



Steven Joseph McNamara

August 4, 1960 - May 2, 2025

It is with heavy hearts we announce that, on May 2, 2025, Steven Joseph McNamara, beloved father, trusted brother and valued friend, passed away peacefully at the age of 64.

Steve was a native Texan born on August 4, 1960 in Houston. He is survived by son Connor James McNamara, daughter Paige Kathryn McNamara, and brother Patrick John McNamara. He was preceded in death by his brother Kevin James McNamara, father Kenneth John McNamara, and mother Patricia Kennedy McNamara.

Steve graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School in Houston in 1978 with a National Merit scholarship along with a scholarship to the University of Texas Engineering program. He was a dedicated Longhorn, earning both his undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering (1982) from the University of Texas at Austin and later earning his J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law (1990) where he was inducted into the Order of the Coif, graduating near the top of his class.

In spite of Steve's love for all things UT, that love was eclipsed by his pride in his children, both of whom attended Texas A&M. He proudly wore an 'Aggie Dad' t-shirt.

Steve's successful law career spanned nearly 35 years. At the office, he was known for his sharp and witty sense of humor and was a valued member of the weekly Tex-Mex lunch group. In 2021 he struck out on his own and created the Law Office of Steven J. McNamara, enjoying working from home and spending more time with family and friends.

Steve's love for his children, his passion for the arts, his generous spirit, and his unmatched wit left an impact on all who crossed his path. As the son of a piano teacher, Steve adopted the cello early in life and became a first chair cellist in his high school orchestra. His continued passion for music, which ranged from Yo Yo Ma to Stevie Ray Vaughan and Bruce Springsteen, saw him serve on the Advisory Board of HSPVA Friends and as a board member on the Houston Youth Symphony Board of Directors. He will be sorely missed.

A Celebration of Life will be held on May 17, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Evelyn's Park, 4400 Bellaire Boulevard, in Bellaire, Texas. Please join us in celebration of Steve and bring your favorite stories to share. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that gifts be made online to HSPVA Friends Essentials Fund (www.hspvafriends.org/give).

Tribute Wall

TN

“ My condolences to his children. Steve was a man. A few words always had a smile on his face good attitude treated me with respect and dignity. He also had a great sense of humor. I am saddened by his loss and I hope his children can find peace and knowing that he was a great man, and a great role model.

Terry Nelson - May 15, 2025 at 08:53 PM

TM

“ For most of my career at the firm, Steve and I would always banter back and forth about all things Aggie and Longhorn. When his children decided to attend Texas A&M the pride beamed from him, as if he'd never even worn burnt orange. Over the years, since Steve left the firm, we would still catch up on calls, purportedly about client matters, but really just to keep up our Aggie and Longhorn discussions (and to hear about his children, whom he loved dearly). Rest in peace, friend. And as an honorary Aggie, may I declare "Here."

Terrell Miller - May 13, 2025 at 05:59 PM

JH

“ Similar to JoAnn's note, Steve was one of the very first to make me feel truly welcome when I moved into the Sewell & Riggs offices with the "Gardere" group. I will always cherish and appreciate his smile, warmth, generosity, kindness, professionalism and (most of all) friendship. And I, too, will always fondly remember the Mexican food lunches that Steve was an integral part of...the restaurants (i.e., dives), the fun and witty banter, the laughter, the regular participants, and the consistency! I never heard ANYONE EVER say a negative word about Steve. He was one of a kind!

Jane Hammond - May 12, 2025 at 12:37 PM

DE

“ Steve was a smart lawyer and a great colleague. But he was also one of the funniest guys I've ever known. One of our senior partners once noted that he had attended Texas Law School many years before Steve did. Without missing a beat, Steve added, "the only difference is that I drove a Pinto to Austin, while you rode a Pinto." I'm going to miss Steve.

David Elder - May 12, 2025 at 12:35 PM

MC

“ He was not only my boss he was part of my family aswell as his kids we could spend hours talking about his kids he adored his kids for me he was one of the best dad's i will always miss him.

Minnie Cervantes - May 12, 2025 at 08:42 AM

JM

“ When I joined Sewell & Riggs I had no idea how to integrate myself into my new firm. One day early on my phone rang and it was Steve. “Want to get Mexican food for lunch? Meet at 11:30 by the elevators.” I had no idea who Steve was but met him at the appointed time and place. That was my induction into the weekly Mexican food lunch group, and true introduction to the law firm. Many of the people in that group continue to be my close friends years later. I will always appreciate Steve's kindness in reaching out to include a newbie. That is just the kind of guy he was.

JoAnn Matthiesen - May 10, 2025 at 09:58 PM

KJ

“ One time, Steve and I were watching the movie Wayne’s World and when the scene came on where Wayne and Garth are driving down the street in Garth’s AMC Pacer with their friends in the back, all of them banging their heads in unison to the climax of Bohemian Rhapsody, Steve said “That is so me and my friends in High School.” It’s an image of Steve I always kept and loved. I’m going to miss you, my friend.

Kyle Johnson - May 09, 2025 at 10:42 AM

AM

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Joseph J. Earthman
Generations

A Memorial Tree was planted for Steven Joseph McNamara - May 06, 2025 at 12:45 PM