

## STEPHEN J. PLATO



Stephen J. Plato, 77, of Cranberry Twp, passed away on Monday, February 5, 2024, at UPMC Mercy Hospital. He was born in Brookville, PA on October 11, 1946, one of four sons to the late Tobias and Vermell Plato. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his three brothers, Lonnie, Reginald, and Skippy. Stephen is survived by his beloved wife, Bonnie W. (Cavitt) Blakey Plato, who he married on May

19, 1990. For 32 years, Stephen worked at Woodville and Mayview State Hospitals in their departments of Physical Therapy and Nursing. Both Stephen and his wife, Bonnie, were Pennsylvania Master Gardeners, Allegheny County. They loved working in their gardens. They were both members of the Daffodil and Hosta Society of Southwest, PA, Pittsburgh Iris and Daylily Society, and North America Rock Garden Society-Allegheny County. Stephen also was a member of the Greater Pittsburgh Civil War Round Table, and The Pittsburgh Players Pool League and Three Rivers Depression Era Glass Society. Stephen was active all his life. He enjoyed competitive tennis, competitive table tennis, Karate (including instructing Karate at Pitt and Carnegie Tech), Team Chess competitor and pool on multiple teams. In 2001, he won Best 8-Ball Player of the Year. Stephen loved jazz and classic rock. He collected vintage glass and barware. As we stated earlier, he loved plants. He was a Civil War History Buff. Stephen was a scholar who was quiet, kind, and a gentle man. Visitation will be held at **R.D. COPELAND'S MOON TWP.** 981 Brodhead Road, Moon Twp., on Friday and Saturday, from 2 – 5pm, where a Service will be held on Saturday, at 2pm. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in his name be made to Western PA Conservancy, [www.waterlandlife.org](http://www.waterlandlife.org).

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