



Stephen Maxwell Cowan

July 25, 1959 - August 23, 2015

Stephen Maxwell Cowan, 56, died at 5:00 a.m. Sunday, August 23, 2015 at Alton Memorial Hospital. Born July 25, 1959 in Oxford, England, he was the son of Margaret (Hughes) Cowan of Oxford, England and the late Dr. William Maxwell Cowan. Mr. Cowan was a self-employed photographer. He was a member of the NRA and loved the outdoors. He was an avid bird watcher and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He also collected stamps and coins. Stephen had a great many friends. Many will remember his annual Fourth of July firework display. On May 9, 2008 he married the former Sue Anne Ryan in Edwardsville. She survives. In addition to his mother and wife, he is survived by two step-sons, Gwaine McGibany of Alton, and Joseph McGibany (Kathryn Galyon) of Alton, one grandson, Joseph McGibany, a brother, David Maxwell Cowan of Cardiff, CA, a sister, Ruth Figgest (Robert) of Seaford, England, and two nephews, Stephen Christopher Eadon-Rayner and Lt. David William Eadon-Rayner also of England. Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. until time of funeral service at 7:00 p.m. Friday, August 28, 2015 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Reverend David Crowley will officiate. Burial will be private. Memorials may be made to the American Kidney Foundation.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen Maxwell Cowan*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Stephen Maxwell Cowan*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Sue, so sorry for your loss. Steve was a great guy he will be missed. Sorry to the rest of his family his Mum and his siblings. RIP Steve.....*

Sue Banks - August 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *You will forevermore be with us in our hearts and memories. Love you always our dearest friend. RIP*

Trish Turner - August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Goodbye dear Stephen. Our family will remember you for the huge part you played in making our childhood so magical. We shall remember all the many happy times we shared together. God bless you.*

Debbie and John Fleming - August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Stephen Maxwell Cowan*

Mary Little - August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ You were an important part of our lives that we will forever miss. We will remember all the good times and memories of you. You will be forever in our hearts. We can not express enough on how much you will be truly missed. We love you Steve, not ready to say Good Bye!
RIP

Brian, Jennifer, Austin, & Katelyn Van Buren - August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM