



Stephen Leonhart Puhr

September 18, 1991 - December 17, 2016

Princeton- Stephen Leonhart Puhr, 25, of Chicago, formerly of Princeton, passed away on Saturday, December 17, 2016.

Stevie was born to Timothy James and Julie Germaine (Pagano) Puhr on September 18, 1991 in Shreveport, LA. He graduated from St. Bede Academy in Peru, and completed his undergraduate and graduate programs at University of Illinois. He worked for Travelers Insurance Company as an insurance adjuster. He enjoyed technology, working out, and drinking craft beer with his dad, brothers and friends. He also loved spending time with his family, friends, and his girlfriend, Nicolette. Those who knew Stevie, knew that he had an eye for style.

He is survived by his parents; two brothers, Joseph (Michele) Puhr of Kingsville, TX., and Nicholas Puhr of Princeton; girlfriend of many years, Nicolette Gut of Rolling Meadows, IL.; maternal grandmother, Phyllis Pagano of Racine, WI.; paternal grandmother, Dorothy Puhr of Danville, IL.; numerous aunts and uncles; as well as many cousins and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his two grandfathers, Clarence Pagano and Edward Puhr; as well as two cousins, Andrea Puhr and Robert Puhr.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, December 21 from 4:00 until 7:00 pm at the Norberg Memorial Home in Princeton.

Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday, December 22 at 11:00 am at the Saint Louis Catholic Church in Princeton with Father Jeffrey Stirniman, the Benedictine Priests of St. Bede Abbey and Academy, and Deacon John

Murphy. Burial will follow in the Oakland Cemetery in Princeton.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family to establish a scholarship in his name.

Online condolences may be left at norbergfh.com

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

Park Avenue
Princeton, IL 61356

Previous Events

Service

DEC **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Louis Catholic Church
616 South Gosse
Princeton, IL 61356

Tribute Wall

BB

“ So very sorry for your loss. Even though I never had the privilege of knowing Stevie, I can only imagine what an outstanding young man he must have been. My deepest sympathy.
Betty Brokaw

Betty Brokaw - December 23, 2016 at 08:04 PM

KS

“ I knew Steve from attending Masses on campus in Springfield. He was a great guy. He and my younger brother quickly befriended as both of them were named Stephen, interned at EPA, and had similar interests.... I remember my brother talking about him one night saying what a great guy he is and aspires to be "cool" like him. We are so saddened about his passing. He and his family and friends are in our prayers. God bless.

katrina salvador - December 21, 2016 at 10:12 PM



“ I met Stevie just a couple months ago while at Claim U. He was such an awesome person to be around with a great personality and knew how to make everyone smile. I became friends with Steve quickly, since a small group of us were always down to hangout after work no matter what. I remember our first night of the trip, I made it my personal mission to try and make sure everyone was going to have a great time after work, since I had been on the trip several times. Stevie quickly caught on, even though it was first time, and was always right there trying to coordinate things to do and get people to hang out. He was definitely the life of the party. I just had lunch with him last Friday and hugged him goodbye.. I still can't believe this. RIL Stevie.. Gone, but never forgotten. So happy to have met you and consider you a good friend. Love from the "616"..

Marcus Silafau - December 21, 2016 at 08:46 PM

KM

“ I only knew Steve for a very short time - but long enough to see what a great person he was. His laugh was infectious. He will be missed. Sincere condolences to his family and friends. Kathleen MacDonald

Kathleen MacDonald - December 21, 2016 at 03:13 PM

KN

“ I'm so sorry to hear of this. I worked with Steve for a short time as a lifeguard and he was always so much fun and so friendly. He will surely be missed.

Kari Naaktgeboren - December 21, 2016 at 02:31 PM

BS

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Hank and Bernie Skibinski

Bernie Skibinski - December 21, 2016 at 02:30 PM

BS

“ I am very sorry for your loss. My prayers & deepest condolences go out to the family.

Bonnie Shofner - December 21, 2016 at 01:42 PM

MD

“ I didn't know Steve well, but we were together on a trip to Costa Rica through our studies at the University of Illinois. I was going through a hard time during that trip and Steve made a point to befriend me and constantly make me laugh on that trip. I was always happy to bump into him on campus afterwards. I am so sorry for your loss.

Margaret Duffy - December 21, 2016 at 01:08 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Stephen Leonhart Puhr.



December 21, 2016 at 01:03 PM

RG

“ Steve was great guy. I got to know him at Claim U for the past couple months. In fact I had lunch with him the day we left Claim U. He definitely was the life of the party, he loved chicken wings, and craft beer. He laugh was infectious for sure. I always told him he had the best hair at Claim U, and I had hair envy. Gone too soon. RIP "SOS"

Rob Gross - December 21, 2016 at 12:31 PM

BW

“ Tim and Julie - My sincere sympathies on Stephen's death. As you know, I got to know Stephen in his time living in Springfield and interning at the Illinois EPA. What an outstanding, polite young man. I cannot imagine the heartbreak the family is going through at this time, but hopefully over time the memories will diminish the sorrow you feel today.

Brian White

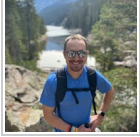
Brian White - December 21, 2016 at 11:57 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen Leonhart Puhr.



December 21, 2016 at 10:44 AM



“ Steve was by far one of the kindest, smartest and most fun loving people I have ever known. I have many fond memories of us from highschool. He was one hell of a guy and the world is missing out on the contributions he could have made had he not passed away so young. Rest in peace Steve.

Kyle Current - December 21, 2016 at 09:59 AM

LD

“ When I first started attending mass at St. Louis, Steve and his brothers were altar servers. They all did such a wonderful job, and I still measure the other servers by the "gold standard" of the Puhr brothers.

Liz Dahlen - December 21, 2016 at 09:44 AM

LD

“ Liz Dahlen sent a virtual gift in memory of Stephen Leonhart Puhr



Liz Dahlen - December 21, 2016 at 09:39 AM

MF

“ Mary Frances and Pagano Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Stephen Leonhart Puhr.



Mary Frances and Pagano Family - December 21, 2016 at 07:59 AM

PF

“ *Very nice young man, may he rest in peace*

Peacock family - December 21, 2016 at 04:16 AM

 Janet
Walker
Myers

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers being sent for comfort & peace during this time.*

Janet Myers

Janet Walker Myers - December 20, 2016 at 11:08 PM

CM

“ *Stevie, I will always hold you near and dear to my heart. We attended Saint Bede together, and all though we may not have been the type of friends to hang out on weekends, he was still one of the most honest and true friends out there. Always leading anywhere he went with that huge grin of his, I will never forget. Stevie was the only boy to ever ask me to homecoming, I will forever cherish him for this. Rest peacefully my friend, you will be so missed. Your spirit will shine on forever.*



Carlee Marincic - December 20, 2016 at 02:34 PM