



Steven Curtis Morse

September 12, 1958 - September 28, 2024

TOWNSEND: Steven Curtis Morse, 66, of West Townsend, MA- beloved husband, father, grandfather, and brother, passed away suddenly but peacefully at home due to complications related to Parkinson's Disease on September 28, 2024.

Steve was born on September 12, 1958, in Concord, MA the son of the late Frederick & Janet Morse of Acton, MA. He is survived by Theresa "Tere" Morse, his loving wife of 42 years, their three children, and one grandchild: son Steven Morse and daughter-in-law Jacqueline Madden (New Boston, NH), son Terrence "TJ" Morse and daughter-in-law Marliese Kitchel-Morse (Warwick, RI), daughter Kathleen Benoit née Morse and son-in-law Matthew Benoit, and his newborn granddaughter Violet "Hi 5" Benoit (West Boylston, MA). Steve also leaves behind his sister Julie Morse Foran (Gainesville, FL), numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Steve's greatest joy was family. He loved Maine Family Vacation, Big Family Breakfast, and Family Fun Day. His pride in his wife and children was paramount. His love for them could be felt in the laughter that filled every meal and the fresh bouquets of roses for every event. He communicated with his sister daily, sharing Wordle scores and insuring they kept up to date on each other's lives. In addition to his love of family, Steve was a loyal New England Patriots fan, an avid John Deere enthusiast, and a weather aficionado.

Steve received his bachelor's degree in marine biology from the University of New England and went on to earn his master's in education from UMASS Fitchburg. For over 20 years he enjoyed his work as a science teacher at Fitchburg High School. Teaching allowed him to share his passion for herpetology, resulting in the creation of "Dinosaurs, Lizards, and Frogs, Oh My!" a new and highly popular science elective. As a Red Raider, he was proud to be the coach of the chess club, an ally of the LGBTQ+ population, and a mentor to teachers and students.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, October 11th from 4:30 to 6:30pm at Townsend Memorial Hall in the Great Hall, 272 Main St. Townsend, MA.

A Celebration of Life Brunch will be held on Saturday, October 12th from 11:00 to 3:00pm at The Manor in the Grecian Room, 42 West Boylston St, W. Boylston, MA. All are welcome to attend. At Steve's request, guests at the Celebration of Life should wear a Hawaiian shirt. If you wish, Steve's Hawaiian shirts will be available at the event to choose, wear and keep.

Steven C Morse will be dearly missed by all who knew him, but his legacy will live on through his family, friends, fellow teachers and students.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777 , New York, NY 10163-4777 www.michaeljfox.org

Previous Events

Calling Hours

OCT 11. 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Townsend Memorial Hall in the Great Hall
272 Man Street
Townsend, MA

Celebration of Life

OCT 12. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

The Manor in the Grecian Room
42 West Boylston St,
West Boylston, MA

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The Manor
42 West Boylston St
West Boylston, MA 01583

Tribute Wall

BJ

“ Mr. Morse was one of my favorite teachers of all time at FHS. I was in his Dinosaurs, Lizards and Frogs class as a sophomore and couldn't possibly have enjoyed it any more.

My name being Brooke (brook), Mr. Morse started calling me “Little River” as a nickname. I said “don't call me that”, so he started calling me “Stream” instead and it stuck. Years later I was observing his class for a college course I was taking - when he introduces me to his current “Stream” as the original, and informed me that all the Brooke's he's had in his class since have gotten my nickname. It made my heart melt that he was still carrying on with it! He was the sweetest man and one of the most enthusiastic teachers I've ever had. He is dearly missed by all.

Brooke Jacob-Royce - October 12, 2024 at 01:43 PM

Shelly
Romero

“ So sorry for your loss. My family and I send our sincere condolences. Steve was not only my work brother but a dear friend. It's been so bittersweet to hear our FHS family share so many fond memories and stories of Steve. Thank you for sharing him with us. Prayers for you all!



Shelly Romero - October 09, 2024 at 07:47 PM

Shelly
Romero

We wore Hawaii shirts on Friday in memory of Steve!

Shelly Romero - October 09, 2024 at 07:50 PM

BB

“ I was shocked to hear of Steve's passing. I will pray for his family to find comfort in all the memories created throughout his lifetime. If you need anything please feel free to ask for help, we are right next door.

With Deepest Sympathy,

Keith and Brenda Boudreau

Brenda Bourdreau - October 09, 2024 at 10:45 AM

JO

“ Steve was a great teacher, colleague and friend. My deepest sympathies to Tere and their children. He was the official FHS weatherman and pit master. I will miss you my friend. God bless.

John O'Neill - October 08, 2024 at 08:41 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Steven Curtis Morse.



October 08, 2024 at 01:43 PM

KA

“ To one of the best teachers in FHS. Thank you for your service and sharing your knowledge to us.



Kato - October 07, 2024 at 10:36 AM

MB

“ One of the best teachers I ever had, I purposely took classes that I knew Mr. Morse was teaching. He will be greatly missed 💕

Miranda Babineau - October 05, 2024 at 10:29 PM

Natalie Call

“ Our deepest sympathies Theresa and family. May His Memory Be Eternal!

Natalie Call - October 05, 2024 at 02:20 PM

LB

“ So many fun memories you and Rich had at Wang Labs, we all grew up and had our families, it's been my pleasure to be a small part of your life, I'm saddened to hear of your passing.. Much Love Rich And Lorraine

Lorraine Blackwell - October 04, 2024 at 09:56 AM

DS

“ My deepest condolences to Steve's family. I remember him fondly as positive and kind, deeply devoted to his family and his community. May he rest in peace.

Deb Tenore Shannon - October 03, 2024 at 09:19 PM

BP

“ Bill and I are so saddened to hear of Steve's passing. We will miss seeing him walking his dog down our end of the road. He was always quick to stop and chat. We are most sincerely sorry for your loss, Theresa. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Bill & Jan Pothier

Bill & Jan Pothier - October 02, 2024 at 11:16 PM

GA

“ Gisele and Dennis Albertelli purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Steven Curtis Morse.



Gisele and Dennis Albertelli - October 02, 2024 at 03:52 PM

GA

“ Gisele and Dennis Albertelli planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Curtis Morse.

Gisele and Dennis Albertelli - October 02, 2024 at 03:52 PM

EM

“ I will forever remember Steve during Thanksgiving. We always giggled about the WKRP in Cincinnati episode where they dropped the turkeys from the helicopter.

Ellen McGuane - October 02, 2024 at 07:33 AM

TM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Theresa Morse - October 01, 2024 at 10:34 PM

“ To the family of Mr. Morse,
I had the privilege of being a student of Mr. Morse for the years preceding my high school graduation in 2009. My friends and I lovingly called ourselves “The Morse Force” a title we were dubbed during our sophomore year biology class. “The Morse Force” genuinely loved going to Mr. Morse’s biology class, where his passion for the subject was palpable. We enjoyed the content, his character, his stories, his humor and our class iguana, Elvis.

Mr. Morse’s passion for science was infectious, he truly cared about his students and wanted all of them to succeed and feel as excited about science and learning as he did. His excitement inspired me so much, I decided in my senior year to do an independent study with him. I would spend time in his classroom assisting where I could, helping with labs, set up, clean up, helping with grading and tutoring some lower level students.

Mr. Morse played a big role in sparking my love for biology, I’ll never forget the day we found a rare type of turtle in the pond and he couldn’t wait to run up to his desk to go online and report the sighting of it. After high school, I studied veterinary science, worked in the field and eventually found myself now teaching in vet med. I absolutely credit Mr. Morse for inspiring me in this career path. I am still just as excited about science, animals and learning as I was then and I hope I can instill a glimmer of that passion into my own students as Mr. Morse did for me.

My thoughts are with your family during this difficult time. Please know that there are so many who I’m sure have similar experiences with such a great guy and we will never forget him.

Rest in Peace, Mr. Morse.



Kimberly Clark - October 01, 2024 at 08:42 PM