



## Stephen Buit Datzman

October 29, 1946 - July 16, 2020

Stephen B. Datzman, age 73 of Bonita Springs, FL, passed away Thursday, July 16, 2020, surrounded by the love of his life wife Vickie, children, and granddaughter. Steve lived a life of intellect, curiosity, dedication, tenacity, and humor. Born on October 29, 1946 in Lafayette, Indiana, he was the firstborn son of Don and Kate Datzman.

After graduating from high school, he served in the U.S. Navy where he worked on the Polaris missile program in the 1960s. Steve earned his bachelor's degree in computer science from Purdue University and later did his graduate work at the University of Miami in Florida. Steve worked for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Miami. He was a scientist who flew aboard planes that went into the eye of hurricanes to collect data. Some of the software he developed while with NOAA during that time is still in service today. Steve applied his computer science expertise at a variety of companies including Digital Equipment Corporation, Hewlett-Packard, and for defense contractor Harris Corporation at its world headquarters in Melbourne, Florida, where he was recognized for his outstanding contributions. He also founded a government-registered encryption business called Mobility Software Products Inc. (MSPI) and a variety of other ventures.

Steve was an avid scuba diver and talented woodworker. He was a healthy man who began lifting free weights at age 13 and did so his entire life. During

their years in Key West, he and his wife Vickie volunteered with many organizations important to him such as the Florida Keys SPCA and the NOAA clean ups throughout the Keys.

Steve's legacy lives on in his family – wife, Vickie Datzman; children Alex Datzman (Alicia), Hans Otiker, Fritz Otiker, Heidi Otiker; granddaughters Mia Otiker and Grace Datzman; brothers Ken Datzman, Jerry Datzman (Karen), John Datzman, Dick Datzman, sister Anne Heffern (Bill); and a host of nieces, nephews and special friends. His Celebration of Life Services will be held via Zoom. Details to follow.

The family respectfully request no flowers at this time as there are no services at a funeral home. The family sincerely appreciates your thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. located at 2325 East Mall Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33901. 239-274-0088 [www.gendronfuneralhome.com](http://www.gendronfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen Buit Datzman*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Stephen Buit Datzman*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *John Datzman lit a candle in memory of Stephen Buit Datzman*



**John Datzman** - May 04, 2021 at 10:55 AM

SF

“ Dear Dat man family,  
I just heard an hour ago that my dear colleague Steve passed away.  
My heartfelt condolences to all of you and in particular Mrs.  
Datzman.

Steve and I worked for almost 8 years @HP. Great and sincere gentleman and I can say a dear friend. We inherited a team almost overnight and by the time Steve left, we helped groom more than a dozen talent. Steve also been gracious and humble, rare qualities to be present along with sound judgement and intelligent mind! That was Steve.

Rest in peace good friend! We will miss you.

Best Regards,  
Safi Faizullah

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Safi Faizullah - September 11, 2020 at 11:46 PM

VD

Thank you for reaching out, it's wonderful to hear from a fellow colleague. Vickie

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Vickie Datzman - November 16, 2020 at 03:18 PM

JD

Hey Steve miss you every day brother.

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John Datzman - May 04, 2021 at 10:56 AM

HO

“ Holly lit a candle in memory of Stephen Buit Datzman



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Holly - July 24, 2020 at 07:02 AM

DP

“ Don and Pat purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Stephen Buit Datzman.



Don and Pat - July 23, 2020 at 12:36 AM

HS

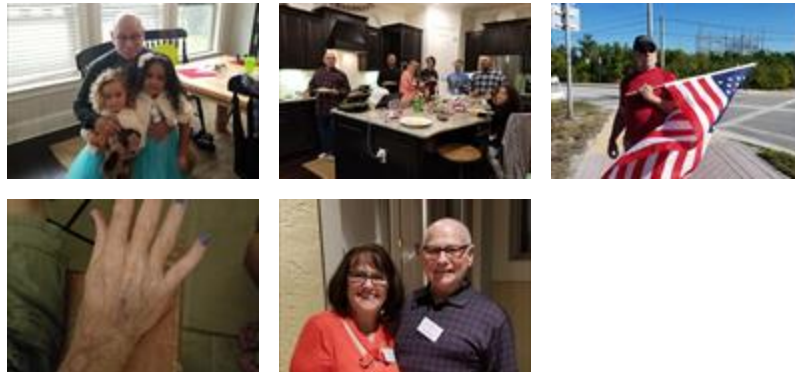
“ Holly and Steve purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Stephen Buit Datzman.



Holly and Steve - July 22, 2020 at 07:58 PM

VI

“ 7 files added to the album Memories Album



Vickie - July 22, 2020 at 02:05 PM

DD

“ *Dick Datzman lit a candle in memory of Stephen Buit Datzman*



Dick Datzman - July 22, 2020 at 07:39 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Buit Datzman.*



July 22, 2020 at 07:13 AM

Amy  
Leif

“ *Aunt Vickie, Heidi, Fritz, Hans, Mia and family, we are so sorry for your loss! We loved Steve and had great memories of trips to Florida where Steve was a great host to us. He was so smart and we loved getting to hear about his computer science projects he was working on. Steve went to Purdue of course we loved him from the start! This is a huge loss and I sure we were all together and able to hug you all. We're holding you up in our thoughts and prayers and sending you virtual hugs and strength! Love you! Maureen, Scott, Addison, Gabrielle, Camryn Leif*



Amy Leif - July 21, 2020 at 11:11 PM

JD

“ John Datzman sent a virtual gift in memory of Stephen Buit Datzman



John Datzman - July 21, 2020 at 11:00 PM

JD

“ John Datzman sent a virtual gift in memory of Stephen Buit Datzman



John Datzman - July 21, 2020 at 10:59 PM

  
Michael  
Kitts

“ Heidi, Mia, & Family... Sympathy, Prayers, Hugs and Love to You All!!!



Michael Kitts - July 21, 2020 at 09:52 PM

VI

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Vickie - July 21, 2020 at 09:12 PM



Tamara Black

Sweet video ❤️❤️

Tamara Black Wooten - July 22, 2020 at 07:58 PM

JD

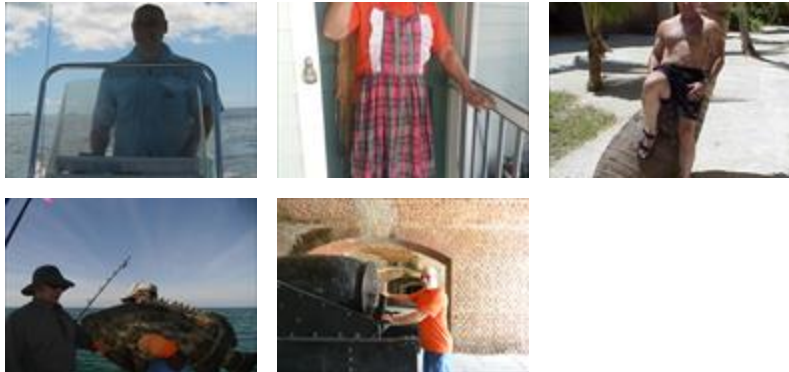
“ John Datzman lit a candle in memory of Stephen Buit Datzman



John Datzman - July 21, 2020 at 08:49 PM

VD

“ 29 files added to the album Memories Album



Vickie Datzman - July 21, 2020 at 06:21 PM

JD

“ One of my fondest memories of Steve is around Holidays and the time when he was around all family, nieces, nephews.

*He was a very physically, and intellectually structured man.*

John Datzman - July 21, 2020 at 06:12 PM



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**Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc.** - July 21, 2020 at 02:52 PM



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**Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc.** - July 21, 2020 at 12:49 PM