



Stephen Guy Napp

November 11, 1958 - May 6, 2025

Stephen G. Napp, 66, of Phoenix, Maryland, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, while under the care of hospice. His final moments were filled with the warmth of love and song, surrounded by his family and cherished friends.

Born on November 11, 1958, in Pikesville, Maryland, to the late John and Dolores Napp, Steve attended Pikesville High School and Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. His career began with The Baltimore Actors' Theatre as general manager. He then worked for Zinod Advertising, and as Director of Print Productions for TBC and Doner Direct. Later, he opened his own freelance agency, Creative Resources Unlimited until his retirement from the advertising world in 2011.

Steve's passion for the theatre was more than a career; it was a calling. His decades of work with The Baltimore Actors Theatre (BAT) saw him managing the company on tours throughout Florida and Australia, and included his performances in such iconic roles as Rodrigo in 'Babes in Toyland', The Artful Dodger in 'Oliver!', and Will Parker in 'Oklahoma!'. This early work laid the foundation for a life dedicated to the stage. In 2011, he established Charm City Players, a testament to his commitment to bringing the magic of theatre to the community for people of all ages. In addition, he was a passionate advocate of arts education.

Beyond his theatrical endeavors, Steve was a devoted family man. He is survived by his wife, Christina Marie Napp, and his son, Parker Stephen Napp. Steve was immensely proud of Parker and cherished every moment spent supporting his gymnastics competitions, taking in sporting events, and traveling with him. In a tender farewell, Parker gave his father his last hug before Stephen took his final bow. He is also survived by his brothers, John Napp (Jeannie), Philip Napolitano (Heather), and Keith Napp (Carol); his niece, Rebecca Blake (Stephen); his nephews, James Napp, Philip, and Patrick Napolitano; his cousins, Christine Crouch (John), Mark Miller (Mary Lou), and Michael Miller; his lifelong best friend, Ann Marie Pallanck; and his many other close friends, family, and his beloved theatre family.

Steve was also a dedicated supporter of the Baltimore Orioles, Baltimore Blast, and the Baltimore Ravens. This passion was something he shared with his son, Parker, along with a dream to visit all thirty major league baseball stadiums and the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.


A gathering of friends and family to celebrate Steve's remarkable life will be held on Saturday, May 24th, 2025 from 2:30 to 3:30 pm, with a celebration of his life to follow at 3:30 PM, located at The Summit Manor, 510 Monkton Road, Hereford, Maryland 21111. The family requests that attendees dress casually, perhaps in their favorite sports jersey or theatre shirt, to honor Steve's vibrant spirit.

"I like the ephemeral thing about theatre, every performance is like a ghost - it's there and then it's gone." - Maggie Smith

Steve deeply understood this ephemeral magic of theatre—how each performance is a unique and fleeting moment, a ghost that lives, breathes, and then vanishes, leaving behind only cherished memories. His life, like a


great performance, had a profound impact on those who had the privilege to witness it.

Tribute Wall

 Penny Skaw

“ Steve was such a great person and friend. We always enjoyed his company and his thoughts while watching the Baltimore Blast Soccer games. He was easy to talk to and his love for his family and sports was everything to him. We will miss seeing him and talking to him and enjoying his company. He will be remembered very fondly.
Penny & Gerry Skaw

Penny Skaw - May 24, 2025 at 09:39 AM

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“ Penny Skaw lit a candle in memory of Stephen Napp



Penny Skaw - May 24, 2025 at 09:37 AM

MC

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Steve’s passing. He was a constant presence within the theatre during my time at BATC, and I always appreciated the energy he brought to every production he was involved in. His perennial Rodrigo in Babes was always something to look forward to. Rest easy, Steve, you will be missed.



Maggie Claudy - May 15, 2025 at 01:41 PM

KB

“ My son attended the Imagination 101/Charm City Camp for many years as a camper, then last year attended as a Counselor-In-Training and worked more closely with Steve almost every day. He came home with great daily stories about what he and Steve did that day, what he learned from Steve and everything in between. We send our love to Parker and Chrissy and pray that Parker can hold all memories with his Dad in his heart closely.

Kara Brown-Perrett - May 14, 2025 at 02:33 PM

LZ

“Where does one even begin when another reaches the end of their life performance and has their final curtain call? Over the years, there have been far too many memories and conversations to sum up the moments myself and my children have shared with you and your beautiful family, Parker and Christina, at family events. Each laugh, each story, and each quiet moment has woven itself into the fabric of our lives in a way words can never fully capture. You will be missed.

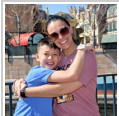


Lauren Zulauf - May 10, 2025 at 08:35 PM

DD

What a great director, with an amazing eye for casting! It's an honor to have worked with and known Steve. Sending tons of love to Chrissy, Parker and the rest of the family. I'll cherish the memories! And Steve will live on in many hearts for years and years to come.

Dean Davis - May 14, 2025 at 11:18 AM



Love you ❤️

Christina Marie - May 14, 2025 at 03:54 PM

TD

What a fun guy to work with and count on as a friend. I had the good fortune of moonlighting as a sound guy with Steve due to my son's love of the theater when he was younger. Charm City Players aka Chrissie and Steve welcomed our family with open arms, little did I realize he needed cheap help.....:) I look back on those string of shows fondly, I learned a lot but laughed more. It was fun and more importantly I gained a good buddy. I could write a book on being with Steve in the booth and it would be thoroughly entertaining to say the least. Steve was a dedicated individual who always put forth his best effort as his biggest fear was not producing and directing the best show he could. He made every production look and feel professional. He genuinely cared about not only the product, but the performers. He challenged the cast to do their very best and in turn, he did the same. One of his greatest talents was his unique ability to cast someone in a "NY minute". He just knew what would work and what would not. Time flies and unfortunately, all too often life is way too short. All cliché but sadly true. Steve - will miss you but have a lot of great memories. Chrissy and Parker - thoughts are always with you and look forward to seeing you both under happier circumstances.

Tommy D. - May 20, 2025 at 04:41 PM