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Stephen M. Gage, 83, passed away April 9, 2020, in Orange. He was a lifelong resident of the Cleveland area.

Born Sept. 13, 1936, in Cleveland, Steve graduated from Cleveland Heights High School. He went on to receive a Bachelor of Science from the University of Michigan and then graduated from Case Western Reserve University's School of Dental Medicine. While with the Navy Reserves in Boston, he attended Boston University's School of Graduate Dentistry where he studied the art and science of oral surgery. He was in private practice for many years and upon retirement, became a Preceptor at Case Western Reserve School of Dental Medicine. He loved his students and stayed in touch with many of them over the years.

Steve was the president of the Cleveland Dental Society from 1988 to 1989 and belonged to the following organizations: The American College of Dentists, The International College of Dentists, Pierre Fouchard Society Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity, Ohio State Dental Association, Cleveland Dental Association, Lionel Collectors Club of America and Train Collectors Of America.

A member of Temple Emanu El, Steve was an extraordinary husband and was so proud of his nieces and nephews and will be dearly missed by them, over 160 cousins and many friends. He loved his family, his friends, learning Yiddish, traveling, working with students, playing with his model railroad "empire," riding trains, trying out different cuisines and devouring history books but most of all he enjoyed his home where he and Nancy could relax, listen to classical music, watch old movies and just talk. He had a wonderful sense of humor, and a sensitive, loving heart

He is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years, Nancy Gage; nephews, Jeffrey (Marta) Solof and Michael Solof; great-niece, Elizabeth (Bob) Pettigrew; great-nephew, Joseph (Ali) Solof; great-great-nephew, Bobby Pettigrew; and sister-in-law, Rona Hokanson. He was predeceased by his parents and brother, Irwin Gage.



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Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Contributions in Steve's memory can be made to The Joseph Gage Family Fund, Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine, c/o Paul Wolansky, 9601 Chester Ave., Cleveland, OH 44106; Temple Emanu El, 4545 Brainard Road, Orange, OH 44106; or the Hospice of the Western Reserve, 17876 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44110.



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Robert Karbel posted:

Steve and I were fraternity brothers and best friends in Ann Arbor in the mid-fifties. My family also greatly enjoyed the pleasure of his company when he attended graduate dental school in Detroit. He spent many evenings at our home following the birth of our son, Justin, whom he promptly named "Ace." His warmth, humor, and intelligence were always present. My wife and I were disappointed that we didn't spend more time with him and Nan over the years - the geography and making our ways just didn't gel. Doesn't mean I will ever forget my good buddy. Nan, I just learned of Steve's passing and don't have your address or phone. You know how I felt about him - as I'm sure so many others cared about this exceptional guy. My deepest condolences. Bob Karbel

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