



Stephen S. Ball

April 11, 2014

Stephen S. Ball was born in Berkeley, California in September 1944 and recently passed away in his home in St. Helena on April 11, 2014. His parents were Gordon H. and Dorothy Ball. He was raised in Alamo, California and graduated from San Ramon Valley High School. He attended Armstrong Business School. Steve worked in the family general engineering construction business. He enjoyed studying history and politics; he always had an opinion about current events with reference to historical events. He spent many hours listening to the radio and keeping informed about the stock market and current events. He traveled several times to Hawaii, Europe and Australia with family and friends. Steve loved nature and animals; he believed one should respect nature by not changing anything.

Steve leaves behind siblings Gordon Nate Ball, Dennis Ball, Susan (Jim) Syar and Marsha Ball, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins, and his friend of 29 years, Susan Baxter.

Steve was a quiet, gentle and generous man. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen S. Ball*

September 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *Stephen S. Ball*

September 29, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ *Memories are like a strong current taking us back up the stream, against the current to remembering a simple time. I haven't thought of Steve for a very long time but a few days ago his current slipped into my memory. Steve was a gentleman of the highest order. Kind and soft spoken. He took me on wonderful adventures called dates. I wish I could tell him thank you, again.*

"The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with His love, he will rejoice over you with singing." Zephaniah 3 16 and 17

Barbara Miller Johnson - April 10, 2021 at 11:36 PM



“ *So sad to hear of Steve's passing. We shared many good times at Alamo/Stone Valley and San Ramon High. Condolences to the Ball Family. Ron Catania*

Ron Catania - July 10, 2014 at 09:37 PM

BN

“ Dear Stephen Ball Family,
I just heard about Steve's passing and wish to extend my condolences. I was a classmate of his through high school, but best remember him from our Stone Valley School days.

I have been in correspondence with several of his school friends since Doug McKinley emailed the news today and am forwarding them to you in hopes that it brings you some comfort.

*Sincerely,
Bob Nickerson*

*In a message dated 7/6/2014 1:21:59 P.M from Doug McKinley
Passing of Steve Ball – and the world loses another nice guy.*

Most of us fondly remember class parties in the Ball's Olympic sized pool. I lived around the corner from Steve and his family was always gracious and made me feel welcome – even though I was more than a little intimidated by their estate and the many acres of manicured landscaping.

Several years ago (20?) I took a trip down memory lane and hiked up to “Lone Tree,” which is a tree all by itself on top of the West ridge above Camille Lane. Many fond memories of hiking those hills with other classmates and enjoying the magnificent swimming holes we built from damming up the creek.

Things were much more built up than when we were kids. On the way down the only open way was across the Ball Estate. Who did I run into – None other than Steve. We had a lengthy conversation and I left with the thought, “Same person as in High School. Still a really nice guy!”

Doug McKinley

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Hi Doug,

Thanks so much sharing the news about Steve. I've often wondered

about him and am glad to know he had a good life. As you say, he was 'a really nice guy'. I remember him as a friendly, unassuming, quiet, shy guy with a droll sense of humor.

I think I included the fun memory of Steve, Bruce Ashford and I riding around on his golf cart on the Ball estate when corresponding with some our SR-62 classmates.

I drove up Camille Ave when I was passing through Alamo a while back and saw that the gate to the property was open. Like you, I was a little intimidated and did not trespass. I then heard that the Ball property had been vacant for some time and was in disrepair - hard to imagine that happening to such a beautiful home...

*Thanks again,
Bob Nickerson*

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Thanks for the update Doug. I also remember times up at the Balls. Eight grade year end party was fun for all. Steve, you were a great, fun person. RIP ALOHA.

Terry Jacoby

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Hey Bob, Thanks for passing this on, Many times over the last many years I have wondered how Steve had faired. I am really sorry to hear he has passed away, you may remember we were close friends during high school & I spent many many days at their estate.

Dave Banks

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So sad to hear of Steve's passing. Yes, he was a good guy and classmate as far back as I can remember, and yes, the 8th grade graduation party at his house was great. Especially the taller guys throwing the two teachers in the pool. Mr. Barron went quietly while

Mr. Hagan fought like the devil! Mr. Hagan actually became a real estate agent and sold us our home here in Clyde Ca.

Since the reunion I've been thinking more about "the old days" and wondering "whatever happened to.... " e.g. Tommy Anderson, Judy Romley, Don Anderson, Diane Menges?. I took the tour of Eugene O'Neil's home, which is right above Diane Menges' old home. I couldn't identify it, though, too many changes over the last 50 years, just as Bob and Doug said.

It was wonderful seeing everyone from back then, like Suzanne, Pamela, Bob, David, Lance and Dianna. Hope all of us can get together again, and again, thanks to those who were instrumental in making the reunion such a success.

*RIP, Steve,
Cindy Gartin*

Bob Nickerson - July 06, 2014 at 07:42 PM

NC

“ *My deepest sympathy to your family. May you always be comforted by his spirit and cherished memories of being together.*

~Nancie Carlstrom

Nancie Carlstrom - July 02, 2014 at 08:56 PM

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Bob Nickerson - July 06, 2014 at 05:12 PM

DB

Very sorry to hear this, my heartfelt condolences to family. We shared many good times together

David Banks - July 06, 2014 at 07:32 PM

AL

I'm sorry to hear of another of our classmates passing. Even though it has been, it doesn't seem that long since we left high school. I have only heard good things about Steve. It sounds like he will be missed by many.

My condolences go to all his family and friends. He departed much too soon. May Steve R I P.

The rest of you, please take good care of yourself. We are not here long.

*with sincerity,
Alice Wilcox (Souza)*

Alice - July 20, 2014 at 06:39 PM