



## Stephen Woodward

November 23, 1950 - May 17, 2016

Stephen Charles Woodward, of Monticello, FL, died on Monday, May 17, 2016 due to a car accident. He was 65. He was born on November 23, 1950 in Orpington, Kent, England. He attended Cray Valley Technical School in Kent, England. In 1989 he married Maria Amapola Cabase. The couple met on board the now defunct Royal Viking Lines - Royal Viking Star. Stephen worked as photo concessions manager and photographer for Ocean Images of England. He served as manager and cruise ship resident photographer onboard several ships of Royal Viking Lines, Radisson Seven Seas Cruises, Princess Cruises, Seabourn and Century cruise ships. An engaging and unique soul, "Steve" was very funny, and enjoyed lively banter with his friends and family and often entertained everyone with his lively singing, a hobby he enjoyed very much down to his last few evenings. He will be greatly missed. Steve is survived by his wife, Amy and by two nieces, Chloe Woodward and Megan Woodward.

A memorial service organized by Cissy Kilpatrick will be held at the Wacissa Methodist Church, Wednesday, 1st of June 2016. Memorial donations may be made in Steve's name to any Parkinson's Disease Organisations.

# Comments

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“ I'm so very sorry, Amy! I didn't know your beloved Steve is now with God. This is true heartbreak and pain. May Steve RIP and God bless you! Love, fides (& Joseph in heaven)

**fides rojo** - November 29, 2017 at 10:12 PM

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“ We met Amy and Steve aboard ship on a South America cruise. Amy was singing and Steve was working behind the scene. Being a German ship, there was only a handful of English speaking and we started a friendship. We are so sorry to hear of Steve's death. He and my husband had great conversations about planes. He will be missed. Be strong Amy. We send you our prayers. Love, Bill and Justine

**Justine Mapstone** - May 04, 2017 at 02:43 PM

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“ I knew Steve very well. When I was at Cray Valley School in the UK all those years ago there were 3 of us who hung around together at school – me ,Steve (we called him Woody) and Roy Dalpra. It was a great time and we had some good laughs. Steve came around to my house to see our family in Cheltenham about 10 years ago when he was in the UK and we had a great conversation about his life in the US and what he was doing. The symptoms of Parkinson's were just starting to show and I was worried the disease might get him in the end. I sent emails after that but didn't get a reply. I never thought a car accident would be his demise. I remember him saying that the roads in Florida were not always the safest place to drive. Terribly sad.

**Alan Souter** - January 29, 2017 at 09:57 AM

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“ I have only just received the devastating news about Steve. We were an 'item' 50 years ago and I was Angelina to his Edwin in the Cray Valley Tech production of 'Trial by Jury ' in 1968. (?) A few years ago he contacted me by phone and we had been in touch from time to time since then. I shall always remember his gorgeous brown eyes, his sunny smile and infectious laugh. So, so sad. Sally x

**Sally Godsell** - January 17, 2017 at 05:10 PM

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Have only just heard about Steve

I was school vice-captain when he was captain

He was always very supportive and remember his performances in school events

Cray Valley was a great school and I keep in touch with others on the web site

best wishes to all

trevordpilbeam@gmail.com

**TREVOR PILBEAM** - January 14, 2017 at 04:49 AM

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I remember well the happy times Steve and I enjoyed at Cray Valley Technical High School, especially our musical experiences in singing with both the school choir and partaking in various musical and drama productions. One year Steve and I were jointly awarded the school Music Prize and on another annual prize day we jointly sang the lead part from Bayeza, Oonomot'hot'holo one of a suite Choral Folk Songs of the Bantu.

We also appeared in many school productions and events including a concert version of Gilbert & Sullivan's 'Trial By Jury' with Steve as the defendant and myself as the judge. The plaintiff was the lovely Sally Godsell and Roy Dalpra was the court Usher. Steve and I also had speaking parts in Beaumont and Fletchers 'Knight of the Burning Pestle'. There is a lot about our school days and of Steve on [www.cvths.com](http://www.cvths.com) our old Cray Valley School website. At one point Steve was also honoured by being appointed Head Boy.

In more recent years Steve and were in touch again and shared our musical experiences across the Atlantic and across the years by both 'phone and by email. Steve, playing me his latest recordings and updating me on his business, medical endeavours and career on the cruise ships, and me with my latest musical exploits across Kent and further afield. The years just vanished and it was the same Steve that I knew from our school days - humorous, upbeat and always very very positive. I treasure these last few years of speaking with him, our chats and our musical comparisons.

Steve's passing is a great loss to us all and my thoughts are very much with Amy and with her and Steve's families. May he rest in peace.

Graham Mitchell  
Hildenborough, Kent.  
England.

**Graham Mitchell** - January 13, 2017 at 07:44 AM

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“ I first met Steve at school and at Crofton Baptist Church, Orpington. He was a most ebullient character with a loveable but cheeky manner. I loved him greatly. he was passionate about music, singing, relationships, life in general. We would sing together, a few of us, in preaching teams and in the YPF at Crofton Baptist. we just loved making harmony. We spent some happy times in his parents' living room listening to Simon & Garfunkel vinyls! We often walked home from church together - about 2 miles or more - and talked all the time, and sang! Other friends at that time would include Roy Dalpra - he played the double bass and sang base/tenor, but Steve was a natural tenor. I sang bass, Diane Parker sang with a lovely Alto register and Sally Godsell sang with a strong and crystal-like soprano voice. We would mess about and change parts - great fun! At school, Steve sang in concerts and performances and other school buddies such as Graham Mitchell featured greatly in Steve's friendships. I was so upset to hear that Steve had contracted Parkinson's - I managed to track him down after many years of wondering what had happened to him - and we managed latterly to have a few exchanges. Our former YPF leader, Ced Verdon, who died about 4 or 5 years ago from a brain tumour, benefitted from some of Steve's recordings that he sent through to his family whilst he was ill. I had not heard from Steve for a bit - then learnt through The CVTHS blog from Graham Mitchell that Steve had met his Maker in a way that was, perhaps, unexpected. I have witnessed several very close friends and family depart this life in the last few years - it is so hard to bear at times - but the love endures, and the affection is deeply treasured. God Bless, you, Steve, and your family.

Mark Head  
Bolton, Lancashire

Mark Head - January 12, 2017 at 10:02 AM

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“ Hello ,  
I was just browsing through Facebook and came across Steve Woodward.  
I was going to send him a friend request .....I had no idea that he had died !  
I shared a cabin as a photographer on more than one occasion .  
I can honestly say the Steve was one of life's good guy's - he really was .  
My own personal experience of him was his kindness it went above and beyond all that was required.  
I have always know life can be random and cruel ....  
Even though I haven't seen you in over 20 years and probably never would have again , you where a very special man to me .  
Very sorry news indeed .

Jim Rice - September 25, 2016 at 07:21 AM

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“ Steve was a wonderful spirit. He had a bright smile and was very quick witted! He was completely devoted to Amapola and they were such a sweet and fun couple. Steve used to help me out with my very amateurish attempts at photography and he gave me great tips that I still use today! He was a gentleman and a good friend who will be missed by many. Tamara and I wish Steve, peace and comfort for all eternity and our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with Amy and her whole family. We hope that with time the pain will turn to happy memories.

**Jim and Tamara** - July 15, 2016 at 10:36 AM

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“ Out deepest Condolences to you Amy and Steve's family...May he rest in peace. Your's truely Nicoletta and Klaus.

**Klaus Knauer** - June 04, 2016 at 08:59 AM

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“ Amapola & Steve's family, my heart clenches tight at the thought of Steve passing. A quick intake of breath followed by a slow release as many of my fondest memories rush back to me. I Worked and shared a cabin with Steve on a two man ship called the SS Americanis in 1996. In truth it was a loveable tin can of an old ship in desperate need of retirement from duties at sea. Europe was the only place this ship was allowed to enter after being refused entry to the USA on safety grounds. The money was bad, but the laughs where plentiful..... Every moment during the lowest of the lows Steve would manage to make me smile. I only worked with Steve for 4 months until the ship reached it's final port of Genoa where Steve, Keith & I pulled the photographic equipment off the SS Americanis before driving back over the Alps to the UK.

My thoughts are happy. I lived on Ottawa Deck sharing a cabin with the gentlest Gentleman I have ever met with the greatest sense of humour, a man who fixed everything with comedy and smiles.

RIP Steve.

Andrew

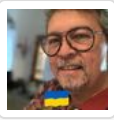
**Andrew** - June 01, 2016 at 02:38 PM



“ Dearest Amy and Family, Steve was always full of smiles and we love to hear him sing. He was always friendly to everyone and made us laugh even when he was having difficulties. No matter where I was set up to play, he would join all of us to sing. We all will miss this gentle soft spoken man with a bright smile that we called friend. Susan Holland

**Susan Holland** - July 19, 2016 at 09:45 PM

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“ My deepest Condolences to Amy and Steve's family...May you Rest in Peace my friend...

Wally

**Walter Reataza** - May 31, 2016 at 06:51 PM

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“ I am deeply sorry. Sending my love to my Sis Amapola (Poppy)  
I am sending my sympathy to Steve's whole family.

**Jackie Kallelis** - May 31, 2016 at 05:53 PM

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“ I am truly sorry to hear of Stephens passing. please except my condolences and to let you know it was an honor to have known such a sweet person he was and I know he will truly be missed, may God embrace the family in comfort during this difficult time. I knew Stephen before I retired from CCB as a personal banker  
Deborah Bullock

**deborah bullock** - May 26, 2016 at 08:50 PM



“ My love to lovely sweet Amapola.....may the many joys she and Steve shared wrap her in love and comfort. ...

**judy wintermute** - May 31, 2016 at 07:25 PM



“ Deepest Condolences my dearest Tepopzieko. This truly is a shocking news to me. May Steve's soul rest in peace.

Big and tight hugz and more lover to you Tepopz.

**Dina** - May 31, 2016 at 08:16 PM



“ Sorry for the typo error.

Correction: Big and tight hugz and more "love" to you.

**Dina** - May 31, 2016 at 08:18 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Uncle Steves true love and life long companion - Aunt Amy... Think of you today from across the miles. I will always remember him as the uncle with the biggest smile and the warmest heart and passion for life! Maia xxx

**maia woodward** - June 01, 2016 at 02:18 AM



“ I am so sorry for his untimely demise cousin Poppy. Last year I was in Florida and I really wanted to visit you but you never emailed me your address.

**Sander** - June 01, 2016 at 03:09 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies go out to you, dear Amy, and to Steve's family. May God give you the peace that you seek... We would like to send you a sympathy card but we don't have your address. Love, Lulu & Richard Robertson

**Lulu** - June 01, 2016 at 06:51 PM



“ Poppy I am so sad to hear about Steve ! You are in my6 Prayers my sweet friend love and Hugs

Patty Bray ( sing snap)

**Patty** - July 19, 2016 at 06:58 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear the passing of your husband Steve, May he rest in peace...all my love and prayers... :-(

**Eve Jorolan** - July 20, 2016 at 05:14 AM