



Stephen Kenneth Stonewell

November 5, 1955 - April 17, 2026

Stephen Kenneth Stonewell passed away peacefully at his home in Benicia, California, on April 17, 2026, at the age of 70.

Born on November 5, 1955, in Japan, Stephen went on to live a life defined by curiosity, service, and a deep appreciation for learning and the arts. He proudly served in the United States Navy, an experience that shaped his discipline and sense of duty.

Stephen dedicated more than 25 years to St. Mary's College, where he worked as a librarian—a role he truly cherished. He found great fulfillment in connecting students and faculty with knowledge, and his quiet passion for books and research left a lasting impression on all who knew him there. Earlier in his career, he spent approximately 15 years driving bus tours for Gray Line during the 1970s and 1980s, sharing his love of travel and storytelling with countless passengers.

Outside of work, Stephen embraced life's simple and creative joys. He was an avid fan of the San Francisco 49ers and the San Francisco Giants, rarely missing a game. He also had a deep love for photography and art, often capturing the world through his unique perspective. In the winter months, he could frequently be found on the slopes at Sugar Bowl and Palisades, where he pursued his passion for snow skiing.

Stephen will be remembered for his thoughtful nature, his intellectual curiosity, and the quiet enthusiasm he brought to the things he loved most.

Memorial services will be held on Tuesday, April 28th, at 11:00 a.m. at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel in Benicia.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

2000 Piedmont Ave.
Oakland, CA 94611

Events

Details are pending.