



Stephen James Chiola

April 27, 1956 - April 26, 2022

Stephen James Chiola passed away peacefully Wednesday, April 26, 2022 at the Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre surrounded by family.

Steve was born April 27, 1956 in Sayre, Pennsylvania, the son of the late Vincent “Jim” and Margherite (Christino) Chiola.

He graduated from the former Wysox Elementary School Trainable Program under the direction of Mrs. Beebe and her aide, Mrs. Elsie Walsh. Steve’s dad along with other community members was a guiding force and instrumental in establishing SERVE, Inc., a sheltered workshop for the employment of individuals with disabilities in Bradford County. Steve was an employee of SERVE for many years. He was also a volunteer at Towanda Memorial Hospital.

Steve was a well-known figure in both the Towanda and Wyalusing communities. He loved to eat at the former Alice’s Restaurant, where he greeted everyone. He loved to listen to his scanner and would run to the end of his driveway on York Avenue and flag on the fire trucks and cheer for them as they rushed to a fire. Steve loved to ride his bike with the neighbor children. He cranked his boom box up so he could dance and sing, especially to the Beatles and Monkees.

His personality and antics would bring a smile to those who knew and loved him. But, he also possessed a stubborn streak which could cause frustration. Steve was a lifelong member of SS. Peter & Paul Parish in Towanda until he was unable to attend. When he attended Mass, he usually walked in with the

priest and then took a seat right up front.

While living with his caregivers, Wayne and Carol Chapman of Wyalusing, he fulfilled his dream of having a dog, "Jake." He was able to swim in their pool and go on many camping and family adventures.

He is survived by his beloved sister, Margaret "Peggy" Sealander of Gaithersburg, MD; his nephew, Geoffrey and wife, Stephanie of Derwood, MD, his cousins, Michael and Virginia Beahan of Lyme, NH, Jake Beahan and partner, Karen Macey of Mount Dora, FL, Thomas Beahan and partner, Susan Hyde of Newnan, GA, Ronald Baldassano of Sparta, NJ, Susanne and Larry Cook of Fayetteville, MO, Jane Gibson of Old Bridge, NJ, Lucille and Don Pallante of Anderson, SC, dear friends and neighbors, Anthony, Sandra, Scott and Aimee (Golbitz) Kasenga, his caregivers, Wayne and Carol Chapman of Wyalusing and their son, Steve Vichansky and his son, Ashton, friends, Linda Sue Fenton and Buffy Callear, and numerous friends.

The family appreciates all the staff of Futures Community Support Systems of Towanda who were a part of Steve's life throughout the years.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on May 7th at 11:30 am at SS. Peter & Paul Church, Third St. Towanda, PA with the Reverend Edward Michelini as celebrant.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to SERVE, Inc., 22 Chiola Lane, P.O. Box 93, Monroeton, PA 18832 or an animal shelter of your choice.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

S.S. Peter & Paul Cemetery

30 James Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Previous Events

Service

MAY 7. 11:30 AM (ET)

S.S. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church
106 Third Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen James Chiola*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Stephen James Chiola*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Stephen James Chiola*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Stephen James Chiola*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Stephen James Chiola*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *my sincere condolences Peggy for the loss of Steve! He was such a familiar young man. Hugs and prayers to you and your family!*
Margaret Daly and H Richard Warfle

Margaret Daly Warfle - May 06, 2022 at 04:24 PM

CP

“ *Being the Grandson of Alice, who owned Alice's Restaurant, Steve was in my life for Several Years. From him working with My Mother Bonnie and Grandmother Alice, he loved helping out washing dishes and just being in the kitchen.*

I never thought that one Day I would be his care taker, year's later. I took care of Steve for several years and he would come and stay with me and my husband in Elmira NY. He thought the world about Bob Oliver, until Bob had to better himself in his career.

Steve stayed with me and my Husband for years off and on, a few times a month. Or as needed. Steve just worshipped Chris and I. He will be missed by several people. It's very hard in the Medical Field, you can get so attached to your patients and it's difficult to say good bye, when you have to better you're self, not everyone understands that it doesn't mean you don't care, you just have to do what's best for you, sometimes.

After Graduation from Nursing school, and moving, I was like Bob, I had to say good bye to Steve, to better myself and get the experience that I needed to succeed, hopefully people understand that and don't frown upon that.

Steve, Chris loved you, like you wouldn't believe, he was more than willing to let you sleep right in the bedroom with us, Chris Pellor, watched you like a Hawk, Steve. We are very sorry to the family for your loss, he lived a long nice life.

With Love and Prayers ,

Christopher Pellor

Brian Cory Pellor

Christopher Pellor and Brian Cory Pellor - May 02, 2022 at 11:52 PM

WD

“ I have found memories of Stephen at the Towanda Country Club swimming pool. Everyone was fond of Stephen, he put a smile on everyone's face. Stephen taught me how to dive in the deep end of the pool, I started on my knees at the edge of the pool and eventually he would hold a broom handle by the edge, I would have to dive over it! My thoughts and prayers go out to Stephen's very large family and list of close friends. May he rest in peace. Wendy Young Davidson

Wendy Davidson - May 02, 2022 at 11:43 AM

CH

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you Peggy and the family. I remember Stevie from the pool at the country club years ago and waiting on him with his parents and his friends from serve. RIP Steve.



Claire Holton-Lizon - May 02, 2022 at 09:14 AM

HK

“ Peggy and family my deepest condolences are sent your way. I always enjoyed when Steve showed up at are swim practices and was cheering us all on. He sure had a wonderful and happy spirit to him. He will have a wonderful spot in heaven to cheer everyone on. May he rest in peacce and may you and the rest of your family have the comfort in knowing he was truly loved by all,

Hope Goode Kline - May 01, 2022 at 08:59 PM

HW

“ *Peggy, I'm so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. I remember Steve fondly at TCC. Cherish the memories.*

Helen Lee Wilcox

Helen Wilcox - May 01, 2022 at 06:08 AM

CF

Peggy I was saddened to read of your brother Steve's passing. I have memories at your parents home and Steve growing up. We all sat at the dinner table enjoying your mother's delicious meal. Hugs to You ❤️



Colette Franklin - May 01, 2022 at 02:05 PM