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Stephen S. Murray of Lexington, Massachusetts, died on August 10th, 2015 at the age of 70. He leaves behind his beloved wife Kathryn, his sisters Gail, Sandra, and Rita, his sons Jeffrey, Micah, and Eric, and daughters-in-law Carrie, Naomi, and Sarah, as well as by granddaughters Danielle, Talia, and Seraphine. Dr. Murray was born in 1944 in New York City, NY. He received a bachelor's degree from Columbia University and a doctorate from the California Institute of Technology. He worked for the majority of his career at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge, MA and had recently retired from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. He leaves behind innumerable colleagues and friends. He was world-renown for his lifelong contributions to high-resolution X-ray imaging and for the development of NASA's Astrophysics Data System that revolutionized the way astronomers conduct their research. Family and friends may call on Thursday, August 13th, 2015 from 4 to 8 P.M. at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 122 Amesbury Street, Lawrence, MA. Graveside services will be held on Friday, August 14th, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. at the Westview Cemetery in Lexington, MA. To send an online condolence or for more information, please go to www.breenfuneralhome.com.



Tribute Wall

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DB

Dominic Benford posted:

Dear Kathy, Please accept my condolences for your loss. Steve was a pleasure to work with when we first met while serving on the UWG a decade ago, and has been a valued and warm presence in every encounter we have had since. All of astronomy, and I personally, will feel the diminishment left by his passing. Sincerely, Dominic

March 7 at 8:00 PM

BL

Brandon Lawton posted:

Dear Kathy, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts go to you and your family during this difficult time.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

SD

Susana Deustua posted:

Dear Kathy, We are so sorry to learn of Steve's death - too soon, too soon. His contributions to Astronomy are many, especially the ADS is truly a gift, used by almost every professional astronomer world wide. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Susana Deustua and Jay Frogel.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

FH

Flory Hill posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family! God Bless!!!

March 7 at 8:00 PM

MR

Massimo And Giuliana Robberto posted:

dear Kathy, please accept our sincere condolences for the loss of Steve; we will always remember you and Steve quietly walking together on Gittings Avenue, passing in front of our home. We like to think that he will always continue to walk discretely at your side. Giuliana and Massimo Robberto

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JK

Jerry Kriss posted:

Dear Kathy, I was so shocked to hear of Steve's untimely passing. I saw him only a few weeks ago, looking very healthy. It is just so unfair. Steve was a marvelous scientist. From the High Resolution Imager on Einstein to the Astrophysics Data System, his accomplishments stand tall. And yet he was so modest in his demeanor, accepting and respecting everyone. He will be missed. Sincere condolences, Jerry Kriss

March 7 at 8:00 PM

PG

Paul Goudfrooij posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. I wish you all the best in your recovery. It will perhaps be slow but I hope it will be steady.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

KF

Karen Fischbach posted:

My dear Kathy, I am so so sorry to hear of Stephen's passing. My heart breaks for you and Eric. I am sending you my prayers, a big hug and all my love. God bless my friend. Love, Karen

March 7 at 8:00 PM

RL

Ray Lucas posted:

Dear Kathy, I'm so sorry for the loss. My sincere condolences to you and all of your family. Best wishes and good thoughts to you all.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

MD

Mamadou N'diaye posted:

My sincerest condolences to Kathryn Flanagan and their family.

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CG

Cheryl Gundy posted:

Dear Kathy, I am so sorry to hear that Steve passed! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. -- Cheryl

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VC

Vincenzo Cotroneo posted:

I was sorry to hear about the loss of Steve. I met him on the work. Even without knowing him well, he always left me the impression of an uncommonly pleasant and positive person. My condolences to family and friends.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

IP

Irene Porro posted:

Dear Kathy, Leonard and I are thinking of you and send to you and your family our sincere condolences. Irene

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LS

Linda Smith posted:

Dear Kathy, I am so saddened to hear of your loss. I am thinking of you. Sincere condolences - Linda

March 7 at 8:00 PM

CC

Carol Christian posted:

I share the shock and disbelief of Steve's passing ? so abrupt and unfair. Steve was known for his keen insights and enthusiasm for science, his pleasure and expertise in instrument building, his kindness and his sense of humor often subtle and well honed. I enjoyed sharing a friendly competition with him in the acquisition of the newest mobile technologies and precision fountain pens. I know that all of us have a big job in collectively carrying forward his legacy.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

PG

Paul Green posted:

This is a startling upset, and too soon. Steve was a true hero to the field of astronomy, a great builder with a keen practical sense, and a mentor to many successful careers. My sincere condolences to Kathy, to all of Steve's family, and also to his many close colleagues! - Paul

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GS

Greg Sivakoff posted:

To Kathy and all of Steve's family and friends, It was with great sadness that I heard of our loss of Steve. As a young colleague of his, I looked up to not only the incredible ways in which Steve enabled astronomy to be a leader among the sciences, but also to the person he was. Please accept my deepest condolences.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

EV

Erin Vanspeybroeck posted:

Dear Kathy - I was so sorry to hear about Steve. He was always one of Leon's favorite people, for many reasons. He was so glad that you two found each other. My condolences to you and his family. Erin VanSpeybroeck

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DH

Dean C. Hines posted:

I send my sincere condolences.

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MO

Marina Orio posted:

I have felt so sorry hearing this. I have the best memories of Stephen and feel close to you, Kathryn. I know that wherever Stephen is now, he is looking for Hakki to tell him a good joke.

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QL

Quang Nguyen Luong posted:

Farewell to the man who helps people in remote areas to do science and to civilize.

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JS

Jason Spyromilio posted:

My most sincere condolences. Steve Murray's work on ADS has touches my professional life most days and for that I am thankful for his work and saddened by his departure.

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KG

Kathy Crowley-Gardner posted:

Larry and I are so sad to hear of Steve's passing. Our sincere condolences and prayers go out to his family. I will never forget our white water rafting and camping trip in Maine when our boys were fifteenish. My son, Chris, was put on Steve's raft, and he took care of him for me. He was a friend who understood me and appreciated me. I will be forever grateful to him for his kindness and his friendship. God bless you all. Kathy & Larry Gardner

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ST

Scott Trager posted:

While I never knew Dr. Murray personally, his great contribution to astronomy, the NASA Astrophysics Data System, changed our field for the better and continues to play a key and critical role in our everyday lives. Dr. Murray's work will live on as his revolution stays with us. I send my deepest condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.

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JG

Josh Grindlay posted:

Dear Kathy, Family and Friends of Steve, Steve was very special to me. He was my closest colleague when I joined Riccardo's group in 1974 to move into those early, heady days of X-ray astronomy. After joining the Astronomy Department in '76, I also worked on the MPC (Monitor Proportional Counter) for the upcoming Einstein Observatory and gained much from Steve's advice. With Steve (and Joao Steiner), we improved the star camera and aspect solutions for the Einstein Observatory so that with Steve's HRI we could set the first limits on massive black holes in globular clusters. And on and on, right through our Chandra observations with Steve's HRC that revealed the separate X-ray binary populations in globular clusters. Steve was a true pioneer, friend and devoted colleague. I shall miss him deeply. Josh Grindlay

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KH

Kathy Hashim posted:

Kathy, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Kathy Hashim (STScI)

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Simon Bandler posted:

Please accept my deepest condolences, I am so sad to hear of the loss of Steve. He will be truly missed. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Kathy, and all of Steve's family.

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Ilana Harrus posted:

Dear Kathy, Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss. My thoughts are with you and all your family. Sincerely, Ilana

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