



## Steven P. Rucker

July 27, 1960 - March 3, 2016

Funeral services for Steven P. Rucker, 55, will be 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, at Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church, 495 Duckers Road, Midway, Ky 40347. Rev. Todd Lester will officiate. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Monday and 10:00 a.m. until the time of service on Tuesday, at the church.

A Shelbyville native, he resided in Frankfort. Mr. Rucker served as Executive Director of the Kentucky Communications Network Authority (KCNA). Prior to assuming the helm of the KCNA, Mr. Rucker served as Deputy Secretary for the Finance and Administration Cabinet, where he oversaw the Department of Facilities and Support Services, with 5,100 state-owned and leased properties. He has also served in many Information Technology roles for the state government, culminating in his leadership as Commissioner of the Commonwealth Office of Technology.

Mr. Rucker was an avid golfer, dedicated family man, and member of Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church. He died Thursday at Frankfort Regional Medical Center.

Survivors include his loving wife, Marsha Rucker, Frankfort; son, Steven Rucker (Alisha), Lawrenceburg; daughters, Stevi Gottler (Gabe), Frankfort, Jenny Richardson (Paul), Frankfort; four grandchildren, Lucas Gottler, Lyla

Gottler, Gavin Dishon, Stella Richardson; sister, Janey Lewis, Pleasureville; and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Porter and Corinne Waford Rucker.

Gabe Gottler, Chris Groves, Brian Hiles, Matthew Lewis, Paul Richardson, Chris Waford will serve as pallbearers.

Brother –in-laws; Kenneth Hiles, Ricky Hiles, Richard Groves, along with Keith Waford, Jerry Simpson, Jim Barnhart, Rob Carter, Bradley Kays, Charlie LeCompte, Darryl Sanders will serve as honorary pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Markey Cancer Center, 800 Rose Street, Lexington, KY 40536 or Vanissa Waford Scholarship Fund, C/O Citizen Deposit Bank Of Eminence, PO Box 126, Eminence, Ky 40019.

You may share memories and leave condolences on his tribute wall at [www.ljtfuneralhome.com](http://www.ljtfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Gardens

3250 Versailles Road  
Frankfort, KY 40601

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church  
495 Duckers Road  
Midway, KY 40347

## Visitation

MAR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church  
495 Duckers Road  
Midway, KY 40347

## Funeral Services

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church  
495 Duckers Road  
Midway, KY 40347



# Tribute Wall

AL

“ I just learned of Steve's death. What a great guy. I had the privilege of working with Steve on the KentuckyWired project. Steve brought people together for the good of all and has left a lasting legacy for all Kentuckians! Al Lind

Allen Lind - April 23, 2016 at 12:34 PM

EN

“ Eddie Norse lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker



Eddie Norse - March 13, 2016 at 07:59 PM

AR

“ Steve, as a member of SCHS Class of 1978 you will be missed but never forgotten. Noone can for get that contagious smile & "the hair" Lol...

I know your in good hands now, God has his arms wrapped around you. MY you Rest in Peace my friend. My greatest sympathy to the family. Janey, thinking of you..



Anne Newton Raisor - March 10, 2016 at 03:11 AM

DS

“ To Mr. Steven P. Rucker Family: Just a prayer for you to find peace and time for this great loss. I know of him only through Chris Richardson and face book media. I would say gather all the memories you have like spring flowers and thank God for Steven P. Rucker passing your way and sharing your life. I will light a candle for Steven in celebration of him. This is a very difficult time for the Family & friends who loved Steven and I pray all are comforted now and peace in the future. Mrs Alan Stoler & Family (Diana)



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**Diana Stoler** - March 09, 2016 at 12:47 PM

NH

“ Neil Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker



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**Neil Hamilton** - March 08, 2016 at 10:34 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Steven P. Rucker.



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March 08, 2016 at 08:48 AM

SK

“ *Sherry Kefauver lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



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**Sherry Kefauver** - March 08, 2016 at 08:23 AM

KN

“ *Kate Nowaczewski lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



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**Kate Nowaczewski** - March 08, 2016 at 07:44 AM

LF

“ *Lori Hudson Flanery lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



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**Lori Hudson Flanery** - March 08, 2016 at 07:37 AM

“Steve always greeted women by saying “Hello, young lady!” with that beaming smile of his. As his business advisor some years ago, I thought he should know that older women like myself might take offense at such a remark since we are obviously not young. But he never changed his approach, and I came to see that his way of saying hello always generated a positive response because people loved his unique and genuine greeting. In fact, Steve seldom showed any worry about the negatives in life, and I observed that he was a leader who made the best of every situation. There is a quote, attributed to Dr. Kent Keith and adapted by Mother Teresa, which sums up what I learned from Steve about life.

*“People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.*

*If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.*

*If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.*

*If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.*

*What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.*

*If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.*

*The good you do today, may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.*

*Give the best you have, and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.*

*For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.”*

*Steve was one of a kind, but we cannot count how many people learned these lessons from him.*

*Janet*

**Janet** - March 07, 2016 at 05:46 PM

DS

*Dear Janet: This tribute and memory are just something this lady needed to read. Thank you for sharing this with me. Tells me volumes about Steve and yourself. Regards, Diana Stoler*

**Diana Stoler** - March 09, 2016 at 12:53 PM

TC

“ *Terri Taylor, Graybar Electric Co. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Steven P. Rucker.*



**Terri Taylor, Graybar Electric Co.** - March 07, 2016 at 04:05 PM

CL

“ *Charlie & Sheri LeCompte purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Steven P. Rucker.*



**Charlie & Sheri LeCompte** - March 07, 2016 at 02:45 PM

DA

“ Steve was a great mentor and great friend. There are so many of us that were blessed by Steve’s wonderful spirit, leadership, and commitment to doing things the right way. I can remember once passing in the hall at the COT Cold Harbor building and he was being asked something about where he had been and he replied, “just doing the people’s business.” And that was Steve – a humble yet exceedingly accomplished public servant. Among the many things for which I owe Steve a debt of gratitude, the most noteworthy is the remarkably gracious and helpful way he helped to shape some things at work so that I could be away for six weeks while my wife and I were in Colombia for the adoption of our two daughters. Steve was always someone you could count on to have your back, but that one instance will span generations. At the same time, there were other less weighty yet lasting influences - like wearing sweater vests! For Marcia and all the family, you’ll remain in our prayers during this very tough time and be encouraged to hold the promise of a reunion waiting for all those in Him. Phil 3:20-21.

Daniel - March 07, 2016 at 02:26 PM

LH

*My deepest sympathy !! Your all in my thoughts and prayers. Lea Ann*

Lea Ann harris - March 07, 2016 at 05:09 PM

MP

“ My deepest sympathy to the Rucker family.  
You are in my thoughts and prayers.



Michael Park - March 07, 2016 at 09:44 AM

JB

“ Janet Blythe lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker



Janet Blythe - March 07, 2016 at 09:03 AM

DM

“ Doug Meece lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker



Doug Meece - March 07, 2016 at 07:00 AM

DM

“ At one point Steve was my Assistant Director while I was on the Service Desk. I wanted to move on to better things and Steve helped me do that. All he asked was that I didn't let him down. I hope I didn't. He was one of the best people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Thank you Steve. My deepest condolences to those Steve has left behind.

Doug Meece - March 07, 2016 at 06:46 AM

RL

“ Richard And Katrina LeMay lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker



Richard and Katrina LeMay - March 06, 2016 at 02:58 PM

RB

“ *Richie & Paula Brown lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



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**Richie & Paula Brown** - March 06, 2016 at 02:50 PM

DT

“ *Donnie Traugott lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



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**Donnie Traugott** - March 06, 2016 at 02:25 PM

MN

“ *I remember meeting Steve when I first started working in Frankfort. At that time, he was a desktop consultant assigned to the KY Dept of Ed. Steve always had a warm smile, friendly hand shake and a kind word every time we saw each other. I will always be appreciative of the time we spent together.*

*Mark Nicolay*

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**Mark Nicolay** - March 06, 2016 at 01:18 PM

RT

“ *Prayers go out to the family. Steve will always be remembered for his fair play for all parties and his kind nature towards everyone, while exhibiting professionalism through out his successful career. He will be missed!*

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**Rene' True** - March 06, 2016 at 11:21 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Steven P. Rucker.*



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March 05, 2016 at 11:17 PM



“ *Marsha,  
I am so sorry to hear about Steven's passing. God Bless you during this difficult time.  
Marilynn Glass (I worked at RB's with you)*

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**Marilynn Glass** - March 05, 2016 at 05:28 PM



“ *We are so sorry, he will be greatly missed, me and Bennie have so many fond memories, Bennie would say his awesome golf game, I remember at parties me and Dawn would beg him to dance, wow could he dance, love the family so much  
Praying for strength for family*

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**Rosemary Thurman** - March 05, 2016 at 05:16 PM



“ *Michael Soto lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



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**Michael Soto** - March 05, 2016 at 01:19 PM

DH

“ Steven was a wonderful person. Thoughts and prayers for the family.

*Don and Pat House*

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**Don and Pat House** - March 05, 2016 at 01:03 PM

DW

“ David Waller purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Steven P. Rucker.



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**David Waller** - March 05, 2016 at 12:27 PM

LA

“ I remember in high school Stevie had the prettiest head of hair! Long, brown and so shiny. He'd fling his head to get it out of his eyes. So cute!!! 💙. Linda Greenwell Adcock



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**linda greenwell adcock** - March 05, 2016 at 12:11 PM

KT

“ Steve was someone I always respected and admired. I watched him work hard and make his way to the top. Success never changed him. He always had an open door and treated everyone the same. He was always checking in to see how things were going. He truly cared and helped others even while going through his own struggles. He always had a positive attitude and never complained. We are going to miss him. Praying for Marsha and the rest of the family. I hope you find some comfort in knowing how many people loved him.

*Kim and Shawn Thomas*

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**Kim Thomas** - March 05, 2016 at 11:57 AM

LB

“ Smiling in heaven. Rest in peace. Prayers for Marsha and family.



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**Lisa Brewer** - March 05, 2016 at 09:04 AM



“ Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Steven P. Rucker.



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March 05, 2016 at 07:04 AM

DS

“ *Debbie Bemiss Schott lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



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**Debbie Bemiss Schott** - March 05, 2016 at 05:48 AM

JL

“ *Janey Lewis lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



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**Janey Lewis** - March 05, 2016 at 04:18 AM

KM

“ *Rip Steve you was such a great person!!*



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**kevin medley** - March 05, 2016 at 03:24 AM

DC

“ *What a wonderful person Steve was! Prayers sent for Marsha, children and grandchildren and family...*



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**Dana Chancellor** - March 04, 2016 at 09:02 PM

JS

“ *Jo Ann Smith lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



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**Jo Ann Smith** - March 04, 2016 at 08:51 PM



“ *Remember us as kids playing together on Snow Hill. Great smile and fun guy. Prayers to all his family and friends. Janet Bemiss*

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**Janet Bemiss** - March 04, 2016 at 08:39 PM

SW

“ *Steve taught me a lot over the years.....be thankful, be honest, be approachable and always use the whiteboard! Rest in peace my friend and know I will never forget the lessons you have taught me and the support you have given me. I am honored that I was able to be apart of your journey.*

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**stephanie r williams** - March 04, 2016 at 08:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steven P. Rucker.*



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March 04, 2016 at 08:12 PM

SW

“ *Stephane R Williams lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



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**stephane r williams** - March 04, 2016 at 08:11 PM

KR

“ *Prayers for your family. Barry & Kathy Rogers*



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**Kathy Rogers** - March 04, 2016 at 07:40 PM

GJ

“ *Steve had an awesome smile and a great attitude about life. As much as he went through with his illness, I never heard him complain. Prayers for Marsha and the family.*



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**Gina Jesse** - March 04, 2016 at 07:31 PM

MG

“ *Mary Gabbard lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



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**Mary Gabbard** - March 04, 2016 at 07:23 PM

ML

“ Steve was a special man.we send our sincerest condolences to the family. He will be missed.  
Mike and Theresia Logan



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**Mike and Theresia Logan** - March 04, 2016 at 07:16 PM

DG

“ Denise Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker



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**Denise Gilbert** - March 04, 2016 at 07:15 PM

AJ

“ I haven't seen Steve in a long time. However, as a member of the Class of 1978 from SCHS, I Remember what a great guy he was, his terrific smile, and his great sense of humor. Our class has suffered way too many losses to this demon known as cancer. He left us way too young. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and close friends. I pray he's in a better place, no pain, no illness.....peace be with you.

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**Aliece Carpenter Jakobowski** - March 04, 2016 at 07:05 PM

AP

“ Aric Porter lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker



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**Aric Porter** - March 04, 2016 at 06:56 PM

SJ

“ Prayers and hugs from Steve and Sherr Jones...Owensboro, Ky.



Sherry Jones - March 04, 2016 at 06:54 PM

RO

“ Rebecca Ogden lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker



Rebecca Ogden - March 04, 2016 at 06:48 PM

GT

“ Gay Tennill lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker



Gay Tennill - March 04, 2016 at 06:42 PM

RS

“ Roni Stone lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker



Roni Stone - March 04, 2016 at 06:39 PM

YS

“ Yvette Smith lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker



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**Yvette Smith** - March 04, 2016 at 06:33 PM

AS

“ Anna Crawford Spink lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker



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**Anna Crawford Spink** - March 04, 2016 at 06:23 PM

ER

“ Steve was a great friend, a mentor and a remarkable man. I am blessed to have known him.



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**Eugene Raines** - March 04, 2016 at 06:15 PM

ER

“ Eugene Raines lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker



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**Eugene Raines** - March 04, 2016 at 06:11 PM

FL

“ Steve's positive attitude was infectious. He was an amazing man with a passion for life and love of his family. You are missed, my friend.



Frank and Mary Lassiter - March 04, 2016 at 06:09 PM



“ Ryan Courtney lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker



Ryan Courtney - March 04, 2016 at 05:46 PM

TG

“ A man that had a perpetual smile on his face and loved his family Dearly.  
Fair winds and following seas my friend.



Tom Gillion - March 04, 2016 at 05:39 PM

CY

“ Caleb Young lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker



Caleb Young - March 04, 2016 at 05:38 PM

AS

*When we were young and I would visit papaw. Steve Keith and I would play football.*

**Anna Crawford Spink** - March 04, 2016 at 06:22 PM

KC

“ *Katie And Steve Cowherd lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



**Katie and Steve Cowherd** - March 04, 2016 at 05:27 PM

VK

“ *Vickie Kessler lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



**Vickie Kessler** - March 04, 2016 at 05:21 PM

CW

“ *Carolyn Waford lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



**Carolyn Waford** - March 04, 2016 at 05:18 PM

CW

*Steve.. You will always hold a special place in my heart and I will love you forever and always! Thank you for the beautiful memories! Sure gonna miss you!*

**Carolyn Waford** - March 04, 2016 at 05:57 PM

CM

“ *Chuck Miller lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



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**Chuck Miller** - March 04, 2016 at 05:09 PM



“ *Steve, so sorry you had to leave us sooo soon. You are with God now. Yor are in good hands.*

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**Cliff White** - March 04, 2016 at 05:02 PM

VM

“ *Vicki Moffett lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



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**vicki moffett** - March 04, 2016 at 04:58 PM

JS

“ *Justin Sanford lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



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**Justin Sanford** - March 04, 2016 at 04:48 PM

AH

“ Steve was a good man, a person who stood by his words, and had a great smile every time you seen him, whenever I had issues in state government, I would go to him for the best sound advice and he would always deliver. So sad to see you gone my friend, but I know you are in a better place now. He taught me how to be a professional in state government, and it has carried with me every since. I'm glad to have known you Steve and wish I could have seen you one last time before you got your wings. See you one day in heaven!!!

John Harris - March 04, 2016 at 04:22 PM

Jl

“ John Y Brown III purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Steven P. Rucker.



John Y Brown III - March 04, 2016 at 04:19 PM



“ Steve was a pure soul and someone who was always ready with a genuine smile and sense of goodwill ---always. He achieved so much and loved his family so devotedly but perhaps his greatest legacy is the countless people he inspired with how he lived his life to the fullest each day while courageously battling cancer. He was a great teacher in this way --teaching people how to face life's most difficult challenges with faith, grace and dignity ---and, of course, humor.

Steve was a great man in so many ways, professionally and personally, but mostly a truly great human being and even greater friend to so many.

John Brown III - March 04, 2016 at 04:04 PM

RS

“ *A Great Man Who was Always there to Listen, Motivate, and Mentor. Who is never afraid to look a person in the eyes...*



Ronald Spencer - March 04, 2016 at 03:40 PM

SW

“ *Sessani Withers lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



Sessani Withers - March 04, 2016 at 03:24 PM

MS

“ *Melinda Sanford lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



Melinda Sanford - March 04, 2016 at 03:23 PM

EI

“ *I will always remember Steve. He believed in me as an intern and seen me grow through the my career. Rest well dear friend!*



Elwyn Rainer II - March 04, 2016 at 03:23 PM

EI

*\*throughout my career*

Elwyn Rainer II - March 04, 2016 at 03:24 PM

GG

“ Red candle for a hardcore Cardinal fan. a man second to none. Honored and privileged to have been able to call him my father-in-law and great friend. You will be forever missed.



Gabe Gottler - March 04, 2016 at 03:22 PM

DF

“ David And Janet Fallis lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker



David and Janet Fallis - March 04, 2016 at 03:18 PM

KM

“ Steve, I'm going to TJMaxx with the lotto money this weekend in YOUR honor! ; ) We already miss you SOOOOOOOO much!

Kim Meyer - March 04, 2016 at 03:16 PM

GG

*Ha! Love this one!*

Gabe Gottler - March 04, 2016 at 03:24 PM

AW

“ *Ann And Tim Willard lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



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**Ann and Tim Willard** - March 04, 2016 at 03:15 PM

DS

“ *Duane And Jeanie Snow lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



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**Duane and Jeanie Snow** - March 04, 2016 at 02:51 PM

JS

“ *Jane Shindlebower-Mers lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



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**Jane Shindlebower-Mers** - March 04, 2016 at 02:51 PM

DE

“ *Deana lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



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**Deana** - March 04, 2016 at 02:49 PM

DE

*I will always remember Steve's most infectious smile and laugh in High School... RIP Steve*

**Deana** - March 04, 2016 at 02:52 PM

JC

“ *Jeff Croley lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



**Jeff Croley** - March 04, 2016 at 02:16 PM

MR

“ *Margaret And Richard lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



**Margaret and Richard** - March 04, 2016 at 01:58 PM

MG

“ *Marlene Gash lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



**Marlene Gash** - March 04, 2016 at 01:50 PM

BH

“ I had the privilege to meet Steve during my cancer treatments at The Markey Center. During my first couple of visits I was very nervous and felt out of touch with the procedures and the people waiting for treatment. Steve soon struck up a conversation with me and instantly eased my mind and helped me transition through the grueling 30 treatments. After a while, I actually looked forward to going and hanging out with Steve in the waiting room and catching up with him.

*It might seem like such a simple thing to others, but Steve's kindness and ability to help someone he hardly knew meant the world to me. I can easily see him helping others in Heaven and being a friend to all the newcomers. You will be missed, but always remembered fondly.*

*I am hoping for comfort and prayers for your family in this time of sorrow.*

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**Bill Hale** - March 04, 2016 at 01:18 PM

PA

“ Thinking of the family and sending my sympathy and prayers.

*Steve always kept a smile on his face. A very brave man he was.*

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**Paula** - March 04, 2016 at 12:47 PM

RR

“ Renée Ruble lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker



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**Renée Ruble** - March 04, 2016 at 11:22 AM

NQ

“ Nancy Quarles lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker



Nancy Quarles - March 04, 2016 at 10:57 AM

MW

“ Melinda Wood lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker



Melinda Wood - March 04, 2016 at 10:07 AM

MW

“ Always a smile for you! Enjoyed seeing him when I worked at COT. Prayers for Marsha and the rest of Steve's family...


Melinda Wood - March 04, 2016 at 10:06 AM

LK

“ Levona (Kay) King lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker



Levona (Kay) King - March 04, 2016 at 09:52 AM

 Stephen Eifler

“ *Stephen Eifler lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



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**Stephen Eifler** - March 04, 2016 at 08:12 AM

 Debbie Wilson

“ *Debbie Wilson lit a candle in memory of Steven P. Rucker*



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**Debbie Wilson** - March 03, 2016 at 10:21 PM