



## Steven Thomas Bekanich

June 11, 1965 - January 15, 2020

Steven Thomas Bekanich, 54, of West Hartford, Was a Loving son, brother, uncle, nephew, and cousin, passed on Wednesday January 15, 2020, after multiple health complications and was received by our Lord. Those who knew Steven knew that he enjoyed life, often making people laugh and smile with his unique wit and shared his kind and loving heart freely. Steven moved to Connecticut in 1966 from Brooklyn New York then being raised by his Mom Marion Julia Guzowski and his beloved Aunt Paula Helen Reichle. Raised in the Berlin CT. area Steven leaves many friends with whom he continued to be close to until his last day. Steven was former Special Deputy Sheriff at the New Britain Superior Court and went on to achieve his Surgical Technologist Certification. He worked at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center of Hartford, Waterbury Hospital and Mid-state Medical Center. A devoted and die hard New York Yankees and Giant's fan, Steven was a proud member of the Svea Club of Berlin as well as the Elks Club in Rocky Hill. Steven believed and enjoyed a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Steve attended St. Paul Church in Kensington. By his side in his last moments were his lifelong companion and best friend Karen Shaughnessy. Also providing him comfort was Steven's loyal and devoted friend Rose Pepin. Surviving family members, Brother Joseph E. Bekanich his wife Odalys; Two sisters, Carolyn F. Yousef and Christine A. McDougal; Several nieces and nephews: Robert, Leslie, Emily, Julia, Samantha, Adam, Scotty, Matthew and Felicia and his Special buddy Cathy Shaughnessy. Cousins; Florence Kenny and Geraldine Bufalino.

Funeral services are Monday 1:30 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial will follow in Maple Cemetery, Berlin. Calling hours are Monday afternoon from 12:30 until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Steven's memory to <https://www.connecticutchildrens.org/support-us/> . Please share a memory or note of sympathy at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Cemetery

Worthington Ridge  
Berlin, CT 06037

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JAN 20. 12:45 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Carlson Funeral Home  
45 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051  
(860) 225-6361  
carlsonfh@aol.com  
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# Tribute Wall

R?

“ Steven Thomas , I'm going to miss you so much. I think of you as my adopted(SON) . We had great road trips. Even Dr's appointments were an adventure. So glad I was able to be there for you during your lows and highs. I never forget your laughter and humor. Or forget that twinkle in your eyes. Will miss and your not alone(SON). 🌹🦋🙏

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Rose-Marie ?? - January 23, 2020 at 09:01 PM

R?

“ Steven Thomas you were my adopted(SON). I'm going to miss you so much. I'll never forget the road trips. Even taking you to Dr's appointments was an adventure. Enjoyed spending time with you during your lows and your highs. I'll never forget the twinkle in your beautiful eyes and your laughter and all the great times. Miss you SON. LOVE, 🌹

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Rose-Marie ?? - January 23, 2020 at 07:33 PM

LF

“ So many happy memories of working and playing with Steve at G.A. 15 all those years ago. I remember sharing many heart-felt talks, much silliness and fun, and loud music...really loud. Turned me on to the Black Crowes and tried his hardest to get me on board with Metallica. And that smile, that hundred-watt smile. He was a loyal, supportive friend with a pure, beautiful soul. The world will be a little less bright and a little less kind without Steve in it. Rest in peace, my friend.

Joe, Karen, and family, my deepest condolences on this devastating loss.

I'm so very sorry.

Leslie Falkin Fialkievicz

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Leslie Fialkievicz - January 20, 2020 at 08:00 AM

RK

“ I meet Steve in the Sheriff's over 30 years ago when I was working part time on my days off from the firehouse and have been friends ever since. We have been to games together and had many laughs and also a very drinks now and then. You were one of the main reasons we started Fantasy Football and are still doing it some 27 years later. Karen, Joe and his family I'm very sorry for your loss he will be missed..

*Rick Kureczka*

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**Rick Kureczka** - January 19, 2020 at 08:11 PM

MP

“ I was a sheriff with Steven. He was a sweet man. I enjoyed lunches with him and his brother Joe. He had a winning smile and was always a pleasure to talk to. I know his passing leaves a hole in the hearts of those who knew him. Steven is surely with God now. I ask The Lord to comfort Karen and his entire family. Maryrose MistieriPasco

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**Maryrose Mistieri Pasco** - January 18, 2020 at 12:25 PM

MC

“ Unfortunately, I did not know Steven but I know Karen, his lifelong partner very well. Karen is just an amazing person in every way and because it was she who so loved Steven, I have no doubt that the world has lost a unique and very special person in his going.. I am grateful that Steven and Karen shared so much love and I send Karen, her family and Steven's family my deepest condolences. Marie Carlin

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**Marie Carlin** - January 18, 2020 at 08:14 AM



“ *Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Steven Thomas Bekanich.*



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January 17, 2020 at 02:33 PM