



## Stephan "Steve" Andrew Rathweg

March 5, 1958 - September 26, 2025

After a 20 month battle with lung cancer, Steve passed peacefully into his eternal rest in heaven with his Savior, Jesus Christ. We know he had a joyful reunion with his son, Jason, and his parents Richard and Patricia Rathweg. He will be loved and cherished daily by his family and friends.

Steve was a mechanical engineer by trade, graduating Suma Cum Laude from the University of Cincinnati in 1981. He was hired by Shell Chemical to work at the Chemical plant in Geismar, LA as an entry level engineer and performed several supportive roles in the operation of that plant. His first management role was Unit Manager at Geismar from 1990-1994 before moving to Houston, TX, where he served in several different management positions, both regionally and globally. He returned to his beloved Geismar Chemical plant in 2004 to serve as Site Manager. He held that position until Nov. 2006 when he was promoted to Vice President – Manufacturing, Americas Region. In 2010, he became the Vice President – Manufacturing, Motiva (Joint venture w/ shell and Saudi Arabia). He retired from Shell in December 2014, after working for Shell for 33 years.

After his retirement he went into business with his son, Joshua, starting up SkyZone franchises in California and eventually adding a few franchises in other states across the U.S. He treasured the opportunity to partner with Joshua as they worked together building a very successful franchise reputation with SkyZone.

Steve loved to hunt, fish, ride motorcycles, sail, and ride wave runners with his

children and grandchildren. He loved to watch any sport and was a running back in high school football. But his greatest love was watching and cheering for any of his three children and five grandchildren participating in their sports activities.

Steve was a loving husband, the best father any child could be blessed with, and an outstanding “papa” to his grandchildren. He was a faithful and true friend to those who knew him.

Steve is survived by his wife of 48 years, Christine. His son, Joshua, and Joshua’s wife Michelle, and their two daughters, Avery and Bryn. His daughter, Jessica, and Jessica’s husband, Chase, and their three children, Trenton, Jaden, and Peyton.

He is also survived by his two sisters, Kathleen and Vivian, his brother, Christopher, and many nephews and nieces.

Steve will be held fondly in our hearts each and every day and we will celebrate all the fun, love, and joy that he brought into our lives.

Rest in peace, Steve, in God’s loving arms.

# Tribute Wall

KH

“ So sorry to hear of Steve's passing. I had the honor of working at the Geismar plant when he was plant manager. He was a great guy and a faithful brother in the Lord. Our paths also crossed as Royal Ranger leaders. I pray that God will bring peace and comfort to those of you he left behind. He is waiting in heaven for you. Ken Hebert

Ken Hebert - October 10, 2025 at 05:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stephan "Steve" Andrew Rathweg.



October 06, 2025 at 09:13 AM

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“ Glenn Bucholtz purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Stephan "Steve" Andrew Rathweg.



Glenn Bucholtz - October 04, 2025 at 03:24 PM

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“ Steve was a great friend, colleague and leader. He always had a smile and was there to support you. He will be missed

Glenn Bucholtz - October 04, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stephan "Steve" Andrew Rathweg.*



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October 04, 2025 at 09:44 AM



“ *Shell Chemical Geismar & Convent purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Stephan "Steve" Andrew Rathweg.*



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**Shell Chemical Geismar & Convent** - October 03, 2025 at 06:48 AM



“ *My heart goes out to Steve's family. I had the privilege of working with Steve at Shell in Global Manufacturing and he was always kind, gentle, and supportive as well as a razor smart business leader. I know he is enjoying his reward in Heaven. Tom Botts*

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**Tom Botts** - October 02, 2025 at 12:20 PM



“ *Susie Weber purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Stephan "Steve" Andrew Rathweg.*



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**Susie Weber** - October 02, 2025 at 09:12 AM



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October 01, 2025 at 04:41 PM



“ *Steve was a very engaging easy to connect with leader. I remember one time we were at the same hotel at a location and ran into each other in the lobby. We both were exhausted and looked it. We got into a long discussion of work life balance and the challenges we each were experiencing. We shared a deep commitment to not missing family things. I know his family misses him deeply. Rip Steve. Gone to soon.*

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**Russ Rhodes** - October 01, 2025 at 03:15 PM



“ *So sad to hear about Steve's passing. I knew and worked closely with Steve in his Geismar and HO assignments. He was a gentleman and overall great guy to work with. I'm sure he will be missed.*

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**Dale Allen** - October 01, 2025 at 03:08 PM



“ *Steve was our regional VP for a time. He was a great guy and truly seemed to care about the site and the people there. Condolences to his family and friends. I'm sure he will be greatly missed.*

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**Larry Hill** - October 01, 2025 at 11:57 AM

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“ Steve was an amazing friend and colleague. I have fond memories of us flying and driving to the three Motiva refineries. We shared many meals and meetings where Steve always displayed his kind and loving spirit. Even after our retirement, we had great time together on the golf course in Conroe. May you rest in peace in heaven. You will be greatly missed.

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**Stan Park** - September 30, 2025 at 03:11 PM

JA

“ Heartbreaking g to hear of Steve’s passing. He was one of the most thoughtful and kind leaders that I had the opportunity to work with at Shell. He was well respected by all of his colleagues. May he rest in peace and be welcomed joyfully into heaven.

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**Julie Acosta** - September 30, 2025 at 02:00 PM

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“ Steve was a great friend. He was enjoyable to work with. He had a loving soul and he was a friend to everyone. I will miss him. But I know he is in a better place. Sincerely your friend Byron Diez.

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**Byron Diez** - September 30, 2025 at 01:51 PM

RS

Steve was one of the finest Christian friends and leaders that I had the honor to work with at Shell Chemical in Geismar. It is sad to hear of him passing, but I know he went to his home in glory. This world lost a great man but heaven gained a faithful servant.

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**Ray Seneca** - September 30, 2025 at 06:43 PM

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*My condolences to the Rathweg family. I had the opportunity to work with Steve at the Shell -Geismar Plant. He was my Plant manager. he was a good and personal person to talk to. His concern was for you and the welfare of your family. He was truly a "people's person." May his family and the Shell family know that Steve was a true servant and he will truly be missed. Rest in peace, my manager.*

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**Charles "Charlie" Stokes** - September 30, 2025 at 07:22 PM

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“ *I will always remember Steve's infectious smile and his love of life. One of my fondest memories are of him at Kiser Lake hanging out of the cabin window on "Shoestring" while "The Dads" sipped their Rolling Rock beers. Later, when we were given the tiller, he loved sipping on a borrowed beer bottle and doing his best imitation of his Dad, exhorting: "Ahhh. This is the life, Wilbur!" I know he's enjoying peace beyond this world, but he will remain in our hearts always.*

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**Thomas McCloskey** - September 30, 2025 at 04:43 AM