

Stephen Erich Avery

Stephen Erich Avery, age 64, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of the 28th of January after a hard fought battle with cancer. Stephen was born in 1957 and grew up in McKinney, Texas with 3 siblings on the family's horse farm. Stephen became valedictorian of McKinney High School's class of 1976. He graduated from the University of North Texas with a degree in Biochemistry. Stephen discovered his love for working in a laboratory while at UNT and pursued a career in Medical Research in the Houston Medical Center, working at Baylor College of Medicine for many years before later working for Texas Children's Hospital. Stephen loved cooking, hunting, documentaries, history, and spending time with his family.

Stephen was the proud father to four children, and a proud grandfather to two grandchildren. Stephen was a family man and loved his immediate and extended family immensely, ensuring family reunions and family vacations were always a priority.

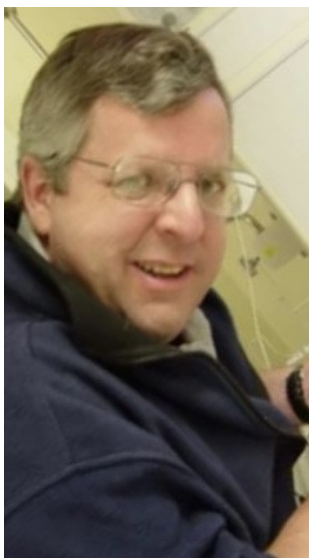
Stephen is survived by his daughter Cheryl, his daughter Stephanie, his daughter Erica and husband Emory, his son George, his two grandchildren Robert and Esme, his sister Karen, his brother Tim and wife Tracy, his sister-in-law Jane, 3 nephews, and 3 nieces. He is preceded in death by his parents David and Pat, his brother Mark, and his sister Cheryl Ann.

Celebrating the Life of STEPHEN AVERY



**February 11, 2022
11:00 a.m.**

**Sanctuary
St. Luke's United Methodist Church
Houston, Texas**



Stephen Avery
November 5 1957 - January 28, 2022

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed by thy name.
 Thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory, forever. Amen.

*The family invites you to a reception in the Fellowship Hall
 immediately following the service.*

Please silence your cell phone.

Celebration of Life

Prelude		Jim Roman
Entry of Family		
Word of Grace		Rev. Cliff Ritter
Solo	Amazing Grace Grace Roman, soprano	arr. Althouse
Affirmation of Faith	Psalm 23	
Pastor:	The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.	
People:	He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.	
Pastor:	He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.	
People:	Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.	
Pastor:	Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.	
People:	Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.	
Pastoral Prayer		Cliff Ritter
Celebration of Life		Stephanie Avery
Special Medley		Jim Roman
Scripture Reading	Revelation 21 (Selected)	Cliff Ritter
Message		
Solo	The Lord's Prayer	Malotte
Benediction		
Postlude		Jim Roman