



Mr. Douglas Garth Stephen

April 29, 1947 - March 22, 2023

Douglas Garth Stephen passed away at The Alice Center in Malone, New York at age 75 on March 22, 2023, with his loving family by his side.

Garth was born in Montreal, Quebec on April 29, 1947, and grew up in Huntingdon, Quebec. He married Susan (Trainer) Stephen in Chateaugay, New York in 1973.

Garth had a passion for weather, working for a short period as a meteorologist at the Dorval Airport in Quebec. He captured many meteor showers and storms with a camera and telescope at home. For more than 30 years, he was the manager of the Sears store in Huntingdon, Quebec. Garth was a creative and inspirational person with a great love for nature. He also owned and operated a private fish hatchery business, Aqua Arbor, with his family for over 30 years in Chateaugay, New York, and he delivered fish across the Adirondack region and beyond. He loved giving tours of the fish hatchery and creating a space for people to spend time in nature. As a tree farmer, he planted well over ten thousand trees of various species throughout his life. He also fulfilled a lifelong dream to supply his family home with enough energy to live off the grid using water power—even during the 1998 Ice Storm. He sold spring water on his property to be bottled and sold across the United States. Later in life, he wrote a book, *Modern Residential Hydro Power, One Family's Journey*. When Garth thought of a new project, he committed to it. His enthusiasm and positive attitude spread to his family, friends, and the people he met.

Garth was predeceased by his parents, Douglas and Alberta Stephen, and his brother, Peter Stephen.

Garth is survived by his wife of 49 years, Susan Stephen; three children: Tara (Tony) Martin, Peter Stephen, and Garth Stephen; and five grandchildren: Karlee, Elara, and Hunter Martin, and Lily and Kaylee Stephen.

There will be no calling hours. The family will hold a private gathering later this spring.

Tribute Wall

DD

“ *My sympathies to the family.*



Dolene Duheme - April 01, 2023 at 05:27 PM

DS

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the family. We knew the family & our hearts ache for your loss.*

Bill & Debbie Stewart & family



Deborah Stewart - March 30, 2023 at 04:22 PM

DC

“ *Darlene Coffey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Douglas Garth Stephen*



Darlene Coffey - March 30, 2023 at 01:25 PM

AB

“ *Tara, our sincere condolences for the loss of your dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Anik and Winston Goundrey.*



Anik Bergevin - March 30, 2023 at 12:32 PM

MR

“ I have fond memories of your father.. my thoughts and prayers are with you Tara and family. Love Melissa Rundall

Melissa Rundall - March 28, 2023 at 07:45 AM

JU

“ Dear Sue and family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.
Garth is finally at peace.
We're thinking of you.

♥ Dicky & Julie Jarvis



Julie - March 27, 2023 at 09:27 PM

DC

Tara,

My deepest sympathy to you and your family at this difficult time

Darlene Coffey

Darlene Coffey - March 30, 2023 at 01:24 PM

GC

I have great memories of Garth. We used to hang out together in high school.

Gerry Carrigan - March 30, 2023 at 04:07 PM

SL

My sympathies to all the family, I remember Garth working for Sears for so long, such a kind hearted man and always a story, we missed you's after you moved from Huntingdon. He will be sadly missed.

Sandra Leslie - March 30, 2023 at 09:49 PM



*My deepest sympathies Susan and your family during this difficult time.
My thoughts and prayers to you all ❤️*

Luce Prince - March 30, 2023 at 10:06 PM