



Steven Martin Hennessey, 65, of Forked River, NJ, passed away on February 23, 2021, following complications from surgery. Steve was born in Philadelphia, and was a proud, lifelong resident of Ocean County. He was raised in Toms River and Beachwood before moving to Bayville and Forked River as an adult.

A 1973 graduate of Toms River High School South, Steve went on to graduate from Glassboro State College before beginning a 33 year teaching career in the Toms River Regional School District at East Dover Elementary, Toms River High School South and South Toms River Elementary. Steve was very active in the school community as an advisor, Student Activities Director and sports official. He coached Girls' Basketball, softball and his favorite, Boys' Cross Country for 24 years.

After retiring in January of 2011, Steve and his wife, Kathi, finally realized their dream of leaving cold weather behind by spending their winters in Florida. No one ever accused Steve of being shy, "Steve will talk to anyone!", and he quickly added to his multitude of friends from all over the US and Canada.

Steve lived a really good life, and was always the life of the party with a great sense of humor that will be missed by all who knew him. He loved fishing, boating, the beach, music, the Yankees, telling jokes, road trips with the O'Leary's and listening to our favorite band, Uproot Hootenanny from Deerfield Beach, FL. An avid traveler, he was always planning the next trip. Some of his favorite spots included Key West, Key Largo, Fort Myers Beach, Deerfield Beach, St Croix, Green Turtle Cay, Abaco, NYC and Neptune Beach, FL. He was always up for an adventure.

Steve was predeceased by his father, Franklin Hennessey; his maternal grandparents, Frank and Margaret Martin; his paternal grandparents, G Franklin and Agnes Hennessey and his four legged girls, Aruba, Marley and Mango.

Steve is survived by his wife of 43 years, Kathleen Seaton Hennessey and his mother, Jacqueline Martin Hennessey. He is also survived by his brother, Franklin and wife, Linda; David and Melinda Most and George and Kristy Seaton. Also surviving are his nieces and nephews Jessica Most and fiancé, Chris Burris, Michael Hennessey, Lindsey Most, Shannon Griffin, John Seaton and his beloved great niece, Savannah Boaman. Also missing Steve are a host of friends including very dear friends, Ray and Kathy Manuwald, Wayne and Marie Petersen, Mark and Susan O'Leary, Andy and Lisa Baxter and Laura and Curt Cunningham.

A socially distant service will be held on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at the Forked River Presbyterian Church at 10:30 AM. A live stream of the service can be viewed at FRPCUSA.org/worship video. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made in Steve's name to the O'Leary/Heffernan Track Scholarship Fund, Toms River High School South Athletic Department, 55 Hyers Street, Toms River, NJ 08753.