



Stephen M. Meehan

May 1, 1957 - September 14, 2019

TOWNSEND- Stephen M. Meehan, 62, of Townsend, died Saturday morning, September 14, in Townsend, MA.

Steve was born in Boston on May 1, 1957 a son of the late Michael J. Meehan and Teresa M. (Whalen) Meehan.

He was a graduate of North Middlesex Regional High School, received his bachelor's degree from North Adams State College, his MBA from Western New England College, and was a proud graduate of the Air War College.

Steve dedicated 33 years to his country working as a U.S. Airforce Contracting professional. He spent the majority of his career at Hanscom Airforce Base, where he rose to be a Director of Contracting, working directly with the Pentagon and teaching his craft to young professionals. As a health and fitness enthusiast, Steve could be found spending his lunch breaks working out at the gym on base. Outside of work, Steve enjoyed long bike rides and hiking, including two trips up Mount Fuji in Japan with his daughter Catie. You would often find him finishing the day at local restaurants enjoying dinner and a cold drink, or enjoying music at local hangout spots.

Through his youth Steve played hockey, continuing into his adult life where he played on the Friday Night League and coached PAT Youth Hockey. He was an active volunteer in Boy Scouts Troop 10 of Townsend for many years. He served as president of the Squannacook River Rail Trail. Steve was an active member of St. John's Church in Townsend, MA, attending weekly mass, assisting in counting collection money, and spending years as a CCD teacher.

Steve leaves his three children, Catherine J. Meehan of Milford, NH, Emily A. Meehan of North Attleboro, MA and Michael K. Meehan of Milford, NH; his former wife, Christine J. Williams Meehan of Milford, NH; his mother, Teresa M. Meehan of Townsend; five siblings, Judith Meehan Deutsch and her husband Rory of New York City, Joseph C. Meehan and

his wife Nancy of Framingham, Michael P. Meehan of Boston, David D. Meehan and his partner, Ryanne Tessier of Townsend, and Kathleen Meehan Goreham and her husband Joseph of Bedford, NH; his seventh sibling Billy Barrett and several nephews and nieces.

His funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, September 21, at 11AM in St. John the Evangelist Church, 1 School St., Townsend. Burial will be in the Hillside Cemetery. The family will receive family and friends at the T.J. Anderson & Son Funeral Home, 250 Main St., (Rte. 119) Townsend on Friday, September 20, from 4 to 8 PM and Saturday morning prior to the funeral from 9:30 to 10:30 AM.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Squannacook River Rail Trail, c/o Squannacook Greenways, 88 South Harbor Rd, Townsend, MA 01469, a passion to which Steve dedicated many years of his life.

For further information or to leave an online condolence please visit www.andersonfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

Highland Street
Townsend, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

SEP **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend
250 Main Street ~ Route 119
Townsend, MA 01469

Funeral Mass

SEP **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Church
1 School Street
Townsend, MA 01469

Tribute Wall



“ *I'm sad to learn of Steve's passing. He was my contracting officer on a billion dollar acquisition for System Engineering and Sustainment Integration (SENSOR). Steve was innovative, creative and looked for a thousand ways to get to "yes" when it came to meeting our customer's needs, or trying to figure out how he could fit in a vacation to Disney world in the middle of an ever changing acquisition schedule. He was a big fish in a pond filled with other amazing professionals. I'll always remember how kind he was to me as a new Lieutenant. He always took the time to explain contracting concepts as well as the complicated environments that we navigated. He was a mentor for years. I'm so sorry he's gone.*

Liane Murphy - November 09, 2020 at 09:25 PM



“ *My condolences to the Meehan family and all his loved ones. I often thank God for the good people that have made a positive impact in my life. Steve is one of them. I Had the pleasure of working with Steve for a few years as a new Contracting Officer at Hanscom. I can hardly remember a single work issue i was stressing about when I worked with Steve. What i do remember is how positive encouraging, and supportive he always was to me. He always put me at ease. Always took time to ask how the family was and we would swap stories about our kids. He was a great role model who maintained a common touch that had a positive impact on my life. Dan Williams*

Dan williams - September 20, 2019 at 09:09 PM



“ *White Mixed Fireside Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen M. Meehan.*



September 20, 2019 at 01:13 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to Steve's family! I was quite surprised to hear of his passing way too soon! I worked with Steve at Hanscom AFB and always enjoyed his friendly smile and wit. He is of the type of person you never want to lose in this life. A real quality guy. Rest in peace Steve. John F.*

John F. - September 20, 2019 at 10:10 AM

SB

“ Stephen and I would often talk as we left work to go to our cars. I remember how excited he was when he told me that his non-profit, Squannacook, successfully petitioned Townsend to build the bike trail. He and his team had spent ten years trying to show the city how beneficial it would be for the community to approve the construction.

I enjoyed listening to how passionate and happy Stephen was when he talked about biking. I will cherish the time we got to spend together. He was a wonderful person and a valued member of the Hanscom Contracting community.

Shane Boulware - September 20, 2019 at 10:03 AM

EN

“ Steve was such a wonderful person. I worked with him at Hanscom and from my first day on the job, he was so friendly to me. I was always struck by the fact that he was so busy with his responsibilities, yet he would take the time to chat with me, a brand new employee, and get to know me. He will be greatly missed.



Elyse Newman - September 19, 2019 at 11:02 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Stephen M. Meehan.



September 19, 2019 at 08:45 AM

CH

“ *Our deepest sympathies in your loss. Thank you for all your service.*

From Charlotte at the Foreign Service Benefit Plan, Aetna

Charlotte - September 18, 2019 at 12:02 PM

MA

“ Steve was a great supervisor, mentor, and an even better friend. My deepest condolences to his family and friends.



Mark Adams - September 18, 2019 at 11:22 AM

BL

“ Steve was one of the Big Brothers of Cross St/Smith St. I will never forget the day he carried me on his shoulders from an accident in the sand pit! My Condolences to you All! ❤️ Rest in Peace Steve. 😊💙



Bonnie Barrett Luksha - September 17, 2019 at 10:30 PM

BM

“ You will be so missed. Your friends at HAFB loved you.



Brian Monahan - September 17, 2019 at 10:02 PM

JL

“ John Lyle lit a candle in memory of Stephen M. Meehan



john lyle - September 17, 2019 at 09:16 PM

JL

Prayers for the family. Steve was a dedicated man who served his country well. Condolences from John Lyle (Deputy Director at DCMA) and his wife, Viv. May God provide comfort for your family.

john lyle - September 17, 2019 at 09:20 PM

JM

“ Steve was one of the "good guys" ... the type of person who was genuinely interested when he asked how you were. I contribute this to his roots ... a mom and dad who loved their children. We were childhood neighbors whose lives took different paths. I was fortunate to spend some time with Steve a few years ago ... it was as time stood still. Godspeed my Friend ... you touched many lives.

Jimmy Morris - September 17, 2019 at 09:11 PM

JR

“ Steve was a down to earth kind of guy. Always lending a hand. I wii remember Steve from HAFB gym and will miss him at the Planet Fitness. God be with you my friend.

Joel Rodriguez - September 17, 2019 at 09:03 PM

MA

“ Steve was a wonderful man and was very supportive to his coworkers. What a great loss... My deepest sympathy to family and friends.
Maria A.

Maria - September 17, 2019 at 08:59 PM



“ Steve's focus and great sense of humor went a long ways towards keeping us motivated in pursuing construction of the Squannacook River Rail Trail. There were times when progress was halting and bureaucratic obstacles seemingly insurmountable, but Steve's good wit and experience working within large government systems helped us forward. He is sorely missed by us all and his legacy will completion of the trail. God bless to his family and those he was so close to. I truly appreciate the depth of your loss.

*Peter Cunningham
Groton, MA.*

Peter Cunningham - September 17, 2019 at 08:04 PM

KA

“ Sending love and healing prayers to your extended family.

I am one of hundreds of people that Steve mentored and befriended in his career at Hanscom. I can't begin to thank you for sharing your dad. He was such a big part of my AF career and I literally have to thank him for having this career because from day 1 without question he supported me. I am proud we were colleagues in the same organization at the end. Over time we became more than mentor/mentee but friends. It was an honor to know him but an even bigger honor to call him my friend.

I will miss every day as will my family. My husband, Paul Brown, and my mom, Solai Annamalai also knew and loved him. We all send our deepest condolences.

He was an amazing man (as you know) who was so proud of his kids. They were the light of his life and now his beautiful enduring legacy. Hold on to your beautiful memories and may you be granted some peace and solace in his amazing life.

Kanna Annamalai-Brown - September 17, 2019 at 07:48 PM

CH

“ When my family lived in Townsend we used to see Steve and his kids at church and for the brief time I volunteered on the squanacook rail trail committee. Though we have moved from Townsend, I always enjoyed Steve's posts on facebook of traveling to see friends and family. I am sorry to hear of his passing hope that he is at peace from whatever illness he was fighting.

*-Chris Leitao
Post Mills, VT (formerly of Townsend)*

Chris - September 17, 2019 at 03:53 PM

LA

“ To Stephen's entire family

I am shocked and saddened to hear of Steve's passing. He will be sorely missed by many who have done community work with his. His dedication and passion for the rail trail and other efforts will be remembered fondly. Townsend has lost a great member of this community.

Laura/Laurie Shifrin

Laura - September 17, 2019 at 02:04 PM

LB

“ Every May, Steve would message me to wish my husband, David happy birthday, who is not on social media. Every year, my husband would have me reply with thanks.

He had such a wonderful sense of humor. I can hear him now. He will be sorely missed.

Lyn Bennett - September 17, 2019 at 12:14 PM



“ Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Stephen M. Meehan.



September 17, 2019 at 12:10 PM

AG

“ I will never forget how he would come around on a Friday afternoon through the sparsely populated office to offer to grab people's small bags of trash. He was often funny about it too, "Come on Adam, I know you have something for me..."... I think this was mostly an excuse to visit people and exchange info about weekend plans, etc...but that was who Steve was, always friendly and personable – It is the small friendly gestures that make life better. Thank you Steve, may you rest in peace. - Adam.

Adam Galonski - September 17, 2019 at 10:53 AM

MR

“ What great guy and in any way , loved talking him as scour growing up , he was once of nicest adult leaders in Troop 10 , he will be missed

Me and my fiancé send our prayers to Mike Meehan and his family , your dad was great person , he will be missed by everyone .

Mackinley Rattey - September 17, 2019 at 10:47 AM

TP

“ Steve and I have worked closely together and became fast friends - he was a wonderful friend and mentor to me over the years. We talked about retiring together and going into business (wild schemes we shared) but most of all we shared stories of our families. Steve loved his and he was very proud of his children. Please know that you will all be in my prayers and especially my buddy Steve.

Theme

Theme Poirier - September 17, 2019 at 09:33 AM

Lisa
Lewand

“ Catie, Emily, Mike and family, we are so very sorry to hear of the passing of your wonderful father. We will remember him as being so warm and welcoming and, always, with a warm, genuine smile. One of the nicest people we've ever known. Know that he will always be with you in his spirit and in all of the wonderful memories you have. Godspeed, Steve. ❤️❤️❤️



Lisa Lewand - September 17, 2019 at 08:50 AM

MD

“ Steve was such a joy to work with. He was so patient, kind, and open minded. We will miss him on our Field Support Team in SAF/AQC. I'm so blessed our paths crossed in air Force Contracting. Praying for peace and comfort for his wonderful family that he adored.

Marsha Denning - September 17, 2019 at 08:36 AM

DL

So sad to hear this. Steve was a class act who helped me navigate a difficult time for my family shortly after I PCS'd to Hanscom in 2004, and was instrumental in me getting my unlimited warrant in 2005. He will be missed greatly but his legacy of taking care of people lives on. Rest In Peace Steve. Romans 8:35-39

David Long, USAF (Ret)

david long - September 17, 2019 at 08:52 AM

EF

“ I worked with Steve at Hanscom Air Force Base. He was the Contracting functional lead for the Battle Management Wing at the time. I enjoyed working with him. He was very knowledgeable in his field and an all around nice guy. He will be missed by many. Gone too soon. My deepest sympathies to his family.

Elaine R Farrington - September 17, 2019 at 07:25 AM

BM

“ Thank you, Steve, for your kindness. I cherish all the fantastic get together's that you hosted. Rest easy, my dear friend. God bless you. Until we meet again. xo

Betsy Marra - September 16, 2019 at 10:09 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Stephen M. Meehan.



September 16, 2019 at 09:27 PM

BR

“ Cheryl and I were blessed to have Steve as a friend all these years. We were always happy when Steve would stop by for a beer to strategize the latest insurmountable rail trail problem with humor and determination. Our lives were both so much richer for having him as a friend.



Bill and Cheryl Rideout - September 16, 2019 at 09:03 PM



“ My sympathies to the entire Meehan family. Steve was one of the good guys. He will be sorely missed by all that knew him.

David Corkum - September 16, 2019 at 07:59 PM

HE

“ My heart goes out to Steve's family. My thoughts & prayers of peace to all of you! Rest in peace Steve ♡

Heidi - September 16, 2019 at 05:55 PM



“ *Blue & White Standing Wreath was purchased for the family of Stephen M. Meehan.*



September 16, 2019 at 02:30 PM



“ *You were a great friend Steve. Awesome to have in scouts and fun at cookouts and thank you for the bike advice. You will be missed by many. Our hearts go out to your family. Tom*

Tom Whittier - September 16, 2019 at 01:58 PM