



Stephen Marc Schout

May 26, 1976 - February 8, 2025

Stephen Marc Schout, of Zeeland, died unexpectedly on Saturday, February 8, 2025 at age 48. Stephen was born in Kwangju, South Korea in 1976; when his parents' missionary assignment ended, Stephen came to Zeeland, Michigan while still an infant. Stephen graduated from Zeeland High School in 1995. He lived with an uncontrolled seizure disorder his entire life, but now he is in heaven with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ—and his health limitations and challenges are over. Stephen's family looks forward to seeing him again someday in heaven.

Stephen had a special zest for life, and some of his hobbies were coloring, jigsaw puzzles, reading, watching dvds, participating in Special Education Ministries, and (most important) spending time with his family. Stephen possessed a pure, child-like faith; for his entire life he was faithful regarding weekly church attendance and daily Bible study and prayer. He was a member of Grace Fellowship OPC in Zeeland. Stephen really enjoyed his Wonderfully Made Sunday School Class.

Stephen is survived by his parents, Lloyd and Melva Schout; brothers, David Schout and Michael and Naomi Schout; nieces and nephews, Sadie Schout, Eli Schout, Lydia Schout, and Titus Schout (all of Zeeland), plus many aunts, uncles, cousins, and cherished friends. He was preceded in death by his

grandparents, Marvin and Mary Schout, and Raymond and Gertrude Morren.

The funeral service will be held at Grace Fellowship Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 435 W Main Avenue, Zeeland, MI, on Monday, February 17, at 11:00 AM, with a luncheon following. Stephen's brother, Rev. Michael Schout, will officiate. Stephen's funeral is being live streamed and can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/live/CixOrJ4_Vy4?feature=shared. Visitation will be held at Yntema Funeral Home of Zeeland, on Sunday, February 16, from 2:00 until 4:30 in the afternoon. Burial will be in Zeeland Cemetery (original/settlers). Memorial contributions in Stephen's memory may be given to Kenya Hope.

The family wishes to thank the many healthcare professionals over the years who helped Stephen live with his seizure disorder, his loving church family at both Covenant PCA and Grace Fellowship OPC, and Jackie Yeomans for her care teaching and mentoring Stephen over the last 5 years.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 16. 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home
251 South State Street
Zeeland, MI 49464

Funeral Service

FEB 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Grace Fellowship Orthodox Presbyterian Church
435 West Main Ave.
Zeeland, MI 49464

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Stephen Marc Schout*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - February 13, 2025 at 04:18 PM

BK

So sorry for your loss. I truly enjoyed the video of Stephen's life. Our deepest sympathies to your family. Stephen was loved by all. May he rest in peace in Jesus arms.

Barbara Kleinheksel - February 22, 2025 at 08:16 AM

CZ

“ *Lloyd and Melva ~ I am so sorry to hear of Steven's passing. Wishing you and your family comfort in your loss.*

Carol Zuverink

Carol Zuverink - February 22, 2025 at 09:34 AM

DW

“ *Sorry for your loss, and thinking of you in this difficult time.*

David D. Williams

David Williams - February 16, 2025 at 02:16 AM



“ *Stephan was a student of mine when he was a 6th grader. He has been a part of my heart ever since. His giant smile would be remembered at random times over the years. I was lucky to have his life intersect with mine. Stephan will never be forgotten!* ”

Mary Elhart - February 15, 2025 at 12:14 PM



“ *I remember when he had his first seizure of the year in your class. The whole class started freaking out.* ”

Nate Toppen - February 16, 2025 at 07:05 PM



“ *Andrea Pfeiffer lit a candle in memory of Stephen Marc Schout* ”



Andrea Pfeiffer - February 13, 2025 at 11:46 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen Marc Schout.* ”



February 13, 2025 at 07:00 PM

TF

“ We all had so much to learn from Stephen. His simple, uncomplicated faith was a vivid demonstration of God's love for all of us. Stephen's constant smile was a reminder to us of his positive outlook even when facing a lifetime of adversity. I am grateful with you for his life and for the promise we have that he is now seizure free and complete without earthly encumbrances in the presence of God. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Thomas Folkert - February 13, 2025 at 06:54 PM

DW

To David Schout and Family,

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your brother Stephen, and at such a young age, and the loss being so sudden and unexpected. I have certainly been deeply moved and touched by your organ music in the past, David, and now I have been uniquely, stirred and forwarded in my faith and beliefs, even more by watching some beautiful family photos go by in a uniquely and beautifully produced video about your brother Stephen put together by the funeral home for you! Stephen's life just touched mine, and I've never even had the chance to meet him before. What a brave and courageous individual he must've been throughout his entire life, living with a seizure disorder. I had a friend who had brain cancer in the middle to late 80s and up until 1992. I had a chance to lead a youth group at my church for those years with Greg F. I had to learn to be with him and assist him just a little bit whenever he had brain seizures from his brain cancer. His life eventually ended early as well from a grand mall seizure. Hardly a week goes by that I don't think about my friend Greg and his incredible courage. Your brother, Stephen and Greg are now in heaven together, and I am sure that they have met, and that I will also see them both one day, and so will you! That will be a glorious, wonderful reunion!

I am in a Bible study now, and also have had many faith building and challenging times in my own life, but now at age 63 and sold out and convinced of Jesus Christ, our faith that can be had as a free gift if you just accept it, which I have, and that there is therefore no reason whatsoever to fear the afterlife!

Stephen is now marveling at the fact that he has met his grandparents, and more over Jesus Christ himself, and is wrapped in a warmth like no other; no more darkness, no more wondering, no more pain... Just amazing Grace and surroundings, a reward for his well lived life!

God bless you, David, and your mom and dad, and your entire family during this difficult time.

*David D. Williams
1-(616)-510-4194*

David D Williams. - February 14, 2025 at 10:50 AM

CT

Dear Friends,

You are in our hearts and our prayers. We grieve with and for you, your family, the church, and the community. Stephen will be missed.

It was such a pleasure to engage with Stephen, hear his questions, listen to a joke, and engage in conversation.

While we grieve because he will be missed and because death is an enemy, we don't grieve as those without hope because of him, who is the resurrection and the life. We know that our Lord and Savior, Jesus, has conquered death and that he loves Stephen now and always.

May the God of all comfort, comfort you.

Yours In Christ - Chuck and Michele Tedrick

Chuck and Michele Tedrick - February 17, 2025 at 01:14 PM