



Stephen Conrad Hesse

January 13, 1944 - May 29, 2023

Stephen Conrad Hesse, born January 13, 1944, died on May 29, 2023, after a brief but challenging illness, at 79 years of age in Newport, Rhode Island. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Susan 'Tiger' Hesse. They moved to Jamestown, RI, a year ago to be closer to Susan's family. They lived in Ithaca NY for 19 years and decided on Jamestown to write their final chapter.

Unfortunately, Stephen didn't get to finish his.

In addition to his wife Susan, he is survived by his sisters - Christopher of Saratoga, NY, Laura of Fort Myers, Florida, and Johanna of Montgomery, NY, and his brother, Jeremiah of Nyack, NY. He is also survived by Peter Carson of Jamestown, Betsy Carson of Portland, Maine, and Kelly Carson of Nyack, NY.

Stephen grew up in Upper Grand View, NY, where he met and hung out with his best pal, Ronald Derven. He attended Regis High School in Manhattan and graduated at 17. (Yes, he was a pretty smart kid). He went on to Georgetown University, CCNY, UC Berkley, and back to CCNY to prepare for his second career in engineering. He first studied the Classics and became a writer. He worked as City Editor for the Rockland Journal News, and his articles were much anticipated by the local community. He went on to write for several other publications, including the Winston Salem Journal, the Atlanta Constitution, and Boardroom Reports.

After his writing career, Stephen became an engineer and worked in NYC until retiring and moving to Ithaca. After he retired, he started hiking in Ithaca and

led the Ithaca Hikers for a number of years. He and Susan decided to pack up and head for the coast of Rhode Island where Susan's brother, Peter, lives. Stephen had an unmatched intellect and enthusiasm, a wicked sense of humor, and a sense of adventure for whatever his latest projects were, and was always moving on to the next big thing. Stephen will be missed by all those who knew him, and by Susan most of all.

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“ I met Stephen when I would visit Ithaca, NY, and go on his Sunday morning "Ithaca Hikers" group hikes. I have since sold my Greek Peak condo but still go up periodically. Stephen was always keen on giving the hiking group excellent experiences both on the trail and off. And he was a great documentarian, shooting photos of us (and our dogs!). I will remember him fondly. My condolences to Susan and the rest of his family.

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