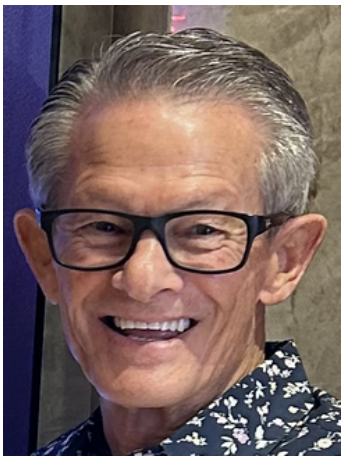

Steven Carlson Phippen

September 7, 1954 ~ November 25, 2023

On Saturday, November 25, 2023, Steven Carlson Phippen, age 69, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in his Draper townhome after a short and intense battle with stomach cancer.

He was born to Joyce and McKay Phippen in Salt Lake City, Utah, On September 7th, 1954. He was one of eight children raised in Holladay, Utah, and Graduated from Olympus High School in 1973, where he wrestled, played football, and fostered friendships that he maintained throughout his life.

Steve served an LDS mission in Toronto, Canada, and Married Wendy Webb in 1979. They welcomed three daughters, Paige, Lindy, and Haley. Steve loved coaching all his daughter's softball teams. He was later promoted to the caring and maintenance of the chalk lines at the Alta High School Softball field. A job he relished and performed with the utmost precision.

He was an avid snow skier; one of his greatest joys was teaching all three of his daughters to snow ski. He could be seen with a large camcorder atop his shoulder, filming his girls as they skied through the trees. Best friend John Zarbock further fueled his passion as he turned Steve into a heli-skier. It was the trip of a lifetime that they took over and over and over again.

Steve loved his time at Bear Lake, where he taught (or forced) all his daughters to slalom ski. Steve loved being on the water and in the boat with his family, still getting up on a slalom at age 69. He loved traveling with his family and touring US history sites.

Steve's drive, ambition, and tenacity led to his great success in business. He worked in orthopedic sales for 39 years. Starting as a sales rep with Zimmer, and later building his own distributorship with Depuy. After selling his company, he began the later part of his career with Ortho Development. Steve loved his work and the close relationships he forged throughout his career. No one ever heard him complain about going to work. He loved his job and remained a valuable asset to Ortho Development up until the day of his passing.

Steve was a natural athlete. He loved exercise, cycling, snow skiing, waterskiing, surfing behind the boat, and scuba diving. He loved being outdoors so long as his hands didn't get too dirty. Steve loved music, song lyrics, concerts, and reading books with a highlighter in hand. He kept many journals, all meticulously labeled and dated.

Steve was always impeccably dressed, neat, tidy, and organized. Everything he owned was categorized with his trusty label maker, easily the hardest-working appliance in his home. Neighbors would mock as he cleaned his garbage cans with soap and water, and much to his daughter's embarrassment, he would help the car washers wash his car.

Steve had a great sense of humor and a quick wit. Like his mom always told him, that smart mouth of yours is going to get you into trouble someday. And it did, many times.

Steve was a proud father and grandfather he will be sorely missed.

Survived by Daughters Paige (Ryan) Ahlstrom, Lindy (Mason) Smith, Haley (Gabe) Turner, and grandchildren Milly, Reese, Haddie, Mack, Gwen, and twin boys on the way. Former wife, Wendy Webb Phippen. Siblings Jim (Pam) Carlson, Paula (Walt) Price, Annette (Rich) Nichol, Reggie (Cheryl) Phippen, Trent (Holly) Phippen, Wade (Anji) Phippen.

Preceded in death by brother Lance Cook Phippen and Parents McKay Cook Phippen and Joyce Annette Carlson.

Please join us as we commemorate and honor the life of Steve Phippen. A viewing will be held on Thursday, November 30, 2023, from 10:30 am-12:00 pm at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E 10600 S Sandy, UT 84092.

Followed by a memorial service at 12:00 pm at The Chateau at Le Jardin, 1910 East Dimple Dell Road, Sandy, UT 84092.

Those wishing to view the COMPLETED services via Zoom can click "Watch Services" or follow the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/42g7Yz0Q0oelUyRMuNKAyYlg114lucXSTXKQQuMcPgwF4XDeHq7fEKHdM5xSj7Oy