



Stephen Henry Szabo

December 14, 1938 - October 28, 2025

Stephen Henry Szabo, 86, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 28th, 2025, in Hillsborough, New Jersey. Born December 14, 1938, in Dickson City, Pennsylvania, Steve was raised there before making Manville, New Jersey his lifelong home — proudly living there for 63 years and dedicating his life to the community he loved and served.

Steve was a fighter who exemplified strength throughout his life. He loved to stay busy and believed deeply in being part of something greater than himself. He was the kind of man who always showed up — for his family, his town, and his country. Whether sharing a cup of Dunkin' coffee, enjoying Friday night dinners at the VFW, or lending a hand to a neighbor, Steve lived with purpose, pride, and heart.

A proud United States Navy veteran and member of the U.S. Marine Corps League, Steve carried the values of discipline, honor, and commitment into every chapter of his life. Those same values guided his extraordinary career in public service. Over 18 years, Steve faithfully represented Manville as a six-term Councilman, even serving as Council President and chairing every committee on Council. He led with integrity, respect, and a deep love for his town.

Beyond elected office, Steve never stopped serving. He spent 10 years as a

Special Police Officer with the Manville Criminal Investigation Division and 5 years with CERTS (Citizen Emergency Response Team). He was always ready to lend a hand when his neighbors were in need.

Steve was deeply involved in countless civic and fraternal organizations throughout his life, including:

- Faithful parishioner of Sacred Heart Church
- Life Member and Past Grand Knight, Manville Knights of Columbus, St. Jude Council #6573
- District Deputy, Faithful Navigator, and Color Guard Corps Commander, George Washington Assembly No. 0653, Knights of Columbus
- Member and Past Commander, Manville VFW Post #2290
- Life Member and Past Post Commander, American Legion
- Life Member, Manville Youth Athletic League (MYAL)
- Life Member, Manville Rescue Squad

Steve was predeceased by his son Joseph Szabo, his sister Janette Goyne, his sister-in-law Priscilla Szabo, and his parents Joseph and Stella Szabo. He is survived by his daughter Odette Szabo; his son Jeffrey Szabo and his wife Jaclyn; his brother Zigmund Szabo; grandchildren Heather, Paige, Owen, Cayson, and Charleigh; great-grandchildren Isabella and Aaliyah; and several nieces and nephews.

When all was said and done, Steve was most proud of being a father, grandfather, and friend. His greatest joy was found in the love of his family, and his legacy of dedication, warmth, and community spirit will live on in their hearts and in the town he helped shape.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, November 2, 2025, from 3:00–7:00 p.m. at Ketusky Funeral Home, 1310 Brooks Blvd., Manville, NJ (908-575-8512). A Funeral Mass will follow on Monday, November 3, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Manville, with burial at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Hillsborough, NJ. For additional information, please visit www.ketusky.com.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Cemetery

1096 Millstone River Road
Hillsborough, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ketusky Funeral Home
1310 Brooks Blvd - PO Box 747
Manville, NJ 08835
(908) 575-8512
info@ketusky.com
<https://www.ketusky.com>

Mass

NOV 3. 9:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church
98 South Second Ave.
Manville, NJ 08835

Tribute Wall

NP

“ I am shocked to read in our church bulletin that Steve had passed. I met Steve when I worked in our school district. He and I became friends almost instantly.

He had a special quality where he was kind and helpful. I don't think he ever said no to anyone. Always a friendly face.

My deepest sympathy to Steve's family.

And to my friend, Steve, rest easy now.....until we meet again.

Respectfully,

Nancy Piorkowski.

Nancy J PIORKOWSKI - November 15, 2025 at 05:57 PM

PK

“ I am so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. Steve was a bright light, thoughtful and kind. His gentle spirit and warmth always greeted me at church when I arrived. He will be greatly missed. My prayers and thoughts are with his family during this difficult and sad time.

To every thing

There is a season,

And a time to every purpose

Under the heaven;

A time to be born,

And a time to die;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;

A time to mourn, and a time to dance.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2,4



Peter Kalasin - November 09, 2025 at 07:49 PM

DM

“ I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Steve, Jeffrey and Family. He was such a nice guy and helpful. He worked in American Cyanamid with my Dad Mike Medvetz. I will never forget the fun times when he worked with me and the rest of the workers at Drug Fair/Walgreens. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Donna Meusz - November 04, 2025 at 12:28 AM

SP

“ Stephen was a great neighbor, always keeping me informed and making sure I was okay. He will be missed.

S. Parra - November 03, 2025 at 08:24 AM

LA

“ To all the members of the Szabo family, I am very truly sorry for your loss of Steve. I know that he was given his angel wings by God. I knew him for a good 25 years we helped each other over that time with many things that would be going on in our lives. We shared a lot of time together which I will never forget and will cherish forever. He was always there when you needed him. We did alot for for one another. I will miss him very much especially our 10 pm calls with the weather report and news of the day. He was a very devout catholic man as well as serving his community in all areas. May God bless him and all of his family that our left to cherish his memory.



Laura Addison - November 02, 2025 at 11:58 PM

CO

“ So sad to learn this morning at mass that Steve has died on the 28th I knew that he was having a leg problem and I tried to find out what hospital and rehab he was at so that I could visit him. I met him many, many years ago when he used to work at the bar at the VFW and my husband under the name Lou Lucas was a country guitar player and often played at the VFW. Then Steve has been in our church for many many years and I often had opportunities to work and help him whenever possible. May God Bless him. I've been in the choir now for 18 years so tomorrow I will go to the mass and sing at his funeral mass.

Celeste Onka

Celeste Onka - November 02, 2025 at 11:37 AM

DR

“ On behalf of the Membership of the Manville First Aid and Rescue Squad,
I extend our deepest condolences on your recent loss.
Please accept our sincere sympathy during this difficult time.
Our thoughts are with you and your family.

*Respectfully,
Donna Rogers
President*

Donna Rogers - October 31, 2025 at 10:04 PM

MS

“ *Manville First Aid and Rescue Squad purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Stephen Henry Szabo.*



Manville First Aid and Rescue Squad - October 31, 2025 at 09:36 PM

LF

“ *Rest in peace, Steve. You were such a wonderful guy. Love you.*

Lisa Festa - October 31, 2025 at 09:33 AM

DH

“ *Darleen, Corey, Kyle & I send our condolence's to Steve's Family. Many great memories for me Coaching TBall, LL, Pop Warner. Picnics he always hosted. Thank-you for allowing us to be your friend.. Rest in Peace now.....*

Dave Hamilton - October 31, 2025 at 05:22 AM

DF

“ *Danielle Benoit + Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen Henry Szabo.*

Danielle Benoit + Family - October 30, 2025 at 07:31 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen Henry Szabo.*



October 30, 2025 at 07:31 PM



“ *Steve was an awesome neighbor and friend. He was kind, caring and was always concerned for everyone. He would do everything he could to help anyone he knew. I will truly miss him. I pray for peace for his family. God bless you all.*

vivian jasinski - October 30, 2025 at 06:03 PM



Prayers to the family for your loss. Alway enjoyed his unannounced " coffee " visits . He will be missed - RIP our friend. John & Julie Botsko

Julie Botsko - October 30, 2025 at 06:32 PM

KM

“ Some twenty years ago when I arrived as Steve's neighbor I was greeted by welcoming wishes and hand shake. From there on we shared our Knights of Columbus stories, home projects, Manville Council news, his family and his most important was church and God. Getting to know the community was easy for me with Steve's enormous list of friends. When he rested which was not too often, I found him in the Manville Diner, home front porch sharing a coffee. We all loved Steve on winter days starting up his snow blower as he worked snow removal for hours cleaning up the entire block for all neighbors. He would bring me the Sacred Heart bulletin and later years inviting us to join the Senior Citizens. His legacy will live on and my memories are close as we see Steve in God's hands. Rest in peace from Cheryl and Ken.

Kenneth Mayti - October 30, 2025 at 05:32 PM

RP

Steve, you will certainly be missed by all who knew you. Always a smile, always a helping hand even when you were not feeling good . Now rest in the arms of our Lord and sleep peacefully. Our sincere condolences to all your family. Rachel & Vincent Petrone

Rachel Petrone - October 31, 2025 at 05:08 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Steve...he definitely was a dedicated good man for our great town. Always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. Steve you will be missed by our town. God Bless you always and may you rest in peace. Thank you for all you have done for our great community. May you rest with the Angels. Amen...

Donna Kowalski - October 30, 2025 at 05:32 PM



“ Steve was a wonderful neighbor and friend. He was kind, caring and always concerned for other's welfare; doing whatever he could do to help in any way. I will miss him. I pray for peace for Steve's loving family. God bless you all.

Vivian Jasinski - October 30, 2025 at 04:46 PM

JO

“ So sorry for your loss, Steve was a good friend and man!

joe - October 30, 2025 at 03:12 PM

DE

“ So very sorry. May Steve rest in peace.



deb - October 30, 2025 at 01:54 PM