



Steven D. Will

May 27, 1951 - July 4, 2025

Steven D. Will, of Tabernacle, passed away peacefully on July 4, 2025. He was 74 years old.

Son of the late Joseph and Beverly Will, Steve was born on May 27, 1951 in Columbus, Ohio, and was raised in Bexley, Ohio. Steve came to New Jersey, after relocating to New Mexico and teaching middle school. He worked summers at YMCA Camp Ockanickon in Medford starting in 1986. It was at this camp where Steve met the love of his life, Barbara Chinnici. After a few years of having a long-distance relationship, Steve eventually moved to New Jersey full time in 1989 and he and Barbara were married December 28, 1991. The couple went on to have three wonderful children, Mollie, Timothy, and Samantha. Steve worked as a teacher for the Mount Holly Board of Education before retiring in 2016 and taught at John Paul II in Willingboro until June of 2020. As his children grew, Steve coached Little League baseball as well as swimming. Once they were done competitive sports Steve continued coaching and teaching swimming. He coached both the Jersey Storm and BCC Aqua Barons swim teams. Steve was an outdoors man who loved camping, canoeing, as well as hiking. Steve was also an avid bicyclist who could ride 60 miles on most trips. He biked through Nova Scotia and has hiked most of the Appalachian Trail. He biked until he physically could no longer do so but was always walking down the road or the Batona Trail. He was highly competitive but also took everything in stride. He taught his family

to not stress the small stuff. Steve will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Steve is survived by his beloved wife of over 33 years Barbara, his children Mollie (Dennis), Timothy (Taylor), and Samantha, and his grandson Mason, and future grandson, as well as his sister Brenda.

Friends and relatives are invited to visit with Steve's family on Friday July 18, 2025 from 5-7pm at Perinchief Chapels, 438 High Street, Mount Holly, NJ 08060. A Celebration of Life service for Steve will follow the visitation at Perinchief Chapels at 7pm.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels
438 High St.
Mount Holly, NJ 08060
(609) 267-0399

Celebration of Life

JUL 18. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JR

“ Steve was one of my best friends in high school. At lunch he and Bill Cox and myself would sit on the bleachers outside and play chess. Occasionally on the weekends we would play poker all night for fun until the sun would rise.

Blessings on the wife and family of Steve Will. Love in Christ Jerry Reninger

Jerry Reninger - August 14, 2025 at 10:51 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Steven D. Will.



July 13, 2025 at 02:28 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Steven D. Will.



July 12, 2025 at 12:14 PM



“ *Singing "We are the champions" locked arm and arm with the team at a swim banquet is how I will remember Coach Steve. I had the privilege of swimming and coaching for him. Whether it was giving us a challenging set at practice or playing leap frog during dry lands, coach always had something up his sleeve to improve his team as both athletes and people. He taught kindness hard work, and how to have fun as a team. His legacy will live on forever.*



Connor Buck - July 11, 2025 at 08:21 AM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Michelle leradi - July 10, 2025 at 04:46 PM

MI

“ During the summer swim meets, the swimmers are all dressed the same, the same suit, swim caps, and goggles. Four months later, during the winter when his swimmers were now all on different teams and he would come watch his swimmers swim. These swimmers would now all be in different goggles, swim caps and suits, and Steve would know who each team member was even when they were in the water just by how they dove in, swam or finished a race. *This swimmer popped her left or right foot, that swimmer breathed on the right, this one on the left., etc* The swimmer's own parents didn't know who their kid was until after the race and the goggles and swim caps came off. Steve was that kind of coach. He was always coaching his swimmers, always giving words of encouragement. There are thousands of people in our county who owe their ability to swim or even save another's life due to Steve and his dedication. Steve you are loved and surely will be missed not only by your family, but the Aqua Baron Swim Team family. To the Will family, thank you for sharing such a wonderful person with all of us.

Michelle Ieradi - July 10, 2025 at 04:39 PM

VI

“Coach” Steve will forever hold a special place in my heart. From teaching me to swim, coaching me through high school age, helping me become lifeguard certified, and becoming my co-coach, Steve had seen me in every stage of life growing up into my young adulthood. I cherish all the memories and the life lessons. My condolences to the family.



Victoria - July 10, 2025 at 03:55 PM



“Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Steven D. Will.



July 09, 2025 at 05:59 PM



“A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Steven D. Will.

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“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Steven D. Will.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Steven D. Will.

July 09, 2025 at 05:35 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Steven D. Will.



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JS

“Swim now, breathe later. If you swallow water, it counts as brushing your teeth,”- Words of Wisdom from Coach Steve as I got up on the block before my event. 30 years later, I’m still giving that advice. I loved swimming with Steve and working with him. Prayers for the family

Jason Sheehan - July 09, 2025 at 03:56 PM

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Steve was a great swim coach who really cared more about the kids he coached than he did about the races they swam.

Stacy E. - July 10, 2025 at 03:55 PM