

Stephen Randolph Cooper, born January 9th, 1950, in Bethesda, MD, passed away peacefully at Tri-City Medical Center on June 27th, 2025. Steve was a resident of Carlsbad, CA, for twenty-two years.

Preceded in death by his parents and a son, he is dearly missed by his wife and son, who survive him.

As a child in a military family, Steve moved around the country but returned to California to attend college. He received his BA in chemistry from UC San Diego in 1971 and completed his PhD at UC Berkeley in 1976. Following his postdoctoral work at Berkeley, Steve subsequently worked as an inorganic chemistry professor at Harvard University in the U.S. and Oxford University in the U.K. It was at Oxford that he met and married his wife.

In 1992, Steve moved back to the United States to head up discovery research at Mallinckrodt Medical in St Louis. In 2001, he returned to California to work for Quorex Pharmaceuticals in Carlsbad. Before his retirement, Steve started his own business, Patenting Strategy, where he consulted on intellectual property issues.

Steve's great loves in his life were his family, including his beloved golden retrievers, and baseball. He enjoyed hanging out with his buddies at Friday morning baseball practice in Carlsbad and participating in the Men's Senior Baseball League.

If you would like to donate in Steve's name, the n-Lorem Foundation is a local cause Steve supported.

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