



Major Stephen J. Stathis, Ret.

November 21, 1951 - September 9, 2013

Stathis – Major Stephen J. Stathis, Ret. Age 61 of Snellville passed away, Monday, September 9, 2013. A memorial service will be held 4PM Thursday, September 19, 2013 in the Snellville Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home, with Chaplain Ben Gaither officiating. The family will receive friends 2 hours before the service. He was raised in Ramsey, NJ, graduated high school in 1970, where he played football and ran track; he graduated from Danville IL Jr. College. Major Stathis retired from DeKalb County Police Department in 2011 with 38 years and 7 months of service. He is survived by his Wife of 29 years; Lynn Combs Stathis, Snellville; Daughter: Kerri Lynn Stathis, Duluth; Brother & Sister-in-law: Rick & Linda Stathis, Arlington, TX; Aunt: Jane Wulf, Naperville, IL; Cousins: David Wulf, Tulsa, OK; Mark Wulf, Naperville, IL. Arrangements made by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 2246 Wisteria Drive, Snellville, GA 30078, 770-979-5010. Please sign online guest registry at www.stewartfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Monroe
209 South Hammond Drive
Monroe, GA 30655
(770) 267-2594
info@stewartfh.com
<https://www.stewartfh.com>

Service

SEP **19**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home Snellville
2246 Wisteria Drive
Snellville, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Major Stephen J. Stathis, Ret.*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - September 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Major Stephen J. Stathis, Ret.*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Major Stathis always treated me very well even though I was a low ranking officer. He was very positive and professional during our conversations and made me feel like a person- not just a human resource. Major Stathis cared about the people that worked for him. As DKPD's first Tactical Response Team (TRT) Commander, Major Stathis pushed our team forward during some difficult times. His leadership on TRT during the G-8 Summit contributed towards our good reputation and propelled the TRT team to grow and evolve in the coming years.*

I am saddened to hear of his death and hope his family can find a little solace knowing he made a positive impact in this officer's life.##imported-begin##Sgt. John Obester##imported-end##

October 07, 2013 at 09:46 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Steve. We extend our condolences and prayers to the family. Such a young man.

Love Dean & Dottie##imported-begin##Dean & Doratheia Lambros##imported-end##

September 21, 2013 at 12:21 PM



“ Lynn and Kerri,
It is with great sorrow that we hear of Steves passing, I am so very sorry for your loss, I / we thought the world of Steve, as I see many others did. He was a great man who gave allot of himself. I am so thankful that I had a chance to know him as well as yourselves, I am here for you if you need anything.

Mark##imported-begin##Mark Shields##imported-end##

September 20, 2013 at 10:57 AM



“ Rest in Peace Major. It was a pleasure working for you. Sgt. W.A.Reiller #1249 retired##imported-begin##Bill Reiller##imported-end##

September 20, 2013 at 10:11 AM



“ Lynn & Kerri, we will be praying for comfort and strength in the coming days. Steve was a loving husband, father, and friend and he will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Donna & Steve Turek##imported-end##

September 19, 2013 at 11:00 PM



“ Steve was a great supervisor and a wonderful person. Know that he will be remembered fondly and will be missed greatly. So sad that he was taken too soon.##imported-begin##Cindy Fausel##imported-end##

September 19, 2013 at 04:44 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies. He will be sorely missed.##imported-begin##Larry & Georgia Florea##imported-end##

September 19, 2013 at 02:04 PM



“ Altho you are no longer with us on this earth, you will always be my "forever friend.". Thank you so much for the endless friendship we shared and know that you will always have a special place in my heart.##imported-begin##J Curtis##imported-end##

September 19, 2013 at 02:00 AM



“ I was so sorry to read that Steve had passed away. We went threw the DKPD Academy together and became good friends. Steve will always be remembered as a kind, caring, and strong person. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Sharon Phillips-Crosby##imported-end##

September 18, 2013 at 01:58 PM



“ Great guy and great Police Officer. He was "go to guy" who always got the job done and motivated others to do the same. Always upbeat and squared away. Approached his illness like his job and life, doing the best he could, always. Gonna miss this guy##imported-begin##Ron Dykes##imported-end##

September 17, 2013 at 12:13 PM



“ I met Steve many years ago (in the mid 80s, I believe), when my then-husband became friends with him. I can still remember when he brought his police car to my home to show a bunch of cub scouts. He came up the driveway with the blue lights on and siren going - the boys had no idea that he was coming! He was so patient with the boys and let them climb in the front and backseats, answered zillions of questions until he had to leave and get back to protecting the citizens of DeKalb County. I lost contact with him for many years, but had the privilege to see him again in late 2011 when he came to the graduation of the first DeKalb County Citizens Police Academy. We caught up and I remember him talking so much about his daughter, Kerri. Steve, you will be missed! My prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Donna Powell##imported-end##

September 15, 2013 at 06:49 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Stephen was a great man and father and he will be missed. I pray for Lynn and Kerri to be strong. I will keep y'all in my prayers.##imported-begin##Jason Autry ##imported-end##

September 15, 2013 at 06:17 PM



“ *May the Stathis family remain strong and blessed. Steve touched many people with his kindness and determination.##imported-begin##Leonard Garrett##imported-end##*

September 14, 2013 at 02:08 PM



“ *I will always remember Steve's sweet smile, what an awesome guy! My thoughts and prayers are with the Stathis family during this time. Knowing Steve is healed and patrolling the "streets of Heaven" brings comfort.
May God bring you comfort and peace that only He can give.*

*DeLisa Day Brown
DKPB 911 Communications 1980-1985##imported-begin##DeLisa Day Brown##imported-end##*

September 14, 2013 at 10:36 AM



“ *I only met Steve once years ago when I travelled to GA. to visit my brother, Mike Wharton. Steve made me feel like a close friend after only a few minutes. Men like Steve are few and far between, I consider myself lucky to have met him. There is a special place in Heaven for Police Officers. God bless you Steve.##imported-begin##Kevin S. Wharton##imported-end##*

September 13, 2013 at 03:02 PM



“ Steve and I were in the same DKPD academy class, and we were later roommates. He got me into jogging (and running), and that's probably kept me going all these years. He was a true friend and a faithful officer. I had hoped he might visit me after I moved to Montana, but now I hope he's enjoying a clear jogging trail through land we'd all like to see one day. God bless you, Steve. My thoughts are with you, Lynn and Kerri.##imported-begin##Will Cordes, Captain (retired) DKSO, State Agent (retired) Montana DOJ##imported-end##

September 12, 2013 at 10:01 PM



“ The bond we shared as partners can never be broken. You were my best friend for 32 years. I will miss you, but never forget.##imported-begin##Tim O'Pry##imported-end##

September 12, 2013 at 09:46 PM



“ We wanted to express our deepest sympathy for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We pray that the Lord heals your heart quickly and that you remember all of the wonderful and happy memories you made with him through the years. May those memories bring a smile to your face! We love you. Let us know if there is anything we can do for you.##imported-begin##Hope Woodard##imported-end##

September 12, 2013 at 03:29 PM



“ I will miss you and the times that you and Lynn were so kind to me and included me in activities after the loss of Jim. Lynn, I am here for you when ever you need anything, Kathy Reilly##imported-begin##kathy reilly##imported-end##

September 11, 2013 at 08:31 PM



“ it was an honor to serve under Major Stathis for several years in my career with DKPD. I will cherish the big hug and our short conversation at the retirement dinner this past december. ONE OF A KIND AND NEVER WILL FORGET RIP MY FRIEND. PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY.##imported-begin##Paula King #1193 RET. May 2010##imported-end##

September 11, 2013 at 08:21 PM



“ Steve was my brother and I will miss him terribly. He really loved being a husband, father and police officer. It was his dream since I can remember.
Thank you all for your sympathies and your memories of my brother.
As the Bible says, "Well done my good and trusted servant...you have run the race to the finish.##imported-begin##Rick Stathis##imported-end##

September 11, 2013 at 06:25 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working under Major Stathis as a member of the Dekalb County Tactical Response Team. The Major was an outstanding leader who really took care of his troops...he will be missed.##imported-begin##Ralph E Barnes##imported-end##

September 11, 2013 at 06:18 PM



“ Steve was our good friend and neighbor for the past 20 years. We miss your bigger than life personality and you were always there for us. Lynn, Keri and Rick you have our deepest sympathy and prayers on your loss. ##imported-begin## Rhoda & Bruce Barcan ##imported-end##

September 11, 2013 at 03:38 PM



“ It saddens me to hear this shocking news today. Steve was my first Sergeant when I came out of the academy. He shared great advice and wisdom for me to work and live by. Of all my times remembering Steve, all were good. After moving over to the FD, I was still able to keep up with him quite frequently, and I am glad I did. He will be surely missed by many. ##imported-begin## Kyle Bradshaw (1432) DKFD ##imported-end##

September 11, 2013 at 01:39 PM



“ I worked many years with Steve in SID and uniform. It was a pleasure to work with such a professional police officer. He was my friend but most of all he was a good man. Rest in peace buddy. My deepest sympathy to the Stathis family. ##imported-begin## Lt. Randy Edenfield 729 DKPD (ret) ##imported-end##

September 11, 2013 at 12:33 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the family. We both are honored to have known and worked with Steve. May God bless him and the family and give you all peace. ##imported-begin## Sgt. Robert Frank (Ret.) and Pamela Frank (Ret. 911) ##imported-end##

September 11, 2013 at 12:27 PM



“ To Steve's Wife & Family:
Sincere condolences. A fellow classmate from kindergarten through high school graduation, I last saw him at our 40th reunion. Another good person taken too soon. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Karen Dilday Hampson##imported-end##

September 11, 2013 at 12:01 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. I enjoyed so much talking with him at our 40th class reunion. What a terrible loss of a charming man. I'll always remember him talking about his lovely wife, calling her his "Georgia peach" and seeing the love in his eyes for her. My sympathy goes out to Lynn and her family.##imported-begin##Kathleen McKee##imported-end##

September 11, 2013 at 11:40 AM



“ Very sorry to hear of Stephen's passing. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Liz Heflin##imported-end##

September 11, 2013 at 11:16 AM



“ It was a pleasure to work with Major Stathis over the years. There are people that you run across in life that display such a warm spirit and Major was always that. To his family and friends I wish you much peace on your journey of healing. Know that you are surrounded by prayer.##imported-begin##Janet Anderson - Fiscal Management Officer DKPD##imported-end##

September 11, 2013 at 10:46 AM



“ My memories ofm Steve began when he had just come out the academy and served in my squad. He will be missed. My condolences to his family. My prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Roger Wallace##imported-end##

September 11, 2013 at 10:44 AM



“ RIP Steve. Thoughts and prayers for your family.##imported-begin##Greg Greene##imported-end##

September 11, 2013 at 10:10 AM



“ What a wonderful person, who will be missed greatly by all who knew and loved him. He touched everyone life he came across. My prayers are with your family and hopes they will be consoled just knowing you were loved so greatly by all. You're healed now, Teddy Bear.##imported-begin##Dee##imported-end##

September 11, 2013 at 10:09 AM



“ Lynn, thinking of Steve, you and Kerri during this time.##imported-begin##Susan Wulf##imported-end##

September 11, 2013 at 09:58 AM



“ Steve was a good officer and a great role model for younger officers. He was always fair and willing to help out. A great loss he will be missed praying for the family.##imported-begin##Walter Green DKPD (ret)##imported-end##

September 11, 2013 at 09:07 AM



“ A ready smile, a steady hand, a good leader, a good friend. Peace, Steve.##imported-begin##Col. James T. Miller (ret)##imported-end##

September 11, 2013 at 08:33 AM



“ We were deeply sadden at the passing of Scott! He was a great example to all that knew him. You all are in our thoughts and prayers! God Bless!##imported-begin##Larry G. Marlow (retired) and wife Frances##imported-end##

September 11, 2013 at 08:17 AM



“ My condolences and prayers... Major Stathis was my captain at Center when I graduated from the academy in 2002. He was a great commander, a great person and someone who taught me a lot. I last saw him at an FOP open house/ event... I stopped by and said hello and was happy to see him and share with him that I had made rank and was no longer the rookie he helped and counseled....but a sergeant....the first in his class to make rank... I felt like a son telling his dad he had done well. He will be missed and is in my prayers.... He is now out of pain and in the loving arms of our Lord...though sad he is gone, I am happy to know he is now enjoying his just reward and waiting for us to join him. Thank you for sharing him with us. Marc Miller##imported-begin##Sgt. Marc O. Miller #2263##imported-end##

September 10, 2013 at 11:27 PM



“ You rode with me during your first several weeks after the academy during the early 1970's. It has been a pleasure knowing such a young man that accomplished his goals during his career .I enjoyed the tales you told several times over the years that I had forgotten about. Will always remember you and all fellow officers who have passed on before you. Save me a place on the couch with all the others. Our sympathy is with your family and if we can ever help out with anything that they need ,please call on us .Larry and Judy Walker.##imported-begin##LARRY WALKER (RET.LT. 1997 DKPD##imported-end##

September 10, 2013 at 11:16 PM



“ God speed as St. Michael awaits you. You will be missed.##imported-begin##James L Chambers##imported-end##

September 10, 2013 at 10:14 PM



“ Steve was one of the good guys and there were damn few of those.##imported-begin##D.B. McGregor # 255 ret##imported-end##

September 10, 2013 at 10:09 PM



“ may God be with you...##imported-begin##Tommy Gilstrap##imported-end##

September 10, 2013 at 09:48 PM



“ Steve thanks for all the memories. GOD is holding you in his hands. You are blessed and I was blessed to call you my friend.##imported-begin##Beth Hillin 734##imported-end##

September 10, 2013 at 09:33 PM



“ Rest with the Lord now Steve no more pain for you. Prayers to your Family Friends and Co workers of Dekalb County Police. You were one of the Great ones and will be missed,. May the Lord comfort your love ones at this time. God Bless##imported-begin##Holli Brooks##imported-end##

September 10, 2013 at 09:05 PM



“ I was so sad to hear the Major was ill several months ago. My wife and I included him and the family in our prayers and will continue. Though I only knew him for a few years; I will forever remember and cherish my memories.##imported-begin##Gary & Deborah Freyre##imported-end##

September 10, 2013 at 08:53 PM



“ Dear Lynn and Kerri....we are so sorry for your loss- the passing of such a strong and loving father and husband. He was a strength in the neighborhood....a person with common sense and concern for others. Steve was such a hard worker and always kept your yard and house- beautiful....an example to the rest of us. I know that this last year has been so terribly difficult for you. You took such extremely good care of Steve. May you have vivid memories of his strength and kindness. The world - even our local neighborhood - is a better place because Steve was a part of it. We will miss him and will keep you both in our prayers.##imported-begin##TK, Michelle and Matthew Stanford##imported-end##

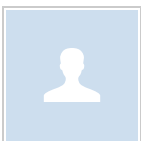
September 10, 2013 at 08:29 PM



“ May God be with you old friend. Lynn, the strangest thing happened early Monday morning when I awoke and began thinking of Steve and our time at Sea Island, Ga. when we were at the G-8 Summit. He was a great friend and he will be missed.

God Bless Your Family##imported-begin##Larry Joe and Jeannette R. White##imported-end##

September 10, 2013 at 08:22 PM



“ Steve saved my butt one night on morning watch, I lost it but he pulled me back to reality, could have got ugly. Thank you Steve, I will never forget.##imported-begin##David Sessa##imported-end##

September 10, 2013 at 08:18 PM



“ Monday, everyone that knew Steve was given sad news that our very good friend had passed. He was a strong fighter and he knew that was going to battle this, and he did for many more years than the doctors gave him.

He will be sadly missed by a great deal of family, friends, former and retired co-workers, and even people who barely knew him. He was a dedicated servant to the community having given over 38 years of service.

To me, he was a very good friend whom I have had the pleasure of having lunch, coffee, and many conversations on a variety of subjects with always a laugh to follow.

Lynn and Kerry, you know that the friends of Steve will always be there if you need us, so do not hesitate to call on us. God will be taking very good care of him as well and you, Kerry, and your family.##imported-begin##Bob Kaufman##imported-end##

September 10, 2013 at 08:14 PM



“ Steve, I enjoyed the years we worked together, you are in the arms of the lord now and will hurt no more. Lynn, you have my sympathy and prayers on your loss,##imported-begin##Capt. Ron Eunice (Retired)##imported-end##

September 10, 2013 at 07:37 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to the family. Our loss is Heaven's gain. Godspeed, Steve. You will be sorely missed.##imported-begin##Eda Ragsdale 123 DKPD ((Ret.))##imported-end##

September 10, 2013 at 07:36 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to the family. Another good soul, gone too soon. May God bless you and comfort you and give you peace.##imported-begin##Debbie Coile Farris, DeKalb D. A.'s Office, Grand Jury Secretary (retired)##imported-end##

September 10, 2013 at 07:21 PM



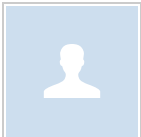
“ if i had a dollar for every cup of coffee steve and i had working the morning watch.....i would be a millionaire.....what a good friend you werethanks for all the memories##imported-begin##wm(bill) parker423 retired dkpd##imported-end##

September 10, 2013 at 07:17 PM



“ Steve was and always will be always one of my favorite people. A great friend, A great gut and a great Policeman!##imported-begin##B.W. Knowles 689 DKPD ret.##imported-end##

September 10, 2013 at 06:50 PM



“ Steve you were a great friend for many years and will be greatly missed...

May GOD welcome you with open arms and may he place his healing hands on your family during these trying times. May he help ease their troubles and ease their hearts.##imported-begin##Lt. Lanny L. Mosley - Retired and wife Diane Mosley##imported-end##

September 10, 2013 at 06:48 PM



“ A good man taken too soon, his impact on other Officers and friends will live on forever.##imported-begin##MPO Donald W Isbell, Ret DKPD##imported-end##

September 10, 2013 at 06:48 PM



“ I loved working for Steve. He always saw the officers point of view. I will miss him greatly.##imported-begin##TG Watson 763##imported-end##

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