

# Stephen Kent Thomas

*August 16, 1949 ~ October 3, 2025*

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My deepest sympathies to the family and specially to Joanne.

- Hilda Sandi-Orcutt

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Kim called me with the sad news of Steve's passing. I always loved Steve he was as close as I got to an older brother. I gave great memories of summers in Provo. Sending prayers to you all - he will be sorely missed by all.

- TERRI THOMAS NORDLOF

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I will always remember the leadership he showed during his time as a leader in the Pathway program.

- Vada Hunter

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Dear Joanne and family, I am sending much love born from so many childhood memories of growing up with Steve in the Elm Avenue/Elm Circle neighborhood. He was like the big brother to all of us and also a friend! His smile, his patience, his creativity, his “wisdom-beyond-his years”, and his kindness were entrenched in all he did. He was the creative force behind the Elm Circle Theatrical Society (second only to Sundance!) that I am certain was transformative to all of us who participated. Despite not keeping in direct contact with him, I will miss him. And my memories of Steve have now become that much more precious.

- Deborah King Cobo

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So very sorry to hear of the passing of Steve…we had no idea of his illness. Such a wonderful friend and an accomplished professional, leader and disciple of Jesus Christ. We had so many great times at Valley and on the golf course. He was a trusted confident and cherished friend! May God bless you and your family in the coming days and years! We love you, Jerry and Debby

- Jerry and Debby Nelson

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Dear Joanne and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. I know from Joanne that he was a wonderful husband, father and man. It is wonderful to be a part of a loving family and the time is never long enough. Wishing you peace, Cynthia

- Cynthia Bonsall

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Blessings to the Thomas family. Steve was one of the best! I am glad to have known him and shared many outdoor and golf adventures together. God bless your family

- Jeff Tilt

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I can’t express How sorry I am for your loss. I didn’t know him well, but I know he was very important to you. I prayed for him and others every evening. I went down to the viewing of Pres. Nelson this morning. It was beautiful. His funeral will be tomorrow. They are now both together, a long with other loved ones. You can take soulice knowing he will be yours for eternity. He’s just gone on before; saving you a place. However at times like this, I know that doesn’t take away the sting. I also know you have many friends, but if I can help in any way, just let me know.

- LuAnn Furner

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Sending you my love and prayers. I am so glad Sister Thomas was able to hold Brother Thomas’ hand as he was ushered into the Lord’s presence. I know you will be comforted during this time….praying for you and your children and grandchildren that they may have strength and courage and comfort.

- Janie Cox

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Steve is a dear friend, neighbor, golf buddy, former bishopric member, and disciple of Jesus Christ. I cherish his life and example. Joanne, we look forward to supporting you in every way we can as a Thanksgiving Village Ward family.

- Brady Fife

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Dearest Joanne - Kent passed away Sept. 29th, and we are having his Visitation on Friday evening, at our ward building here in Dallas Oct. 10, from 5-7 pm. Another sister in our ward passed away the day earlier, so they are having her funeral on Saturday. I hope Steve and Kent meet up together! Maybe they will be missionary companions, and have had a chance to shake Pres. Nelson's hand! I love you, and pray you are filled with the peace and gratitude I have felt. Kent hadn't been feeling well for a few months, but his passing came suddenly after a week in the hospital with heart and kidney failure, and then 5 days in hospice. My kids and grandkids have been so caring, and I'm grateful for them. Sending heartfelt wishes across the miles. . .Laurel Lee Pedersen

- Laurel Lee Pedersen

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So sorry to hear the passing of another Tree-Avenue neighbor and friend! Love the Thomas family and they became a "second" home for me in the 60's in Provo. Loved the parents and love his siblings. The world was a

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Joanne While we knew Steve was ill, I did not expect this so soon. We have loved Steve since we met years ago and always appreciated his kind ways and talents he shared so readily. Please know of our love for you and your family. We have many fond memories of outing together. We will make it to the viewing but will be out of town Saturday. We look forward to giving you a hug along with your kids. Know that you are loved and all will work out.

- Dave Mansell

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What a wonderful friend from boyhood days! I will really miss Steve. I wish his family the Lord's choicest blessings and the Gift of the Comforter.

- Brent Ferrin Ashworth

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In 1985, I called on one Steve Thomas, Valley Bank’s head of marketing. He would have been within his rights to toss me out with unmasked disdain—my fledgling, one–person ad agency was in no position to take on Valley Bank—but instead, he received me with warmth, grace, and class. Our paths continued crossing, usually at various association gatherings. By the time Steve landed at Zions Bank, my little firm had matured (somewhat) and had a relationship there. At long last, we were working together. And wouldn’t you know it: we became friends. We continued going to lunch after our respective retirements, and kept in touch even after I moved two states away. There was much to appreciate in Steve. We could level with one another. We were in sync on marketing strategy and ethics. We agreed on how people should treat one another. When we disagreed, Steve, ever the gentleman, cared enough to hear, understand, and validate. My best to Joanne and family. We all miss him.

- Steve Cuno

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To my Thomas family, Know how much I love you and this great man Stephen Thomas. He was a father figure to me in the physical absence of my own, and I will forever be grateful for that kindness and love. We are blessed to know our bonds are eternal, and I remain your friend and brother in this time of grief and mourning. Sending much aroha to you all. ❤■

- Scott Wihongi

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Dear Joanne and Thomas Family, we love you and our dear friend Steve. It was a wonderful funeral that emphasized the Plan of Salvation and Steve’s firm testimony of the Savior and His Gospel. We again express to you our condolences and Love, Dave and Karen Fuhriman

- David and Karen Fuhriman

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Dear Joanne and Family, We are so sad to hear of Steve’s passing and pray that you will be buoyed up during this time of sorrow. What a terrific guy. We will miss him and our what seemed like regular encounters while out shopping where we could catch-up briefly. Our Utah based Cubs supporters have surely lost a key member. We will keep our fond memories of Steve close in our hearts. We are sorry that we were unable to attend his services as we were and are still out of town on the east coast. We love you all, and hope to see you soon.

- Bruce & Karla Stronk

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Joanne and Family - I was saddened to learn the passing of an old colleague Steve. Our years together advising the growth of the Star Network were formidable years and transformational. His wisdom and savvy guidance was a blessing to all of us. I have and will always cherish our good memories together and want to send a warm Aloha to all of you. Steve is a remarkable person who touched all of our lives forever. Aloha Oe Steve, until we meet again. Curt

- Curt Otaguro

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My condolences. I am so sorry. I have nothing but fond memories of an idyllic childhood of which he was part.

- Harvey King