



## Stephen Kenneth Cea

April 7, 1933 - June 23, 2017

Stephen K. Cea died peacefully in the SECU Hospice House in Smithfield, North Carolina on June 23rd, 2017 at the age of 84.

Stephen was born on April 7th, 1933 in Kingston, New York to Rocco and Ann Cea. He served in the Army during the Korean War, after which, he played semi-pro baseball in Kingston in the 1950s. He was known as “the Rock” and was inducted to the Ulster County Hall of Fame. After his years of baseball, he began a 30-year career at IBM before retiring.

He was a caring and generous man who always put others above himself. Every life he crossed he touched in some way, whether they were a person or one of his many many loved pets. Stephen could often be found with a pastry in one hand and a scratch-off in the other.

Stephen is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Donna Cea of Cary, NC; his children Michael Cea of Port Ewen, NY and Lisa Ann Cea Thorpe (son-in-law Jim Thorpe) of Cary, NC, his beloved only grandchild Logan Alyssa Thorpe Kapadia (her husband Matt Kapadia) of Apex, NC and his best friend, Honey the Pomeranian.

He is predeceased by his parents Rocco and Ann Cea, his sister Joan Janasciewicz and niece Joanne Janasciewicz.

The family will receive friends on June 27th, 2017 at Wake Memorial Park from 3-4pm to celebrate Stephen’s life. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to SECU Hospice House in Smithfield, North Carolina.



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

JUN 27. 3:00 PM (ET)

Wake Memorial Park Cemetery  
7002 Green Hope School Rd  
Cary, NC 27519  
(919) 465-0888  
<https://www.wakememorialpark.com/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ Steve you will surely be missed. But what I loved about you was that YOU were YOU. Always yourself. . There was never any pretense. What a wonderful gift that is. A kind and loving man. And you made me laugh. And now you are resting in the arms of the only ONE who could love you more than your loving family and friends.



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**Barbara Allen** - June 24, 2017 at 07:43 AM

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*Donna, Lisa (and family) and Michael - my sincere condolences on the loss of your husband/father. I'll remember Steve as the man with the infectious smile; the man with a wonderful, yet sometimes wry, sense of humor; and the man that loved his family and friends without measure. The world has lost a wonderful man, but the Good Lord gained an angel! I pray that you'll remember the good times, cherish the memories, and find peace in knowing that Steve is securely enfolded in the arms of our Lord and Savior enjoying the promises of life eternal. Sending warm hugs ... Terri Clausi Plumb and Family*

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**Terri Clausi Plumb** - June 24, 2017 at 05:06 PM