



## Steven Blankenburg

January 21, 1964 - December 4, 2023

Steven R. Blankenburg, 59, of Farmington, husband of Richard P. Linehan, passed away unexpectedly, Monday (December 4, 2023) at his home. Born in New Britain, he lived in Farmington since 2005. Steve was a graduate of Plainville High School, Class of 1982 and recently worked for VPC Tech. Previously he had worked for COCC in Southington, Pfizer Open Solutions and Kaiser Permanente. Steven loved celebrating Christmas with his family. He enjoyed decorating his home with beautiful and elaborate Christmas items with his husband Rick. His home certainly showed his enthusiasm for Christmas. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends throughout the year and also took an interest in the

history of his family. He cherished his three cats which were a large part of his family. He loved spending time at Miami Beach in Old Lyme whether on vacation or a day trip. There were so many inside jokes that only his family could understand. Steve's laughter was contagious!

Besides his husband Richard, he leaves his mother, Marilyn (Veley) Blankenburg of Burlington; a brother, Michael Blankenburg and his wife Laura of Plainville; a sister, Kathy Hartford and her husband Steven of Burlington; several nieces, nephews and cousins which meant the world to him. He was predeceased by his father, Robert Blankenburg. Funeral services are Thursday (December 14, 2023) 6:30 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Calling hours are prior to the service from 4 to 6:30 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

DEC 7. 6:30 PM (ET)

Carlson Funeral Home  
45 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051  
(860) 225-6361  
carlsonfh@aol.com  
<https://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com/>

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# Tribute Wall

LH

“ *Laura And John Harrison lit a candle in memory of Steven Blankenburg*



Laura and John Harrison - December 13, 2023 at 11:37 AM

CL

“ *Rick, I am sorry to hear about your loss. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Carl Lallier - December 13, 2023 at 07:28 AM

CS

“ *Steve's laugh was such an iconic and infectious part of every Blankenburg gathering. He's gone far too soon.*

Casey Schreiner - December 12, 2023 at 05:48 PM

SD

“ *I will forever miss my cousin, Steve. I was born 7 weeks after him, so we literally grew up together. I recently remembered the elaborate spaceship control panel he had drawn on his bedroom closet wall. We would imagine transporting to other planets during family parties. From innocent children to mischievous teens ordering screwdrivers at our older cousin's wedding (I'm still not sure how we got away with that one) we would enjoy every family function. As an adult Steve was always warm and welcoming. I cannot recall any argument or miscommunication throughout all of these 59 years. He truly loved his family and cherished continuing family traditions. He remembered stories of our grandparents and their siblings more than any of the rest of us combined. His laugh was a constant cadence during family gatherings--a reassuring reminder that we were all ok even as after other family members were taken from us. I don't feel ready for Steve not to be here with us, but I'm quite sure I would never be ready. You are already missed, cousin.*

Love,  
Sharon



Sharon Dellinger - December 10, 2023 at 08:24 PM



“ *May your heart find solace in remembering their light, beauty and laughter.  
Truly Sorry G-D took your Angel to soon.*



Yael Benoit - December 09, 2023 at 11:47 AM

DE

“ *Deb lit a candle in memory of Steven Blankenburg*



Deb - December 09, 2023 at 02:24 AM

DE

“ *Mike, Laura and the entire Blankenburg Family....We wish we could take away the pain you are feeling. Steven was such a great person with a laughter that brightened a room. We hope that the love and support from family and friends will help you through this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Deb and Joe*

Deb - December 09, 2023 at 02:21 AM

RM

“ *Steve and I grew up together and shared so many funny and amazing times together. We loved spending time in church youth group and in and outside of school. We even picked up a part time job together as young adults so that we could share more laughs and good times. He had the best sense of humor and had such a great memory. We would laugh over the same stories again and again. Steve was an important part of my life and he will always have a place in my heart. Rest in peace my friend. My deepest sympathy to Rick the Blankenburg family.*

Rose Mancini - December 08, 2023 at 04:22 PM

TT

“ *The VPCtech Teamily! purchased the Serenity Prayer 30" Son net for the family of Steven Blankenburg.*



The VPCtech Teamily! - December 08, 2023 at 10:41 AM

VT

“ VPCtech Teamily planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Blankenburg.

VPCtech Teamily - December 08, 2023 at 10:37 AM

VT

“ VPCtech Teamily purchased the Caring Condolences Gift Basket for the family of Steven Blankenburg.



VPCtech Teamily - December 08, 2023 at 10:37 AM

LJ

“ Steve was my mentor when I first started at Open Solutions. He was so smart and patient, not only with me but with our clients as well. I'm proud to call Steve a colleague and even prouder to have him as a friend. May God bless Steve and his family.

Lindsay Johnson



Lindsay Johnson - December 08, 2023 at 10:23 AM

SL

“ I had the pleasure of working for Steve and with Steve for many years. He was infectious, and a pleasure to be around! He loved his cats more than anything... that is what I remember the most, how happy he was when his furloves joined his life! Rest in peace! ❤️

Shari Lorden - December 08, 2023 at 09:53 AM

BS

“ I was lucky to grow close to Steven as an adult and some of my fondest memories I have that involve family include him at the center. He always made you feel loved as soon as you walked in his door, greeting you with a big hug and smile , and there would always be a gracious amount of snacks for you when you caught up with one another . My favorite part of Christmas was Blankenburg Christmas - mostly because of him . He kept the tradition alive, even when Christmas was hard to celebrate. Some of my favorite memories with my mom also have Steven , there was the wheat thins box incident , spending time with him at old Lyme laughing by the beach for hours , and of course , the wedding with the port-o-potty where we accidentally created a very large line filled with many of the Blankenburg cousins. Rest in peace Steven , you are , and have always been very loved, your presence will forever be missed . Love, Brooke

Brooke Schreiner - December 07, 2023 at 09:47 PM

PF

“ I've had the great pleasure of being a colleague of Steve for more years than I can remember. First with Open Solutions, then most recently with VPCtech. Steve was very skilled in what he did and was always willing to help wherever he could. Steve was warm, lighthearted and it seems like he was always laughing. He left his imprint on many people which will not soon be forgotten. My condolences to his family and friends.

Paul Funicello - December 07, 2023 at 08:18 PM

MG

“ Without a doubt a great human being, his contagious smile will never be forgotten. I'm going to miss him a lot. María Galán

Maria Galan - December 07, 2023 at 05:39 PM

MH

“ I am so glad I had the pleasure of working with Steve and becoming friends over the years. Steve had the best laugh and it was so infectious!! He will be surely missed❤️❤️❤️

Melissa Hills - December 07, 2023 at 05:21 PM

MH

“ Melissa Hills lit a candle in memory of Steven Blankenburg



Melissa Hills - December 07, 2023 at 05:19 PM

AP

“ *Alison Van Pelt lit a candle in memory of Steven Blankenburg*



Alison Van Pelt - December 07, 2023 at 04:45 PM

KR

“ *Kim Raczkowski lit a candle in memory of Steven Blankenburg*



Kim Raczkowski - December 07, 2023 at 04:34 PM

KR

“ *My heart is broken...Steve has been my best friend since we met in Jr High school nearly 50 years ago and we considered each other family. He was such a loving, compassionate and generous person with a heart of gold and was loved by so many. We made so many wonderful memories together that I will cherish always. I love you...Rest in peace my dear friend.*

Kim Raczkowski - December 07, 2023 at 04:18 PM

SL

*So sorry, Kim! My heart breaks for you!*

Shari Lorden - December 08, 2023 at 09:49 AM