



Steve Ravel

February 2, 1955 - February 19, 2023

Jerome Stephen “Steve” Ravel was born in Austin Texas on February 2, 1955 to Jerome Olkin and Joanne Macow Ravel. He was raised in Austin and graduated from Austin High School in 1973. Throughout his school years, Steve was an avid swimmer and a member of the Austin Aquatic Club. Although Steve usually raced safely in pools, he once terrified his mother as she watched him butterfly over the white caps on Town Lake during the Aquafest open water swim. After graduating from Austin High, Steve attended Tufts University and then graduated from The University of Texas School of Law in 1981. Between college and law school, he worked for a local news station in Boston and, during law school, produced the CBS local nightly news in Austin. After graduating from law school, Steve worked as a lawyer for Ann Richards when she was Texas State Treasurer. He then began a long and successful career in business litigation, for many years as a partner at Kelly Hart & Hallman. He was known for his ability to tell a great

story, both inside and outside the courtroom. In recent years, much of his practice has been centered in a major patent venue--the Western District of Texas, Waco Division. He loved working with young lawyers from around the country. He was actively involved in patent litigation at the time of his death. Steve was named a "Texas Super Lawyer" by Thomson Reuters, recognized in Martindale-Hubbell, and selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America© for business litigation, intellectual property litigation, administrative/regulatory law, restructuring, and bankruptcy.

Steve was a beloved husband and father. He lived for his work and his family. He was the former board chair of his son Ben's school--the Headwaters School in downtown Austin. He was so proud of his son Ben, who is the holder of Master's degrees in both history and library science. His daughter Rachel is an actress and writer, and he was her biggest fan. Although his work and family were his primary focus, Steve also enjoyed piloting technically advanced aircraft.

Steve's family was shocked by his sudden and unexpected death. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Suzanne, and their two adult twin children, Ben and Rachel. He is also survived by his sister, Margaret (Missy) Ravel Elman, her husband, Bryan Bruns, and her children Jeremy and

Emily Elman and their families.

Services will be held on Friday, February 24 at 3:00 at Temple Beth Israel in Austin.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

1601 Navasota St.
Austin, TX 78702

Previous Events

Joint Memorial

FEB 24. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Congregation Beth Israel
3901 Shoal Creek Blvd
Austin, TX 78756

Tribute Wall

DB

“ Steve and I were opposing counsel in a very hard-fought and high-profile case. He was affable and cordial, always. I enjoyed having a quiet visit with him, just the two of us, during that trial. We'd talk about anything but the case and had a lot of laughs. I loved his hoarse laugh and his takes on Texas politics. Above all, he was obviously exceptionally proud of his children.

Rest in peace, my friend.

David Bright

David Bright - November 27, 2023 at 04:26 PM

PB

“ I am utterly in shock to read this news. Steve was my attorney a bit over ten years ago and his wisdom, dedication, and integrity meant the world to me. I wrote a book that will be available in September (see photographs), and in the acknowledgments section, I wrote: "There are people who made it possible for me to move from one career to the next and, of these guardian angels, I will forever be grateful to Steve Ravel for coming into my life at a crucial junction."

I looked him up because I just got author's advance copies of my book and I wanted get the address of his law firm so that I could send him a copy.

Mrs. Ravel, if you read this and want a copy of my book with the thank you note I would have sent to Steve, please reach out so that I can get an address from you. The web site on the back of the book will be activated within the next weeks; otherwise, you can find me at twoheartswellness.com

Either way, please accept my sincere condolences. May his memory be for a blessing. I am so sorry for your loss. He did great work and helped so many, me included.



Paula Bruno - July 22, 2023 at 01:55 PM

SW

“ Steve was a wonderful attorney, man and father. Steve was passionate for sure, but he was a teddy bear once you got to know him. I remember when the kids were born and how proud he was. Steve, I wish you peace my friend.

Sam Williams - February 25, 2023 at 08:22 AM



“ *Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Steve Ravel.* ”



February 24, 2023 at 09:27 AM