



Stephen Lawrence Troost

February 3, 1945 - March 6, 2026

Stephen Lawrence Troost passed away peacefully on March 6th, 2026, at the age of 81, surrounded by his loved ones at his home in Kenner, Louisiana.

Stephen Troost was born on February 3, 1945, “2345,” as he often liked to say, in Hackensack, New Jersey, to James and Arlene (Campbell) Troost. He was the second of four children and grew up with his older brother, Dave; his younger brother, John; and his sister, Arlene. At just 17, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as a submariner until receiving an honorable discharge due to injury in 1966.

After his time in the Navy, Stephen spent several years exploring and living in different places before a trip to Mardi Gras convinced him that New Orleans was where he belonged. He made the city his home and lived there for the rest of his life.

In 1969, Stephen married Antoinette Esneault, and together they welcomed two sons, Zane (Malinda) Troost and Seth Troost. During those years, Stephen worked as a manager at an auto parts store before eventually beginning a long career with Home Depot. Known for his friendliness and willingness to help, he left a lasting impression on coworkers and customers alike before retiring in 2010.

In 1990, Stephen married Donna (Dufrene) Troost. Together they raised two sons, Surgene (Paige) Troost and Dylan Troost. Over the next 36 years, they built a life rich in love, partnership, and adventure, sharing countless memories together. Stephen took great pride in being a husband and father. In addition to his beloved wife and four sons, Stephen leaves behind three grandchildren, Zachory Keiser, Claire Troost, and Lance Troost, and one great-grandchild, Elijah Keiser.

Stephen loved spending time with family and friends and had a lifelong passion for sports, especially cheering on the Saints and LSU. He enjoyed fishing trips with his boys in Bayou Bienvenue and took great pride in working on his 1965 Mustang convertible. Stephen was the ultimate host, always welcoming friends and family into his home and making sure everyone felt taken care of. With a quick wit and a fantastic sense of humor, he filled his home with constant laughter and love.

Stephen was a man of faith, which he shared with his wife and sons. He loved his two best friends, his dogs Zora and Jazzy, who could often be found perched behind his head on the top of his lounge chair.

Stephen inspired many with his determination, a quality that proved you can do anything if you work hard and put your mind to it. It was that same determination that allowed him to overcome his physical disability as he refurbished cars and rebuilt his family's home twice after flooding. There wasn't much he couldn't do.

He will be deeply missed.

Details regarding a celebration of life will be shared once finalized.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Cure

Alzheimer's Fund in Stephen's memory.

Donations by mail may be sent to:

Cure Alzheimer's Fund

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