



Stephen B. Strough

February 8, 1991 - September 28, 2021

Stephen Byron Strough passed away on September 28, 2021 at the age of 30.

Stephen was born in La Ceiba, Honduras and arrived in Syracuse, with his brother, on December 12, 1991. A date that was celebrated annually as Airplane Day.

Stephen was a joyful child, enjoying a close relationship with his brother, grandparents and cousins. His fondest memories growing up were from the simple things...camping, picking apples, making gingerbread houses and traveling. Family traditions were the most important to him and he never wavered from them even as he grew older. He had a curious mind, was an avid reader, a piano player and a great trivia partner because of all the random information he had stored in his brain.

Stephen graduated from Westhill High School in June 2009 and then from SUNY Potsdam in 2013 with a degree in Spanish Education. Before settling in Syracuse, he went to Madrid where he taught English. After that he worked for a few years as an ENL and Spanish teacher in Syracuse. As a cultural activity he had his class write to the royal family in Spain and were thrilled when they got a response. Even after he left teaching that was a source of pride for him.

Stephen loved to travel and experience different cultures. He did a semester abroad in Barcelona and when there he took advantage of the easy access to other places in Europe. He went to Paris, Rome and a concert in Amsterdam. In earlier years he visited Belize and Roatan Honduras and was able to get a sense of his own culture.

Stephen was a caring and loving person. His smile was radiant and he had a heart of gold. He showed great compassion and empathy for people, especially the elderly. He was always ready to help anyone and everyone.

Stephen was loved beyond measure. His death leaves a gaping hole in the lives of those he leaves behind. Stephen is survived by his parents, Philip and Sally Strough; his brother, Joshua Strough; many aunts, uncles, and cousins. We hope he finds the peace and happiness he sought throughout his life.

A private service will be held at a later date. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Arrangements by B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10 Genesee St. Camillus, NY 13031.

In honor of the things that were important to Stephen we are asking that donations be made to: We Rise Above the Streets Recovery OutReach; 404 Oak St., Syracuse, NY 13203 or online at <https://www.ifweeattheyeat.org>

Please sign his guestbook at www.BLBUSH.com

Tribute Wall

MW

“ *I'll always love you, you were my greatest friend and I wish I could see you again. You are in my every thought even till this day. I'll always dream of you. Goodbye my love*

mittchell wardell - July 13, 2022 at 04:05 PM

EK

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Stephen and I shared the same past and bonded over that and shared many laughs. I will miss his warm smile and genuine heart! - Ek*

Ek Kaufman - November 14, 2021 at 08:03 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Stephen B. Strough.*



October 13, 2021 at 09:17 PM

BL

“ *Dear Sally and family, I can't imagine the sorrow of the passing of your son Stephen. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Belinda Price Lopez*

Belinda Lopez - October 12, 2021 at 01:01 PM

L-

“ Dearest Sally and family-

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your dear son. I cannot imagine how difficult this time must be from you and you are in my thoughts and prayers
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Sincerely - Lisa Holmes- Hayes

Lisa Holmes -Hayes - October 12, 2021 at 09:29 AM

MF

“ Dear Sally, Phil and Josh,
I was very sorry to hear of Stephen's passing. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May your wonderful family memories see you through this difficult time and may God grant you the grace and peace to endure.
Margaret Farrell

Margaret Farrell - October 11, 2021 at 06:47 PM

DE

“ *It's been decades since you've shared with me stories of your adventurous trips to the Honduras when you brought the boys home. My prayers and condolences go out to you and Sally; a couple of loving and devoted parents.*

dean - October 11, 2021 at 11:20 AM

GJ

“ *Phill and Sally, I am so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to your family. Georganne jewtraw*

georganne jewtraw - October 09, 2021 at 06:29 PM

BC

“ *It's been years since we've seen you all, but reading about all that Stephen has done in his short life is an inspiration. It's sad to hear of his passing. May God give you all strength, comfort and peace. Bev and Pat Carrigan*

Beverly Carrigan - October 09, 2021 at 09:20 AM

DE

“ *Stephen-loving, unique, handsome, caring, intelligent, with a heart of gold. My heart is broken for his entire family, especially for my friend, Sally, the most devoted and loving mother. I remember Stephen would always stop by to see me when he would visit his mother at work. What a sweetheart!! He will be greatly missed. Please accept my very deepest condolences. I love you all.*

Debbie

Debbie - October 08, 2021 at 11:03 PM

VA

Sally I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Stephen. I remember so well the arrival of Stephen and his brother Joshua. My heart is heavy for you and your family. Praying for strength, comfort and understanding at this difficult time.

Valerie Altieri

Valerie Altieri - October 10, 2021 at 09:20 AM



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B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments - October 08, 2021 at 09:01 PM

LS

“ I so enjoyed seeing Stephens smiling face and his sense of humor when he would come into the Credit Union. He will be greatly missed.

Lynda Smith

Lynda J Smith - October 07, 2021 at 02:50 PM

SM

“ "Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories".

Love you always, Aunt Sue, Uncle Rich & Jess



Susan Melchior - October 06, 2021 at 04:06 PM



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B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments - October 05, 2021 at 10:53 AM