



## Stephen Leo Hartnett

January 21, 2019

Stephen Leo Hartnett, 66, of Nokomis, FL died peacefully January 21, 2019 surrounded by his loving family. Steve quietly and courageously fought a seven-year battle against cancer. Born in Evanston, IL to Jane Agatha Massmann and Charles Leo Hartnett Jr.

Steve embarked on a lifelong journey as a Cub fan sparked by the fond memories of playing catch and laughing with his Hall of Fame grandfather, Chicago Cubs catcher, Charles Leo “Gabby” Hartnett.

Upon graduating Niles West High School, he entered a career of service first by distinguished actions as an enlisted member of the US Army in Vietnam. He then joined the Glenview, IL Fire Department and earned his degree from Southern Illinois University. In his thirty years of service he was a paramedic, firefighter, and diver before retiring as a Lieutenant. He also founded a successful construction business and Hart Home Home Inspection. He served as American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) President for several years.

He was active as a lector and Eucharistic minister at Epiphany Cathedral along with being a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion. He also participated in local plays favoring the annual production of A Christmas Carol. He was active in the community through Habitat for Humanity, volunteering at his daughter’s school, the Chamber of Commerce

and board of realtors, Meals on Wheels, as well as wherever he was needed.

Steve was an avid woodworker, chicken rancher and gardener. He had a tremendous love of cooking almost equal to his love of eating. With all his interests and accomplishments, the true joy of Steve's life was his wife, children, grandchildren and extended family in whom he took the greatest pride and spent his happiest times.

Steve is survived by: his beloved wife Mary Maude Hartnett, wonderful children Kimberly Hamilton (Andrew), Mark Hartnett (Kara), Scott Hartnett, and Megan Hartnett, dearest siblings Hope Komiss (David), Donna Biebrach (John), and Joanne Biebrach (James), and darling grandchildren Griffin and Bernadette Hartnett. He is also survived by many fond nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws.

Remembered by all as a great guy, quick with a smile and quicker with a helping hand, he was taken from us far too early and will be dearly missed.

The viewing will be on Sunday, January 27th from 2-6 pm at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Ewing Chapel, 140 E. Venice Avenue, Venice, FL 34285.

The funeral mass will be at 11am on Monday the 28th at Epiphany Cathedral, 310 Sarasota St., Venice, FL 34285.

The burial at Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72, Sarasota, FL 34241 will be on Friday, February 1st at 1:30 pm.

In lieu of flowers the family asks donations to be made to the American Cancer Society, 2318 Mill Road, Suite 800, Alexandria, VA 22314 in Steve's memory.



# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN **27**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Ewing Chapel  
140 E. Venice Ave  
Venice, FL 34285  
(941) 488-7737  
info@toalebrothers.com  
<https://www.toalebrothers.com/>

## Funeral Mass

JAN **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Epiphany Cathedral Catholic Church  
310 Sarasota Street  
Venice, FL 34285  
(941) 484-3505

# Tribute Wall

BM

“*Late posting, But Steve Hartnett was a great friend, great individual and Hunting Partner. And with out doubt Steve was the Best Step-Brother I ever had..... We had some good times. I always appreciated his sisters and his family members. Great times at the Cubs games with Steve !!. I know all his family loves and misses him, I Do !! 🙏💙*



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**Bill Mills** - July 28, 2025 at 12:53 PM

SA

“*Our deepest sympathy to the entire family. Steve was a wonderful man and a great friend.*

*Sandy and Norm Anderson*

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**Sandy and Norm Anderson** - January 28, 2019 at 12:11 PM

LG

“*I had the honor of Steve's friendship as well as his brotherhood in the fire service. His dedication to helping others will be missed.*  
*Larry L.*

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**larry lundberg. gvfd.** - January 27, 2019 at 04:50 PM

NC

“*Our family is keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and comfort you, Neill, Beata & Patrick Carey*

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**Neill Carey** - January 27, 2019 at 11:50 AM

NC

“ Neill, Beata & Patrick Carey purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Stephen Leo Hartnett.



Neill, Beata & Patrick Carey - January 27, 2019 at 11:49 AM

WW

“ William W. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Stephen Leo Hartnett.



William W. - January 26, 2019 at 03:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen Leo Hartnett.



January 26, 2019 at 12:36 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Stephen Leo Hartnett.



January 25, 2019 at 09:22 PM

BB

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. ~ The Mazur, Biedron & Carey Family

Beata Biedron - January 25, 2019 at 07:33 PM

TF

“ The Mazur & Biedron Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Stephen Leo Hartnett.



The Mazur & Biedron Family - January 25, 2019 at 07:30 PM

JF

“ So sad to hear Steve has died. I have many fun memories of him, but best of all was his smile and laugh. Luckily, it kind of lives on in Markus! My parents loved Steve, my kids loved Steve, and Dick and I loved Steve. You have my sincere sympathy.  
Jayne Feldhausen

Jayne Feldhausen - January 25, 2019 at 02:33 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Leo Hartnett.



January 25, 2019 at 12:28 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Leo Hartnett.*



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January 25, 2019 at 12:07 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Leo Hartnett.*



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January 25, 2019 at 11:05 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Stephen Leo Hartnett.*



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January 24, 2019 at 09:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen Leo Hartnett.*



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January 24, 2019 at 08:47 PM



“ *Distinguished Service Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen Leo Hartnett.*



January 24, 2019 at 05:40 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen Leo Hartnett.*



January 24, 2019 at 05:38 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Stephen Leo Hartnett.*



January 24, 2019 at 05:05 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



**Meg** - January 24, 2019 at 04:46 PM

ME

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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Meg - January 24, 2019 at 04:45 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of Stephen Leo Hartnett.



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January 24, 2019 at 03:03 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Stephen Leo Hartnett.



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January 24, 2019 at 02:58 PM