



Stephen Masterson

November 3, 1977 - November 14, 2022

Stephen Masterson, who once said that he would rather die young versus old, unexpectedly did just that on Monday, November 14, 2022, at his home in Germantown, TN. He closed out a 45-year life that was much too short. Stephen is survived by his wife, Samantha (nee Sherry) Masterson, parents Gwenn and Geoffrey Masterson, brother Christian (Carrie) Masterson, Uncle William (Araceli) Masterson, Uncle Richard (Virginia) Lyons, Aunt Janet (Robert) Porterfield, as well as his cousins, nieces, and nephews who adored him. He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Stephen was born on November 3, 1977 to Gwenn and Geoffrey Masterson in Cincinnati, OH. He attended St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati (1996) and received his bachelor's degree in integrated marketing communication from Winthrop University (2000). After graduating, he spent a short time living in Cincinnati followed by several years in Charlotte, NC until relocating to Memphis, TN in 2005. He met Samantha Sherry while they both walked their dogs in the neighborhood and they were married in July 2009 on the Mexican coast.

Stephen was most at home while skiing, on what became an annual trip to Jackson Hole, or travelling overseas with Samantha. He enjoyed extravagant meals, travel, golf, skiing, and attending Grizzlies games. Both he and Samantha shared a passion for their rescue dogs—Olive, Angus, and

Rueben.

There were two sides to Stephen, a serious side that he applied to his successful career in the insurance industry and a fun-loving side that he applied to life. Stephen was the Vice President at Hollis and Burns, Inc. where he spent the last 16 years. In 2012, he was awarded the “Young Insurer of the Year” by the Insurers of Tennessee and later served on their board and as a director from 2015-2018. He also served as the President of the Insurers of Memphis in 2012.

Stephen made an impression on all who met him. In life, he was a husband to Samantha, the best man at multiple friends’ weddings, the crazy uncle to his nephews and nieces, a loving son to his parents, and a friend and brother. He had a way of drawing attention whenever he entered a room, whether it be through his colorful socks and bow ties, instantly endearing himself to whatever child was in the vicinity, or simply through good natured humor. His presence will be sorely missed.

A gathering of remembrance for family, friends, and associates will be held on Friday, January 6, 2023 from 2–4 P.M. at the Flying Saucer, 130 Peabody Place, Memphis, TN 38103. In lieu of flowers, the family of Stephen Masterson asks that you consider a donation to your local animal shelter.

Tribute Wall

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“ I wanted to take a moment to share a memory about Stephen Masterson. He was a great guy. A sweet man that undoubtedly enjoyed being a pet Dad. Most of all Stephen loved his wife. I had a professional relationship with Stephen through his job with Hollis and Burns. He always took great care in searching and explaining policies to our staff. I am just learning of his passing and just thought I would take a moment to share a memory about Stephen and to respectfully say, his presence will be solely missed. We are so sorry for your loss, but so happy you guys were able to make such wonderful memories together. The staff of Big Brothers Big Sisters

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