

1944 — *Stephen* — 2024

# Stephen Lewis Furches

May 1, 1944 — December 9, 2024

Frederick, Colorado

I, Steve (Stephen Lewis, Jr.) Furches, left earth on December 9, 2024, hopefully to eternal peace. I was 80 years old. I leave behind nieces and nephews, lots of cousins, and countless beloved friends, especially Dave Alengi. Here's what I would like my family and friends to remember, written while I was alive.

My teeth used to be white. My chest used to be near my arm pits. I used to have hair. I used to be young – and arrogant. Now my teeth are yellow. Now my chest is near my navel. I still have hair – but not much. Now I am old and am far more humble and far less arrogant.

God has been good to me. I have not been rich but have had a very rich life. I have been rich in experiences, and even richer in friends. I hope I have used my gifts for God's glory and the good of his people. I have had as a lifelong goal to let people know that they are not alone in facing their lives, whether as a classroom teacher, a boarding school prefect, or simply as a friend.

If I have done recognizable good in my life, "To God Be the Glory". If I have not done so well in any area, well, then blame the devil. I have given my life my best. I hope I have given the people in my life my very best.

My thirty years as a De La Salle Christian Brother had a deep and lasting influence on me, even though I did not recognize it for a while. The founder of the Brothers said on his death bed that "I adore the hand of God that has guided me gently through my life". Me, too.

I thank my parents, Steve and Miriam, and my Sis (Patsie or Pat) for their love and guidance while they were alive, and after. My greatest honor is having been their son and brother. My dad's family has been in the US since 1700. My mom was first-generation American. What a rich combination and gift! They also gave me a deep love for the music

of the organ and for the magnificence of choral music. I hope these are the music of heaven. I thank my cherished friend, Dave Alengi, for all that he has been and done for me.

If I tried to thank the friends who have been with me through so many years, you'd never get home. I borrow from Shakespeare when I say to you all... "thanks, thanks, and ever thanks".

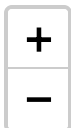
I borrow from Shakespeare again: "The good that men do lives after them. The evil is often entered with their bones". So let it be with me. If I have done any good, to God be the glory. I have tried to live my life as a servant. You can measure the success of failure. In departing this life, I remain your servant, but God's first.

Memorial Service will be at 3:00pm, Sunday, January 12, 2025, at Horan & McConaty Funeral Service, 9998 Grant Street, Thornton, CO 80229.



Steve's remains will be sent to Statesville, NC where he will be interred with his parents at Oakwood Cemetery.

## Service Schedule

### Past Services





#### Memorial Service

-  Sunday, January 12, 2025  
3:00 - 4:00 pm (Mountain (no DST) time)
-  Horan & McConaty Funeral Service and Cremation - North



#### Burial

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-  Oakwood Cemetery  
, Statesville, NC

**Metro/Thornton**  
9998 Grant St, Thornton, CO  
80229

## Guestbook



You will be missed!

**KAREN HARRIS**

Dec 24, 2024

My family and I will miss you. You brought joy and laughter to our lives. We loved your company.

**BARBARA MILLER**

Dec 30, 2024

Bridget Edwards Boustany has purchased Grace and Majesty Bouquet for Stephen Furches



**BRIDGET EDWARDS BOUSTANY**

Jan 1, 2025

It was a pleasure knowing throughout the years. I am glad that we met at Notre Dame and became friends. Thanks for all that you did.

**SHELLY LILEY AND FAMILY**

Jan 3, 2025

\*SINGS\* 🎵 There's a sad sort of clanging from the clock in the hall.... And the bells in the steeple, too And up in the nursery an absurd little bird.... Is popping out to say "cuckoo" (Cuckoo, cuckoo) Regretfully, they tell us (Cuckoo) But firmly, they compel us (Cuckoo) To say goodbye (Goodbye) To you So long, farewell Auf Wiederseh'n, goodnight I hate to go And miss this pretty sight So long, farewell Auf Wiederseh'n, adieu Adieu, adieu To yieu and yieu So long, farewell Au revoir, auf Wiederseh'n From: The Sound of Music

**MARIMONICA MURRAY**

Jan 14, 2025

you never forgot about me. I won't forget about you.

**EDWIN BYRNE EDWARDS**

Apr 5, 2025



**ANONYMOUS**

Jun 12, 2025