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Stephen Blickstein, 81, of Ormond Beach, FL, passed away on Saturday, May 11, 2013 at Grand Oaks Health & Rehab in Palm Coast, FL. Steve is survived by the love of his life, Jennie, his wife of 41 years, cousins; Sandy Zuckerman of Bethesda, MD. and Michael and Priscilla Wiener of Alexandria, VA. The only child of Florence and Henry Blickstein, Steve was born in Brooklyn, NY in 1931. He attended public schools in Brooklyn until the family moved to Garfield, NJ in 1941. Steve graduated from New York University in 1953 with a degree in Journalism. Upon graduation, he spent two years in the US Army, stationed in California then Washington State. After active duty, Steve returned to New Jersey, working in local journalism and industrial advertising. He later moved to New York City, where he built a career in business journalism, moving on to public affairs positions with RCA and Exxon (now ExxonMobil). In 1980, he became a free-lance public affairs consultant with Phillip-Morris. As a writer and published author, Steve was never without a pen in hand. He covered sports marketing and wrote first-hand accounts of network TV sports coverage of NFL football. As a voracious reader, it was not unusual for Steve to read three books at a time. A former resident of Wilton, CT, in 1994 Steve and Jennie moved to Palmyra, VA, where they became volunteers with the Carysbrook Performing Arts Center. As an avid jazz enthusiast, Steve took on additional responsibilities as a weekly radio host of “Principally Piano” on WTJU-FM, the music station for the University of Virginia, in Charlottesville. Former “snowbirds”, Steve and Jennie settled in Ormond Beach, FL, in 2007. Here, Steve directed his passion for jazz as an active member of the Northeast Florida Jazz Association (NEFJA), providing coverage of the musicians and events hosted by the NEFJA. Those who knew Steve will remember him for his humor, wit, intelligence and passion for life. A consummate “people person”, Steve conversed easily with everyone he met and took



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pleasure in including them in his “circle of friends”. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. A private gathering, reflecting on Steve’s life, will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Steve’s memory to one of his two favorite charities, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum 100 Raoul Wallenberg Pl SW Washington, DC 20024 or Doctors Without Borders 333 7th Avenue, 2nd Floor New York, NY 10001-5004.

All arrangements are under the direction of Heritage Funeral & Cremation Service, Port Orange, FL.



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HL

Howard (Howie) Lowenstein posted:

Hi Jennie:I recently found out about Steve's passing. He will always remain in my thoughts. When I think of Steve, it always brings on a smile. I will be playing golf at Lake Monticello this week with a Second Wind Band member friend of mine, Steve Cooley, and certainly will mention your hole-in-one on the 10th hole.Hope this note finds you doing well,Love,Howie and Susan

June 16 at 3:07 PM

DD

Deb, John, Will & Erin Donnelly posted:

Dear Jennie, We appreciate the memorial you posted in the Daily Progress and remember you and Steve fondly. You were wonderful Lake Monticello neighbors with a zest for life, ready smiles and curious minds. The kids loved the quarters in lieu of candy for Halloween! You are in our hearts and thoughts.

May 22 at 8:33 AM

SQ

Sallie & Lee Quick posted:

Dearest Jeannie, We just read this sad news after a really busy music week, but we are here now with love, support and shared memories with you and Steve. Please include us in the private gathering to celebrate Steve's life through shared memories. We look forward to this "Rainbow" gathering of 'smiles among the tears'. We love you Sallie

May 22 at 7:22 AM

CC

Carolyn Yowell (Cowles) posted:

Dear Jennie,I am so very sorry to hear about Steve's passing. I thought the world of both of you, but Steve had a very special place in my heart. He was so much fun to be around and my favorite golf partner since our skills were so similar. I will never forget the times we spent together and babysitting my buddy Chester. I have missed both of you so much in these past few years - I was actually thinking about you recently - and now to get this news makes me so very sad that I won't get the chance to tell Steve farewell. Let me know if there is anything I can do for you. - Love Carolyn

May 17 at 7:32 AM



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DR

Dick & Sally Rose posted:

Dear Jennie, We were so sad when we learned of Steve's passing. He was a dear friend and we enjoyed many hours together with our Senior Band in Charlottesville and working together at WTJU. He will long be remembered by all the friends he made through the years, Our thoughts are with you Jennie and his family. Dick & Sally Rose

May 17 at 4:30 AM

KS

Ken Budd/Halifax Pro Shop posted:

Jennie, Sorry to hear of Steve's passing this past weekend but as I read his obit in Wednesday's paper (I actually learned a lot about Steve that I didn't know before - even more interesting than I thought), I'm certain he's in a better place now. My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of loss - my deepest sympathy to you.

May 16 at 11:32 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Stephen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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