



Steven Arthur Smerling

May 6, 1961 - December 16, 2025

Steven Arthur Smerling, 64, of Sunnyvale, Texas, passed away on December 16, 2025, in Dallas, Texas.

Steven was born in Queens, New York, on May 6, 1961, and was raised in Brooklyn, New York. He built a life rooted in dedication, family, and quiet strength. Steven spent over 25 years working for the United States Postal Service, where he served as a manager and was known for his strong work ethic, reliability, and commitment to those he worked alongside. Steven was a caring protector who planned every last detail to ensure that everything was perfect for those he loved.

Above all else, Steven cherished his family. He loved spending time with those closest to him and found joy in life's simple pleasures — planting, gardening, and cooking for the people he loved. He was always the loudest one cheering from the stands at both of his grandsons' games and concerts. He was the proudest Paw Paw to both Andrew and Tyler. His steady presence, thoughtful nature, and devotion to his family will be deeply missed.

Steven is survived by his beloved wife, Jaclyn Smerling; his daughter, Shana, and her husband, Anthony; and his treasured grandchildren, Andrew and Tyler; his niece Jessica and nephew Jeremy. He is also survived by other loving family members and friends who will forever hold his memory close.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Debra, and his parents, Sheila and Harold.

Burial will take place at Mt. Sinai Gardens at Restland Memorial Park on December 19, 2025. Shiva will be observed at the home of Steven and Jaclyn Smerling, 304 Horizon Drive, Sunnyvale, Texas 75182.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that Steven be remembered through acts of kindness and time spent with loved ones — values he lived by every day.

Cemetery Details

Restland Memorial Park

13005 Greenville Ave.
Dallas, TX 75243

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC **19**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TS

“ Words are failing me right now. My heart goes out to Steven's loving family. May their love for each other and for Steven support them at this challenging time. Know that many hearts join them from afar. Sending our love and healing prayers.

Teresa Snider-Stein - January 15 at 11:39 PM

AK

“ When I think of Steven, it brings a flood of wonderful memories: the huge BBQs that seemed to last for days, epic game nights, sharing vegetable garden pictures, and just sitting around talking and laughing. It's Steven's laugh I miss the most. I'm glad Corey got to make you the best Pina Colada you ever had. I will especially remember your deep devotion to your bride Jackie, your beloved grandchildren Andrew and Tyler, Shana, Anthony and all of your family. May you rest easy and hope we can share a Pina Colada when we meet again. ❤️

Amy Kolasky - December 31, 2025 at 04:23 PM

RS

“ Wishing the family and friends of Steven my condolences and thoughts in this difficult time. I am heartbroken. Steven has been my friend almost 50 years. I remember our adventures together when we were just teenagers hanging with Allan in Sheepshead, eating at Roller Roast going to Coney Island & Great Adventure. Growing older and sharing news & the events of our lives. Growing into adults, parents, sharing happy moments & difficult ones. I will miss our conversations & your holiday texts. I was always so happy for your happiness & so happy you found your true love & partner Jackie. I'm grateful for our friendship and will be there for Jackie if she needs anything. You will be in my thoughts & memories, until we meet again.

Robin Schultzer - December 24, 2025 at 02:50 PM

AS

“ To the family, my heart is broken. Steve was one of my best friends. He was a great father and grandfather. I remember being a witness at his wedding. I will miss him deeply until we met again. I love you and always will. You're a pal. Allan

Allan Sicklick - December 24, 2025 at 02:47 PM

JD

“ Steve was my best man when I got married we met through the post office and we became very close friends immediately. I will miss our late nite conversations we had. Steve loved his grandsons very much and he always told me how proud he was of Andrew and how he grew up to be such a great young man. Rest In Peace Pal. I will miss you forever.

Joe Damante - December 24, 2025 at 02:44 PM

MH

“ So very sorry. I know how much Andrew and Tyler loved their grandpa. Steven was a good husband, to my sister Jackie, good father to my niece Shana, and good father in law to Anthony, Shana's husband. I know they loved him very much. I know he will be deeply missed. My deepest condolences to my family.

Michele Handelman - December 24, 2025 at 02:40 PM

JB

“ I worked with Steve in Brooklyn NY GPO Post Office. He was a good friend and a dedicated Postal Supervisor. We shared many good points of view and I always remember talking to him about an employee that was difficult to handle. His point of view and his incite was helpful in getting this employee to become a better person. I haven't spoken to Steve in awhile and reading about his passing was very sad for me. I wish his family my Sincere Condolences and Rest in Peace my friend. Jim Bieber

Jim Bieber - December 24, 2025 at 02:33 PM

BK

“ I am so heartbroken over the loss of Steven. I have known Steve for over 40 years. So many great memories. The barbecues at the Smerling's were epic. Your "Stevie burgers" were the best. Please watch over Jackie, Shana, Andrew, Tyler and Anthony. You will always be remembered for your love for your family. Rest easy my friend. Your memory is a blessing for all who knew you. Love, Barbara

Barbara King - December 24, 2025 at 02:31 PM

DF

“ Steven was a true "Mensch". On our visit to New York (from Israel) our first cousins, Jackie and Steven were so warm and giving that my kids have never stopped talking about their generosity and love. Steven may G-d take care of you. Jackie and family we grieve with you all. Be strong and know that you are all in our hearts and prayers.

The Fishbein's of Israel

David Fishbein - December 23, 2025 at 02:34 AM

PH

“ I am heartbroken by the passing of Steven. During the years I worked with Jackie at Brooklyn College, I was able to witness firsthand what true love looks like through the deep care and devotion Steven and Jackie shared.

Seeing how excited Steven was whenever he planned a surprise for Jackie was incredibly moving. The love between them was pure, genuine, and rare. I was honored to be included in those moments a few times, and they are memories I will always treasure.

Steven was kind to me simply because he knew how much Jackie cared about me. He understood what mattered to her, and he loved generously and without limits. Whenever Steven was in the room, there was a feeling of warmth, calm, and safety.

The pain of losing him so early is beyond words. My heart goes out to Jackie, to his family, and to everyone who loved him. Steven will always be remembered and deeply missed.



Pei-Wen Huang-Shea - December 21, 2025 at 01:14 PM

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Barbara King - December 21, 2025 at 07:31 PM

AH

“ Even though I've known Steven for over 30 years, and had the opportunity to spend time with him and his family, my favorite memory happened only 18 months ago. We had traveled to North Carolina due to his sister's passing. One evening at Debra's we sat around their mother's dining room table. Jackie, myself and Marybeth talking with Steven about his mom, his sister, their time in Brooklyn as kids, etc... We then shared all kinds of wonderful memories with Steven too, about his sister and mother, laughing and joking turning a sad time into a great evening. It was a wonderful night and a terrific memory that I will carry with me forever. The only sad realization... it became the last time it will ever happen. Steven will be missed. 😞



Alda H. - December 20, 2025 at 09:15 PM

JD

“ Josheph D. purchased the Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate for the family of Steven Arthur Smerling.



Josheph D. - December 20, 2025 at 05:04 PM

JD

“ Josheph D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Arthur Smerling.

Josheph D. - December 20, 2025 at 05:04 PM

MA

“ *Marybeth lit a candle in memory of Steven Arthur Smerling*



Marybeth - December 20, 2025 at 02:09 PM

JM

“ *Steven and I met in 1971 when we were both 10 years old. We lived several doors down from each other on E27st in Brooklyn and would play basketball usually daily after school for several years after we met. He was both competitive and a tender soul as a child. RIP my old friend. He was Earl the pearl Monroe and I was Walt Frazier. This is what we called each other. My condolences to Jackie and the entire family. Jack and Lisa Mittman*

jack mittman - December 20, 2025 at 12:04 PM

LM

“ *Time and years may have past , but it was just yesterday to me Steven and I both started at the United States Postal Service Academy together , both had the same point of view when it came to creating a cohesive culture within our work environment. Steven's ethical approach to problem solving in business and in life were second to none. My deepest sympathies and condolences go out to his family and friends during this transition period. Always in our thoughts, prayers, and hearts.
Your friend Louis Montalvo*

Louis Montalvo - December 20, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ I met you when I was just 17, and gave you every reason to run for the hills. Instead, you not only stayed, but you you doubled-down. You became one of the first people to dig deeper to find out who I really was. I'm doing so, you were integral in helping me find myself.

Here I am at 53, and you were one of my constants. **STILL HERE.** Always. Always listening. Always teaching.

In saying goodbye to you, you taught me one last thing - the meaning of the world selflessness. You bravely accepted your fate and did what you knew was best - not just for you, but for everyone who you cared for. Your terms. Your love. Your ever present light... still here. Always.

I love you, Steven. Thank you, dad.

Steve Barton

Steve Barton - December 20, 2025 at 10:11 AM

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Jim Bieber - December 20, 2025 at 10:49 PM