



Stephen Joe Goley

January 22, 1965 - March 1, 2023

Stephen J. Goley, 58 years old, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, passed from this life suddenly on the evening of March 1st. He is now with his Lord and Savior Jesus. Stephen was born on January, 22nd, 1965 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. After he graduated from high school, Steve continued his education in Biblical studies and became an ordained minister. His passion was to spread the love of God and see lives changed wherever he traveled. Steve loved the word of God and made it a habit in his life to memorize and meditate on scripture. He adventured to many countries including: the San Blas Islands, Gallapagos Islands, Peru, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Panama, Brazil, Africa, Ecuador, Hungary, Venezuela, Russia, and the Philippines . Steve was CEO of his missions organization, Big World Ventures, and loved serving individuals and churches in their travels.

On August 23rd, Stephen married Laina and they have been married for 31 years. They were blessed with three children: Mekenzie, Zachary, and Delaney. Steve also leaves behind his mother Diana Goley, his father Joe Goley and wife Debbie, his sister Susan Marhofer and husband Jared, nieces Mariah, Mikayla, Alayna, Abigail, and Jayda, in-laws Toni and Barry Feinman, and their children Stacey Lauren Feinman and Jordan Feinman.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Jezreel International (<<https://www.jezreelinternational.org/>>) and or Veterans Miracle Center Albany (<<https://www.vmcalbany.org/>>) would be loved and appreciated. A celebration of Steve's life will occur on Wednesday, March 15th 2023 at Blue Flame 47, 12100 E 171st St South, Bixby, OK 74008. It will begin at 3 pm CT. Black clothes are not necessary, happy colors encouraged.

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Previous Events

Celebration

MAR **15**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Blue Flame 47, Inc.
12100 East 171st St S
Bixby, OK 74008
(918) 319-1004

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ Warm Greetings From Cape Town South Africa. Sincere and Heartfelt Condolences and Sympathy to The Family of Steve...honoured and humbled to have learnt to know a great man in 2014 with a Big Big Heart for the Lord Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Taught me so much about Ministry, Outreach and Evangelism. Touching and impacting People's Lives.

Rest in Peace My Dear Friend



Denzil Jehoma - March 15, 2023 at 03:19 AM

SF

“ Steve will remain in our hearts forever purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Stephen Joe Goley.



Steve will remain in our hearts forever - March 14, 2023 at 03:10 PM



“ I remember Steve's heart for God and the world when he was part of the team on the Brio missions trips in the early 2000s. His smile was infectious and I enjoyed the few times we had some short chats. As one of the small number of teenage guys on the trips, it was great having a fantastic role model of what a Godly man looks like.

Dan Zehner - March 14, 2023 at 11:16 AM

CH

“ I once was sitting behind Steve as we were traveling to a site and instead of stressing to figure out if what he had planned was going through exactly as expected, he was reading through Scripture in his phone notes. He had access to the Bible application, but intentionally wrote them out again himself. He mentioned that he likes to come back to these whenever he can to memorize and to keep on his mind. Small things like this tell a lot about Steve. I'll miss his playfulness and seeing his devotion to Jesus through his compassion for the people around him.

Chase - March 10, 2023 at 11:19 PM

CH

“ 1 file added to the album San Blas, Panama (2017)



Chase - March 10, 2023 at 11:15 PM

RB

“ One of my favorite memories of Steve was during a trip to the San Blas Islands. It was a scorching hot day and we were on a boat back to our home base after a long day of ministry, and everyone was hot, sweaty and tired (I think we may have even run out of PB&Js that day, so probably hangry too).

A few minutes into the boat ride, the boat broke down—ran out of gas, or the engine broke, I don't remember—but it was one of those days. Everyone was tired and frustrated, when all of a sudden Steve just stretched dramatically and said, "Wow, it's hot out here, isn't it?" And then stood up and dove right overboard into the ocean. Of course, everyone burst into laughter and he popped up from underwater with that signature, teasing grin, egging the rest of us to jump in too. Most of us did eventually jump in and swam around laughing and talking until the boat got fixed.

Steve always knew how to handle every situation with grace and peace! I went on many island trips with him and never remember him getting really frazzled or upset—he was so great at putting everyone at ease and making the most of every situation or encounter. He made such a big difference in my life and I'm so thankful for all the trips and memories I got to share with him—and so grateful for all of the Goleys for sharing him so generously with all of us on the NTS trips!

Rachel Bicha - March 09, 2023 at 02:42 PM

SS

“ I’ve known Steve since high school. We sang in the small ensemble called “Spirit” and concert choir. He always made us laugh. He was so kind and funny. We reminisced 12/31/22 about the days when Doug Morris, Steve and I would hang out via messenger. He wanted to let me know that he found out Doug had passed. They were both really good friends to me.

One of the last times I saw him he asked if I wanted to go on the roller coaster “Zingo” at Bells Amusement Park. At that time I was scared of just about everything. By the time we got off the Zingo I wasn’t scared anymore. He kept me laughing so I wouldn’t be scared. Him and my two children are the only ones who have ever talked me into riding a roller coaster.

I really wish I could come to his celebration of life but I’m in Arizona with my husband, kids and grand babies.

I read somewhere that God is raising his army in Heaven. My momma passed a year ago in January and went to be with my daddy. Steve passed on my momma’s birthday. There are so many friends, family and babies that have passed that are up in Heaven with him. What a joyous reunion that will be once it is our time to go. Don’t get me wrong I was completely devastated when I lost my parents especially my momma but I know I will see them again someday. My thoughts and prayers are with Steve’s family.

Sarah Scovel-Payne - March 09, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ Steve’s faithfulness to God’s call played a huge part in my children’s walk with Jesus, and so many other people’s children. Thank you, for your love for God and for your love for others.

Becky Veroneau - March 09, 2023 at 07:12 AM

JS

“ One of my favorite memories of Steve was when we were in Peru in 2017. Trina and I were sitting at a table in a small ice cream shop down the street from the hotel, and Steve was at a nearby table with 4-5 teenagers. He began touching their faces with his ice cream cone. The table erupted with laughter. I remember thinking to myself at the time -- Steve really loves young people, and he is so good at engaging them. It was a great moment. Steve touched so many lives. Our family, and other young people from our church, were greatly impacted by Steve and the mission trips over the years. We have lifelong friends because of those trips. I greatly appreciate Steve and his family. "Well done, good and faithful servant..."

Jake Settles

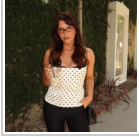
Jake Settles - March 09, 2023 at 06:46 AM

DF

“ My first memory of really getting to know Steve was in Guatemala at the end of one of our long days... everything went wrong (bus got stuck, road closure, traffic, etc) and we didn't get back to the hotel till super late, but they saved dinner for us and I sat at the table with Steve and some friends/translators and I just remember we were all laughing, and learning slang from the translators and having the best time, the inside jokes from that night lasted for probably 5 years - que coche ☐

I'm so thankful for Steve and what he did with the missions trips, if it wasn't for them and meeting Kenz/getting to know their family I wouldn't be in Oklahoma now and my life wouldn't be anything what it is. I'm so thankful for his life, he was a pretty incredible man who had a way of building community, connections and being so calm in the middle of chaos or stress. He really lived life to the fullest and left a legacy, not too many people do that nowadays ☐

Danielle Finley - March 08, 2023 at 11:59 PM



“ *I love you and miss you my sweet Daddy. Miss waking up and walking down to the kitchen to see your sweet smile every morning. I miss watching our mystery movies and eating our favorite Chinese take out together. Vinnie misses you too. It's lonesome without you here. All I can think about is reuniting with you one day.*

Kenzie Goley - March 08, 2023 at 11:05 PM

KA

“ *He had a great smile*

Karen Adams - March 08, 2023 at 07:05 PM

LH

Steve lived across the road from us in high school, rode the same bus.. Prayers to his family for peace and strength. I have fond memories of knowing him 40 some years ago.

Laura Sawyer Hoppas - March 08, 2023 at 07:17 PM

VE

I just found out about Steve beating me to Glory! I'm kind of jealous. Steve was my best friend in 11th grade and was there for me when my dad died. His family was precious to me as was he. Our catch phrase was "bunny fuzz" from a Mike Warnkee joke. I look forward to seeing you again, buddy!

Victor D. Easley

Victor D Easley - November 27, 2024 at 01:34 PM



It's crazy how the smallest encounter with someone can truly make such an impact. I remember sitting in the kitchen during a birthday party at the Goley house and feeling a little socially anxious, Steve came and sat right beside me and made me feel so comfortable and encouraged me to "get in there!" He was so gentle, joyous and someone you always felt safe around. I remember Him telling me about Missions and I was telling Him I was too afraid to go and he just sat there and talked to me. Little did I know that I would become a missionary 7 years after our conversation. Thank you, Jesus, for this blessing of a man of God.

Elizabeth Rothrock - February 05 at 10:53 AM