



Steven James Anastos

November 16, 1960 - October 23, 2023

Steven James Anastos, 62, of Stamford, CT died peacefully in his home surrounded by his family on October 23, 2023, after a very brief battle with brain cancer. His attitude through it all was unwavering peace and acceptance. He was the son of James Anastos and Aspasia (Sas) Kontoyianes Anastos, both deceased, and was the youngest brother of 3 children. Steve is survived by his family who he loved so passionately: his wife, Evelyn, and his two daughters, Erin and Devon, of West Hollywood, CA; his sister Leah Johnson and her husband Stuart E Johnson of Washington DC, their children, Laura and Chris and their spouses and children; and his brother Alan Anastos of Gulfport, FL and his daughters Marissa, and her spouse and children, and Lexine and her fiancé. He is also survived by thousands of friends that he loved and cared about so deeply.

Steve proudly went to public school in Leominster, MA and spent his last 2 years of high school at Cushing Academy, where he graduated in 1979. He majored in English at Syracuse University and graduated in 1983. He was a member of ZBT Fraternity there and developed strong connections with his brothers that remain to this day. He was a loyal friend to all he met along the way, and he gave everyone that he loved a special nickname. He was someone you could always go to for a good time and a good conversation and a great laugh. He had the best laugh: always with that big, beautiful smile and his genuine laugh from his belly, and always grabbing whoever's arm he was

with to share in the fun.

After college graduation, Steve moved to NYC and wanted to be a writer for Boxing News Magazine. He reminded us to this day that the current writer for that magazine was hired 2 weeks prior to Steve's interview. So, he quickly switched gears... He had style and personality which was picked up by the fashion industry in NYC, where he worked over 20 years. He began at Lord & Taylor in their training program, and then went to Belle France, Gillian/AJ Bari, Hero Industries where he was President of Nightline and became a corporate Vice President, and on to be President of Liz Claiborne Dresses at Leslie Fay and then to Carole Hochman.

During this time as he travelled to Dallas for business, he met a tall, loud Texas blonde that he described as the only person who was in living color and absolutely positively fell in love with her. He romanced her until the end. Steve and Evelyn eloped 35 years ago and then moved to Connecticut where they raised Erin and Devon, who he loved and helped unconditionally and who he was so fiercely proud of. He had strong family values and was an amazing dad. As Steve and Evelyn commuted back and forth from CT to NYC, they met their first Connecticut friends on the 6:11 Bar Car, where they were regulars until Metro North removed them from the trains. (The Bar Cars! Not Steve and Evelyn!)

Steve was an amazing athlete and he loved to play tennis and hockey. His showed a solid leadership and coaching on the ice on the now infamous Brennan's/ Red Stripe hockey team and was able to keep Captain Jack from losing his mind, while trying to keep his own players from hurting themselves or someone else. He and his family have been members of the Stamford Yacht Club for close to 30 years. Many a great tennis match he played there and so many wonderful memories, laughs, toasts and conversations were made there with all our fellow members, young and old.

In 2005 Steve wanted a career change and was tired of commuting to the city so he went into Real Estate and joined William Raveis and loved every single minute and every single co-worker and every single client that he worked with in this profession. He excelled and won many awards of which he never boasted. He was highly skilled at navigating people, reading the room and steering the situational ship with grace, bobbing and weaving right through all the dynamics, straight through to closing. He had never ending patience and grace. He congratulated his co-workers every time they got a listing. They all had high respect for him, which had nothing to do with the properties he listed or sold, but rather had everything to do with how hard he worked, the tenacity he had of getting through every and any market, and most importantly, everything he did daily to support his wife and daughters.

Steve, your obituary should really be a thank you note from all of us. You brought us all joy. You were passionate and cared about every person you met and wanted to know everything about each one of us. You knew a lot about a lot! You could talk about music (specializing in all from the late 50's to early 80s, and especially in Three Dog Night and Elvis), tennis, boxing, politics, fashion, real estate, movies, documentaries, dogs (although you only knew how to spoil them, not how to train them) and you fully loved and took such pride in every place you lived: Leominster, MA; Syracuse, NY; and Stamford, CT. You loved our neighborhood, Shippan and always called it one of the top ten neighborhoods in America. You shared your joy in all these things with each one of us. You made us all feel so special and you brought out the best in each of us. You were so genuine and sincere and had such a beautiful heart and soul. As your in-laws said recently, "I never met a finer man than Steve Anastos." The measure of a man is in what he does for others and Steve, you were a giver. You were a class act from start to finish. Although, cut way too short, you exemplified a life well-lived. We will miss you

forever.

Visitation will be Sunday, October 29th from 2pm to 7pm at Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue in Stamford CT.

The Celebration of Life service will be on Thursday, November 30th from 1pm to 5pm at the Stamford Yacht Club, 97 Ocean Drive W, Stamford, CT. Link to rsvp: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfgS4FZ9BAs1ja0EzBBUARc3RNbWpp6o4ixEYBfgSCIkLsrzw/viewform>

To share a remembrance online, please sign the family guestbook at www.bosakfuneralhome.com or www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home & Cremation
453 Shippan Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902

Celebration of Life

NOV **30**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Stamford Yacht Club
97 Ocean Drive West
Stamford, CT 06902

Tribute Wall

SG

“ I met Steve when I was a dress buyer at Bonwit Teller. Later, he was hired by my company, Carole Hochman Design Group. He was an excellent dress salesman and so helpful to my business. At CHDG, he contributed to the sales team in so many ways. We all missed him when he left to pursue a career in real estate. He will be missed....

Susan Gerber - December 03, 2023 at 11:07 AM

RH

“ Steve represented the sellers of our home in Shippan, though he worked for them to sell their house he made me feel he worked for us. The sellers left and we were delighted to find that Steve would be our neighbor. He was my go to guy for all things Stamford and Shippan. His advice was always the best and his recommendations were spot on. When we decided to adopt a puppy no one was more excited and supportive than Steve. We brought her home on a Sunday, and the next morning I took Penny Lane out to walk her. Steve was driving by on the cross street, looked out his car window, stopped his car jumped out to meet the puppy. He scooped her up and she gave him kisses, he reached in his pocket for a treat to give her, the first of many, and Steve Anastos became Penny Lane's favorite person. Each day since Steve has passed, Penny stops in front of the Anastos house and just looks, looking for the treat man. Our entire neighborhood will miss this man who was simply the best! Our hearts go out to Evelyn and the girls!

Roz Hewsenian - November 22, 2023 at 01:40 PM

MC

“ I met Steve at a home I was showing in Stamford as he was the list agent. He was so sincere, approachable, and kind. He will be greatly missed in the Real Estate world. Sending my sincere condolences. Mia Capella-William Raveis Real Estate

Mia Capella - November 16, 2023 at 12:00 PM

DA

“ To a fantastic guy. You will be dearly missed. I will miss our great hockey conversations as hockey dads. All of my condolences to Evelyn and the girls. Rest in Peace my friend. Dan Ambruso

Daniel Ambruso - November 04, 2023 at 05:47 PM

IC

“ He is on his Kalo Taxithi. Good Journey

Irene Corsaro - November 02, 2023 at 08:21 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Steven James Anastos.



October 29, 2023 at 05:23 PM

RH

“ Steve was one of my best friends and, as I have realized over the years, one of my earliest mentors. We met in 7th grade and were inseparable until our differing views on alcohol/ drug use and what being "cool" meant lead to us spending as much time together. I didn't realize it for many years that two of the things that Steve tried to teach me was that alcohol/ drug abuse was not cool and that maintaining integrity was. From the onset of my substance abuse Steve was one of my only friends who made it clear to me that it was wrong and not cool. Yet, Steve never judged me and always remained a loyal friend. This is where the lesson in integrity came. Steve was not going to over-look the substance abuse and was not going to write off our friendship either. Steve always looked for and celebrated what he saw as good in people, another one of the lessons I learned from him. As Steve's affinity for good nicknames was mentioned, it was in 7th grade soon after we met Steve dubbed me "Zeek," a nickname that still sticks today in some circles especially in Leominster. Now, the nickname is even more endearing.

As geographical and other life changes lead to Steve and I talking/ seeing each other less frequently over the years, these changes did not change our rapport and it was like we never had separated when ever we talked or got together. This speaks to other lessons that I learned from Steve along with the many things he gave of himself including empathy, compassion, true friendship, the value of laughter and love to name a few of Steve's virtues. I truly feel blessed to have known him and am grateful that he is still with me in memory/ spirit and that I am a better man having known him. If there is a heaven, Steve is undoubtedly there, most likely talking about sports with one of his heros, Muhammad Ali. Thank you for all Steve.

Robert Hinds - October 29, 2023 at 04:53 PM

FS

“ I remember commuting to the city with you and your beautiful wife. You two went to the garment center and I went to the men’s clothing sector. With my warmest condolences to your family Steve. See you when I get there! Frank Schipani

Frank Schipani - October 26, 2023 at 09:18 PM

JB

“ RIP my friend. I always enjoyed your company and humor. A good guy!

Jim Berry - October 26, 2023 at 05:21 PM

NK

“ Many laughs and good times at Camp Lowe. Steve always had a smile and always treated everyone with kindness.

nancy kelly - October 26, 2023 at 11:38 AM