



Steven Charles "Steve" Switkin

April 1, 1959 - September 2, 2020

Steven Charles "Steve" Switkin, age 61, of St. Augustine passed away on September 2, 2020 at Orange Park Medical Center. Born in Atlantic City, New Jersey, Steve grew up in State College, Pennsylvania, graduating from State College Area High School with the Class of 1977. After graduating from high school, Steve managed an apartment complex and trained to become an Electrician. At an early age he discovered a talent for music and began playing the bass guitar with local bands. During the day he worked as an Electrician, and during the night he played the bass guitar. His music eventually won out and Steve decided to make his life's work as a Professional Musician. Steve played with many bands in many venues, but his main work was playing bass guitar for the house bands at the Tradewinds Lounge for 35 years. Very shy and quiet by nature, Steve was most comfortable on stage behind his dark shaded glasses and baseball cap pulled low over his brow with his Sadowsky 5 string bass guitar in his hands. He was a bit of a curmudgeon and had a subtle, but smart sense of humor. He was very colorful if you were lucky enough to get to know him. He will be deeply missed by his Tradewinds family, and all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife of 16 years, Lisa G. McPhillips – Switkin of St. Augustine; a step daughter, Kimberly Zielinski and her husband Robert of St. Augustine; a sister, Nancy Gibat and her husband Wally of Cape Coral, FL.; and a grandson, Ian Zielinski of St. Augustine.

A Celebration of Steve's life will be held at a later date.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Steven Charles "Steve" Switkin.*



September 09, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear this. Thinking of you Lisa and Kimberly ❤️ , + extended family and friends. Big hugs and prayers , embrace the memories + give thanks for the time together.*

Kim Logan - September 06, 2020 at 08:51 PM



“ *We will miss seeing Steve play around town when we visit. May God bless his family and provide strength through this time.*

Faye Hamilton - September 06, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ *I was fortunate to play several gigs with Steve over the years . Always had a great time ! He will be missed Rest In Peace my friend !*

Daniel Jones - September 06, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ *Much love to Lisa and family. Tony always thought highly of you, Lisa, and Steve.*

Beverly Martin - September 06, 2020 at 09:07 AM

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“ I've known Steve through music for about 20 years and have been blessed to be able to play music with him at times through those years, moreso in the last year or two. He was an exceptionally talented bassist! More recently we talked of our health issues, in those conversations, we became better friends. I don't think i ever saw Steve smile in all the years that i knew him until maybe a year ago, we were paying a gig together at Trade Winds and in between tunes i commented on something that he obviously found humorous, i saw steve laugh for the first time, it was as if a dark cloud opened up and the sun shone through onto the stage. He had a very warm and genuine laugh, one that a person would never tire of. On the break i told him so, he just smiled, said "thanks", gave me an ol' friends slap on the back and walked away. I smiled too. I will miss my friend Steve Switkin very much. Rest in Peace Steve.

woody pernell - September 05, 2020 at 08:11 PM

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“ So sorry, I will miss him on many levels. He kept me honest with a witty quip. Condolences

Andrew Douglass - September 05, 2020 at 03:15 PM

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Lisa, my thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Joan Smith - September 05, 2020 at 03:51 PM

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Mucho love to you and all your Family, dear friend

Marianne Lerbs - September 05, 2020 at 06:08 PM