddened to learn about Steve's passing. Steve and I sat through many, many meetings together at CSU when I was serving as Chair of the Art Department. He was such a warm, friendly fellow. I have nothing but fond memories of him. My condolences to you all on your lose. Peter

Peter Jacobs - March 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ We will miss Steve. God's blessing on your family.

Robert & Joan Meroney - March 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ To JoAnne and the entire Busch family: I'm still in shock at Steve's loss, and feel so badly that I didn't get to see him recently. I also feel VERY badly that today's snowstorm will keep me from coming up to Steve's service. As I sit at my desk, I can look up at my wall and see Steve's picture with the gang on the summit of Quandary Peak back in '91, and smile as I think of all the great hikes we had together.

Paul Metz - March 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ My thoughts are with you Carol and your family. I know how much you admired your dad, he was a great guy!

Barb Allan - March 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ I consider myself privileged to have had Dr. Busch as one of my choir directors when I was a student at CSU in the late '60s. His dedication to music education, and his infectious enthusiasm & good nature always impressed me. He was an inspiration to so many. My sincere condolences to the family.

Debbie Dixon - March 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Dear JoAnne, Gwynne, Carol and Stefan, I knew Steve through the Ft. Collins Christian Science Church where he played the piano and I teach in the Sunday School. Steve heard me sing and when the Church needed a substitute soloist he asked me to take it on. I was hesitant, but Steve assured me I had a great voice. After that Steve called me "his singer" almost everytime he saw me. That meant so very much to me as I love to sing and having Steve, with his credentials and his deep, rich, wonderful singing and speaking voices himself, indicate I had a good voice, validated my efforts. I thank God and each of you for sharing Steve with us. Next time I solo at Church I'll think of Steve. I know Steve is moving forward in life. I wish the same for each of you. May your grief turn into gratitude for all the good Steve represented and still represents in your lives. That can't be taken away because it comes from God. God bless Steve and God bless each of you. Gratefully, Rob Waldo

Rob Waldo - March 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Steve was a dedicated educator and colleague but above all an admirable human being who always put others first. It was an honor to know him. *Morris Burns*

Morris Burns - March 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ When I was still living in Ft. Collins I substituted several times as organist at the Christian Science Church. Steve was always the person who contacted me. I found him to be a very kind and considerate person. I am saddened by his passing. The congregation will miss him.

Jack Reid - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Hello JoAnne, I am very sorry to hear of the loss of your husband. I hope the memories of a lifetime shared bring you comfort and joy. With deep condolences, *Cathy Griffith Girl Scout trainer*

Cathy Griffith - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Stephen was a very kind, giving man and gave so much to music education in his life. I remember him as always having a smile and a kind word whenever we met at CMEA events or at CSU. My condolences to his family. *Maurice R. Stephens*

Maurice Stephens - March 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dr. Busch was one of my professors while I was at CSU, and I always had fond memories of what I learned from him. His kindness, expertise, and high standards made him a terrific teacher and a wonderful human being. Please accept my sincere condolences.

Micki McMillan - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I knew Stephen from bowling - he was always a gracious person. My brother knew him from church. He will be missed.

Carole Stansfield - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ So sorry Joanne, thoughts and prayers are with you.

Brianna Kohlmeier - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Sorry for your lose, may God hold you tight and may the wonderful memories wipe away the saddness at this time.

Donna Palmer & Family - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ You have my deepest sympathy for the loss of Steve. I knew him from Church for only a few years, and wish that I had known him for many more. He was always upbeat, smiling, and ready with clever, humorous observations about so many things. I'll always remember a hymn sing that he led one time, prefacing each hymn with amazing and delightful insights about the composer, the music, and/or the publisher. I'm grateful to have known him and happy that he must have served as such a great example to so many college students and others throughout his life.

Patrick B. Bentley - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ It is with a heavy heart that I jot this note. Steve was a favorite..a brother-in-law who was ALWAYS there when I needed him. He always made me smile and his musical talents could NOT BE MATCHED. My heart is WITH ALL OF HIS GIRLS AT THIS TIME. I am thinking of you .Love from Conn Dorothy

Dorothy Bynack - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Mrs. Bush and Family - Sorry to hear of Dr. Busch's passing. I have lots of memories of Dr. Busch through the years. As students, we constantly joked with him; later in life it was great to see him at Rotary Club, say hello, and talk about the "old days."

Wendell Frey - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ We send our condolences to your family. Was saddened to see this today. your in our prayers. Love, Kay, Cheryl and family

cheryl anderson Hall - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Dear Joanne, I was so sorry to read of Steve's death. Since we have been gone for a few months,I haven't visited with you or been helpful at all. We will still be gone for his funeral with our children/grandchildren around us. Know that you are in our thoughts, and we will see you when we get home. Love you, Carol

Carol and Chuck Thompson - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ "Some people come into our lives and quickly go, Others stay for a while and leave footprints on our hearts and we are never ever the same" author unknown Steve was such a person in my life. His constance sense of joy, his love of music and strength of spirit I will always remember. My thoughts are with JoAnne and daughters.

Warren Clinton - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PZ

“ Dear JoAnne, Gwynne, and Carol, We were so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. Please accept our family's heartfelt condolences for your loss. May the memories of the love you shared comfort you now and bring you peace in the days ahead. With love,

Phyllis, Ginny & Wayne Zimmerman - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Stephen will be sorrily missed by all that knew him.His easy going manner,cheery disposition,wonderful laugh and insightful outlook is hard to find. That man was a true gem. May he rest in peace and hear "good job my son"...

Mark Lange - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM