



## Stephanie "Steph" Scheirer

February 1, 1951 - October 22, 2024

Stephanie "Steph" Scheirer, 73, of Solvay, passed away Tuesday, October 22nd at Francis House. Born in Watertown to George and Sally Smits, Steph graduated from West Genesee High School and went on to receive both her undergraduate and graduate degrees in education from SUNY Oswego. She was employed as an elementary school teacher for the West Genesee School District and Syracuse City School District, where she retired after more than 30 years of service.

She was an avid runner, gardener, and loved to read. She supported causes that protected nature and was passionate about protecting our planet. But Steph's number one pleasure in life was spending time with her family and her friends, including her dear friend Margaret Simpson. Steph's greatest joys were her grandchildren and she took such pride in watching them grow up. Her grandchildren called her "Mimi" and could be heard saying "Best Mimi ever!" over and over again throughout the years.

She was predeceased by sister Michaela Cardinal.

Steph is survived by two sons, J. Matthew (Angela) Scheirer of Camillus and Joshua Scheirer of Venice, FL ; two brothers, Patrick (Stephanie) Smits of Dallas, TX and Michael (Dori) Smits of Solvay; three sisters, Katrina Smits of Dallas, TX, Lisa (Dan) King of Liverpool and Jennifer (Joe) Gettino of

Camillus; granddaughters Madison, Clare, and Hannah Scheirer, and step grandsons Gregory and Joshua Holmes; nephews Colin Smits, Vinny and Anthony Gettino and niece Sophie Gettino.

Private calling hours will be held at B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10 Genesee St., Camillus.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Francis House, 108 Michaels Ave, Syracuse, NY 13208 or online at [francishouseny.org](http://francishouseny.org)

Please sign her guestbook at [www.BLBUSH.com](http://www.BLBUSH.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ To the Smits family - I am so sorry to hear of Steph's passing. I spent a huge portion of my teen years at your house and felt like family. Hanging with Steph, Cala and Trina was a highlight of that time period. Spending time with the whole family was a joy. Steph was only a year older than me, but she felt like a big sister giving advice when needed. I love you all.

*Roberta*

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**Roberta Griffith** - November 07, 2024 at 11:56 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Stephanie "Steph" Scheirer.

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November 03, 2024 at 10:53 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stephanie "Steph" Scheirer.



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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Stephanie "Steph" Scheirer.



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October 31, 2024 at 08:56 PM

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“ To the Smits family and all you love...I am beyond sad for you all as I loved all you Smit kids as my own ...your parents...George and Sally were thee best neighbors I ever had in my home in Orchard village for over 20 years. My profound sympathies to you all ...hugs of deep love as you all journey from heartache to healing ...Diana Lubber aka Mrs Robert 'Bob' Lubber

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**Diana Lubber** - October 30, 2024 at 03:20 PM

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“ I remember Steph as an outgoing, friendly person who was respected and admired by everyone who met her. She shared a special relationship with her sisters, and she will be missed by her family and friends. Rest in peace. Willene

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**Willene F Kanasky** - October 29, 2024 at 12:08 PM

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“ I first met Steph over 40 years ago when we both worked at Ironhorse Motorcycles in Amboy. Through all those years, although we were often out of touch with one another, we never lost a connection that's really been one of the true treasures of my life. Our conversations, whether by phone, or over coffee somewhere, soared like birds in flight. In my time on earth, I've never known a kinder or more loving person. Although I'm thankful she's finally at peace, my heart breaks at the loss. My greatest condolences go out to all her family, and to anyone who's ever had the rare honor to call Stephanie a friend. I'll miss you SB.

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**Andrew Derby** - October 26, 2024 at 04:05 AM