



# Stephen C. Szabo

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**S**tephen C. Szabo, age 61, passed away on Monday, September 5, 2011. Steve is survived by his love Lynne Dunham, father Zoltan C. Szabo of North Andover; sister and brothers, Andrew Szabo of Agawam; Margaret Sleeve and her husband Mark of Longmont, CO., and Catherine and her husband Dan Ryan of North Andover; as well four nieces and nephews, Jessica and Jonathan Sleeve, Molly and Benjamin Ryan; Jamie Hannigan and 2 great nephews. He is predeceased by his Mother Dorothea (Droesch) Szabo in July 2011 and sister, Elizabeth A. Hannigan. Steve was widely knowledgeable about the keeping and breeding of aquarium fishes, active member in the hobby his entire life and member of numerous clubs and organizations on the east coast. Steve often used his excellent computer skills in helping both individuals and clubs become more organized in the pursuit of their hobby.

His Grandfather started him down this passion in his life.

He worked as a network administrator for many years in Northern Virginia.

Memorial services will be held at 10 am at Algonkian Regional Park, shelter site 2, Fairway Dr. Sterling, VA 20165, on Wednesday, September 28th.

Online condolences may be expressed to Stephen's family at

[www.foundandsons.com](http://www.foundandsons.com)



## Tribute Wall

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DR

**Dogwood Sheltie Rescue** posted:

Steve's Poem  
Once I had a friend so dear,  
I never thought we'd part,  
And now, although he's out of sight,  
I hold him in my heart. Nothing is forever here,  
Ah...but far up above,  
He waits, for you as always,  
For ever, with his love.  
PJ 8-3-11

September 29 at 8:28 PM

EC

**Edith Crockett** lit a candle in honor of Stephen.



September 24 at 8:31 AM

KP

**Karen Posey** posted:

I only met Steve a couple times at the annual sheltie picnic, but his love of animals was amazing, and helping us out at the picnics was great. RIP, Steve, glad you are not in pain anymore, and Lynne, hang in there, and I'm sorry for your loss. I know you miss him greatly.

September 17 at 6:03 PM

DK

**Debbie Kitchin** posted:

I have always considered Steve a close friend, even though we didn't see each other very often. I met him online as a fellow volunteer sysop in CompuServe's Fishnet forum in 1990, but it soon grew to occasional contacts at fish shows and trade conferences. My friendship expanded when he and Lynne moved to the DC metro area and included several social gatherings and email contacts over the years. Steve, I will miss your helpfulness and ready humor. Lynne, it is my heartfelt wish that our friendship continues to grow. --Debbie Kitchin

September 16 at 10:20 AM

SP

**Sherry Mitchell, President** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Sending sincere sympathy from myself and all the members of the Potomac Valley Aquarium Society. Steve was a generous supporter of PVAS and an asset to the hobby. He will be greatly missed.



September 15 at 5:52 PM



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RR

**Richard J. Rego** posted:

I knew Steves name around aquarium club circles, but became friendly with him after he purchased some books from me as I started my new book business. We chatted a lot over various books he was planning on buying. I am saddened to hear the news of his passing, and I hope his family finds comfort in the memories they hold dear of times past. Rest in Peace Steve. Richard J. Rego Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island

September 14 at 6:30 PM

MW

**Mike Wickham** posted:

It really hurts to hear that Steve has passed away. We became friends back in 1990, when we were both sysops on CompuServe's former Fishnet Forum. At the time-- this was before the Internet opened up-- Fishnet was the online place to be, even though there were no pictures (only text). We were a very active group for the time. Many of us, including Steve, spent an hour or two (sometimes more) nearly every evening hanging out in the Fishnet chat rooms, talking about fish and computers, or just goofing off. I made a lot of good friends during that time, and a lot of us were able to meet in person over the years. It has been about 10 years since I've seen Steve in person, but I did get to meet him on a few occasions. And we kept in touch via e-mail over the years. It's always interesting to meet online friends because they never seem to match your mental image of them. I knew Steve worked with computers, so I pictured him as a clean cut, suit-and-tie-wearing business person. In real life, he was more of a chain-smoking hippie with a Boston accent! Anyway, Steve was an interesting, funny, and likeable guy and I will miss my dear friend. Mike Wickham

September 14 at 5:19 PM

DM

**Donald Michel** posted:

Unfortunately, my contact with \\Steve// was limited to email and message boards, usually with him helping me with some persistent computer problem. I always found him to be helpful, good natured, and often funny. He was most clearly one of the "good guys" Thank you, Lynn for sharing him with all of us for all these years. Don Michel

September 14 at 12:39 PM



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WL

**Wayne Leibel** posted:

I knew Steve to be a kind, generous and gentle soul all of the 30+ years I had the privilege of knowing him. We shared a love of tropical fish and aquarium societies and it was at aquarium society activities that I came to know and appreciate him. We will all miss him in the years to come. All best to Lynn and the family. Wayne Leibel

September 14 at 6:37 AM

LL

**Lloyd** posted:

Thank you steve for all your help. Your reply always helped me and made my work life easy. Hope the good lord jesus will have you by him . - lloyd from india

September 13 at 8:05 PM

LV

**Lenny Vasbinder** posted:

\\Steve//, which was his customary email signature, was a very active member in the Outlook-Users Yahoo Group and here is the thread where folks have been leaving their remembrances about \\Steve//. <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/outlook-users/message/58606>

September 13 at 5:39 PM

LV

**Lenny Vasbinder** lit a candle in honor of Stephen.

I was only lucky enough to know \\Steve// online in three different Yahoo Groups, aquarium and Outlook related, but I considered him a friend from our many off-group emails and his weekly email list where he sent out jokes and funny internet findings. He is already and will continue to be missed by all of his online friends. Lenny Vasbinder

September 12 at 9:50 AM



CA

**Cathy Allington** September 12 at 4:04 PM

I have only dealt with Steve through an Outlook Yahoo Group - but have fund his generosity in sharing his expertise to be invaluable over a number of years. His family and firends must be very proud of him. My condolences to you all



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RR

**Rev. R Roberts** posted:

I was a fellow member of some of the fish hobby lists he was on. He was a great guy and always willing to help out the new guy and the experienced hobbyist. His helpful and good natured character and his knowledge of fish keeping will be sorely missed in our community. My deepest condolences to his family. He left a legacy of freidns around the world...that is something to be very proud of. Rest in peace brother!

September 11 at 8:23 PM

RH

**Renate Haeckler** posted:

I'll remember Steve as a very kind and sometimes funny man who spent hours helping others along in the tropical fish hobby that he loved.

September 11 at 4:50 PM



## Media

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