



## Stephen A Filippini

June 24, 1948 - May 23, 2021

Stephen A. Filippini was born in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on June 24th, 1948 to the parents of Leopold Dante and Mary Antoinette (Stimiliano) Filippini of Scranton, PA. Stephen was the oldest of two brothers.

In 1966, Mr. Filippini graduated from North Central High School in Spokane and earned a BA Degree in Music Education in 1972 and later a master's degree in performance on Trumpet and Music Education in 1991 from Eastern Washington University.

Mr. Filippini taught music for the school districts in Davenport, Washington from 1972 to 1976 and at East Valley Middle School from 1976 to 2002 where he taught band and coached after-school sports which included football, basketball, and baseball. He was twice named "Teacher of the Year" at East Valley Middle School. He loved teaching band and expected excellence out of his students.

Mr. Filippini was an accomplished professional accordion and trumpet player. He joined the Spokane Musicians Union in October of 1976 and was an elected board member of the Musicians Union Local 105 for 11 years. He led his own professional group, The Variety Pak and was a member of the Spokane Jazz Orchestra for 27 years. He joined the popular territory band The Many Sounds of Nine and traveled over the summer months playing shows in Nevada, Washington, Montana, Oregon, Idaho, and Wyoming. He was the leader of the Official Worlds Fair Dixieland Band in 1974 and contracted shows at various venues in Spokane.

In 1972, Mr. Filippini married Carol Ellen Green of Thompson Falls, Montana. The couple had two daughters, Carrie Ellen, and Katie Ruth Filippini of Spokane. Mr. Filippini has one grand daughter, Breanna Lyn Post of Spokane and one brother, Charles Filippini of Spokane. He was superseded in death by his first wife, Carol Ellen in 1998.

In 2002 Steve moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, and taught band for the Clark County School District from 2004-2011.

In July of 2006 he married Judith Velez of Las Vegas. Through marriage, Mr. Filippini has two stepsons, Justin A. Cataldi and William R. Bunch and two granddaughters, Mary and Rose Cataldi.

In 1983 Mr. Filippini earned his private pilot license. He was a member of the Quiet Birdman Organization, Experimental Aviation Association, Cessna Pilots and Owners Organization, Eagles Lodge and YMCA.

Mr. Filippini was the current music director for a corporate show band and was a regular member of several big bands in Las Vegas.

Steve had many hobbies and interests with his wife Judith. He loved flying his Cessna airplane, spending the summer months in Sandpoint, Idaho, boating on Lake Ponderay, officiating men's basketball, attending the Reno Air Races, hiking, bicycling, motorcycling, and jogging. Mr. Filippini was a member of the Desert Springs United Methodist Church.

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me.

I took His hand when I heard Him call, I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way.

If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, ah yes, these things, too, I will miss.

Be not burdened with ties of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I have savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, do not lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your hearts and share with me, I'm with God now, I've been set free.

# Tribute Wall

DF

“ Judy, I've thought of you and Steve over the years often. I looked you both up and found this last night. I am so very sorry. Heaven received another great musician.

Deb Fredrickson - September 25, 2022 at 01:51 AM

TW

“ To a wonderful friend, and man. You will be missed my friend. Tell St. Peter to make a spot for a great trumpet player. May God be with it you!

Tom Walton - June 25, 2021 at 02:52 PM

WB

“ Steve, Always smiling and positive person. Always a joy to be around. Rest in Peace. You are missed.

Walter Boenig - June 24, 2021 at 11:22 AM

PH

“ A new friend - gone too soon.

Pat & Larry Hofmann - June 07, 2021 at 10:05 PM

BR

“ Judith, I'm in shock. I'm so very, very sorry. I love you and I loved Steve. He was a wonderful person. I am privledged to have known him and shared so many wonderful times with both of you. Barbara Ruby

Barbara Ruby - June 07, 2021 at 06:38 PM

LC

“ *Heaven has been blessed with another angel. You will be missed, Steve.*

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**Lynn & Tony Crapis** - June 07, 2021 at 06:25 PM

CL

“ *I met Steve as a comeback player following about a 25 year layoff of the trumpet. He was always helpful and encouraging. He allowed me to sub in one of his bands and when the person I was subbing for came back before the performance, Steve rewarded me by adding another horn to the show and letting me perform. His love of music and especially trumpet and high caliber trumpet players was incredible. I will always remember how excited and worked up he would get when talking trumpet and trumpet players. He was like a kid talking about the new video game they wanted from Santa. I love him and will miss him. I will always be grateful he was part of my life. He was a true friend and I miss him as I know all his family and friends do.*

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**Chris Lawell** - June 07, 2021 at 06:33 AM

ML

“ *Steve was always a spreader of joy and enthusiasm.....in his music, his demeanor and his very presence. We will miss him beyond words.*

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**Maria Larson** - June 06, 2021 at 08:55 PM

CC

“ Dear cousin Steve. Where to start? We grew up together, you in Spokane and me in Coeur d'Alene but spent many weekends together at your lake cabin on Pend Orielle lake. We would come visit at your house where we had to behave and use our manners, but when your family came to our house with 11 kids, it was a free for all. Running, jumping and playing in the sprinkler. You will be sorely missed. Save me a spot up there. My love, your cousin, Cindi

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**Cindi Carlson** - June 06, 2021 at 08:20 PM

FA

“ I will remember Steve as a man of kindness. His generous spirit and heartfelt belly laughs will also be remembered. My love and prayers to Judith and prayers for his daughters, sons and grandchildren.

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**Felicia Alava** - June 06, 2021 at 07:24 PM

RL

“ Steve was an awesome person, We are gonna miss you Steve really knew how to make people welcome. He was also a very talented musician! go bye my brother and friend!

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**Raymond & Brenda Lopez** - June 06, 2021 at 06:16 PM

BR

“ Judy, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Neighbors are looking after the house. Take care and Blessings. Barbara Rolph

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**Barbara Rolph** - June 03, 2021 at 07:18 PM