



## Stephen T. Byrd

August 13, 1952 - May 13, 2017

SILVER SPRING, MD – Stephen T. Byrd, 64, of Silver Spring, MD, formerly of Morgantown, died Saturday, May 13, 2017 at University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore, MD. Born August 13, 1952 in Princeton, he was the son of Ted and Betty Shrewsbury Byrd of Princeton.

Steve was a graduate of Princeton High School and attended WV Institute of Technology, received a Bachelors of Science at Concord College and received a Masters of Science at West Virginia University. He dedicated himself to public education working in primary education as a teacher, counselor and substitute. He was a passionate musician and brought music into his classrooms as well as the lives of everyone around him. He was also a world traveler trekking across the US, Europe, and Peru.

Survivors include one son, Zachary Byrd and wife Katherine of Silver Spring, MD; one sister, Sue Yurkiewicz of Princeton; one niece, Nikki Yurkiewicz of Havre de Grace, MD; devoted friend and beloved caregiver, Betsy Eppes of Silver Spring, MD; his former wife, Barbara Byrd of Princeton; and two special aunts, Oden Godfrey and Muriel Allen both of Princeton.

Funeral services will be conducted at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, May 20, 2017 at the Rowland H. Bailey Funeral Chapel of the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Dr. David Dockery officiating. Honoring Steve's request, the

body will be cremated following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society ([www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)), WV Public Broadcasting ([www.wvpublic.org](http://www.wvpublic.org)), Music in the Schools (<https://musicintheschools.org>) or Friends of the Cheat ([www.cheat.org](http://www.cheat.org)).

The family will receive friends Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. until service hour at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton.

To view a video tribute to Steve, or share condolences with the family, please visit [www.bailey-kirk.com](http://www.bailey-kirk.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home  
1612 Honaker Avenue  
Princeton, WV 24740  
(304) 425-8176  
info@bailey-kirk.com  
<https://www.bailey-kirk.com>

## Funeral Service

MAY 20. 12:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Stephen T. Byrd*



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**Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home** - May 20, 2017 at 10:02 AM



“ *Stephen T. Byrd*

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December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM

GS

“ I met Steve when he was a sophomore in High School. We immediately started playing music together. That continued up until the last few months. Over those years we have played festivals, radio shows, parties, just about anyplace people would have us. He was always a consummate musician and bandmate. I will carry on his memory in my music.

*Even more important is the fact that Steve was probably the kindest person I have ever known. I never knew him to say anything derogatory about anyone (with the exception of certain politicians), no matter the circumstance. He looked for and found the good in everyone he met. That and his sense of humor are big reasons he was so well loved among all of us. There is much to be learned from that legacy.*

*You are and will be sorely missed, amigo.*

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**Greg Shupe** - May 19, 2017 at 02:20 PM

LR

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I lost my son David almost 9 years ago in a tragic accident. I know Muriel lost her son, Michael, also. I share in your sorrow.

*Louise Lilly Roland*

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**Louise Lilly Roland** - May 18, 2017 at 06:46 PM

MA

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Mark R Ashby** - May 18, 2017 at 12:39 PM

LF

“ Love, The Reddish Family and Adele Ferrante purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Stephen T. Byrd.



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**Love, The Reddish Family and Adele Ferrante** - May 17, 2017  
at 10:00 PM

RS

“ Ted and Betty, I'm so sorry for your loss. No parent should ever have to experience the loss of their child. You guys are in our prayers.

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**Rick and Kimberly Spriggs** - May 17, 2017 at 09:57 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Stephen T. Byrd.



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May 17, 2017 at 09:32 PM

AB

“ Mr. Byrd was one of my favorite teachers (back in 1982!). I always remembered him playing guitar, teaching us how to clog and reading the Hobbit to the entire class. We were pen pals for several years after I finished 4th grade. I reconnected with him on Facebook in 2012, and he said he still had everything students sent him over the years (including my letters). He really knew how to make all of us feel special, and it lasted for a lifetime. -Angie Bailey

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**Angie Bailey** - May 17, 2017 at 07:01 PM

DH

“ I went to high school with Steve - great memories of choir trips, bike rides and music. Steve always made me laugh!!! So sad to hear of his passing!!

*Darlene Sparks Henderson  
Indian Valley, VA*

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**Darlene Henderson** - May 17, 2017 at 07:54 AM

MH

“ Stephen was my 4th grade teacher. inspired us with his guitar. And he honor us when we had good grades. Took us to see jungle book. He was a great teacher.

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**Melissa Taylor hager** - May 17, 2017 at 06:08 AM

RR

“ Mr. Byrd was an awesome teacher. He absolutely knew how to get, not only his class, but the entire room paying attention to him and what he wanted to get through to us all with his guitar. My only hope is that he knew how very much he touched small town students like us at Montcalm Elementary. R.I.P. He was quite a positive influence on our small minds. Unforgettable!!!

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**Regina Routh** - May 17, 2017 at 05:46 AM

 Joe  
Honaker

“ He was my 4th grade Math Teacher, he used music and his guitar to make learning math fun. He touched so many lives and made so many children into productive members of society.

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**Joe Honaker** - May 17, 2017 at 05:39 AM