

Stephen M. Schwaber Memorial Scholarship



Steve Schwaber was a passionate, positive and fun-loving individual. He shared all of these qualities with the people he worked for and with, but most of all with his family and friends. Steve brought a smile and winning attitude to everyone he touched, and to say that he touched many lives would definitely be an understatement.

Steve and his twin sister Deborah graduated from Westfield High School in 1974. Steve went on to Westfield State College and graduated in 1978 with a Bachelor's degree in math. That same year he began working for the H.B. Smith Company, and later continued with Mestek until his death on December 29, 2009. Through his hard work and commitment, Steve became Vice President of Mestek in 2002. To show the love and respect that he earned throughout his career, Mestek's Torrington Mill Plant will be renamed The Stephen Schwaber Building sometime in the summer of 2010.

Steve loved golf and was a member of the Edgewood Golf Course in Southwick for over twenty years. He was also a member of the Ranch Golf Course in Southwick for the past eight years. His greatest joy was to play golf at Pebble Beach Golf Course, and he did that during the past six summers.

Golf was not his only passion; Steve was also a member of the Bicycle Works Cribbage League. More recently, he became an avid runner. He completed six marathons, including the 2009 Boston Marathon. Helping others was equally important to Steve, and he was a huge supporter of the Jimmy Fund and the American Red Cross.

On December 31, 2007, Steve married Cindy Lacoste. They were looking forward to celebrating their second wedding anniversary. Steve collapsed suddenly and unexpectedly at home on December 29, 2009. The people that he touched will never forget him, we can only hope to move forward and honor his memory in all that we do.

In April 2010, Cindy Lacoste, Robert Schwaber and Deborah (Schwaber) Ciepiela decided to establish this scholarship in memory of Steve. He had been the recipient of two Citizens' Scholarship Foundation scholarships in 1974 and 1975. The first annual Steve Schwaber Golf Tournament will be scheduled this summer, and proceeds from this tournament will support a CSF scholarship endowment for Stephen M. Schwaber.

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