



## Steven F. Killough

November 12, 2021

Steven F. Killough died on November 12, 2021 from injuries sustained after being struck by a vehicle while walking in downtown Lancaster, leaving us far too soon. Steve was a man of incredible kindness, wisdom, wit, intellect, empathy, and humility.

Born in Shirley, MA on September 16, 1955, Steve grew up in Chestnut Hill, PA. He spent his youth demonstrating natural engineering skills by inventing items, such as the two-way light switch. As an 8 year old, while initially disappointed to learn he wasn't the first to discover such things, his creative spirit and intellectual curiosity were not deterred. He was fascinated by how things work and spent his childhood disassembling and reassembling devices to understand the mechanics. He developed his love of music at a young age and began his pursuits of rock stardom. His greatest joy was found in 9th grade, when he attended a dance at Chestnut Hill Academy where he graduated high school. It was there that he met his best friend and love, Nan Strong. Their story would be written for the next 52 years. He went on to graduate from Brown University with dreams of becoming a doctor.

Following college, Steve and Nan found their way back to each other and were married in 1982. Steve graduated from Hahnemann Medical School where he completed his residency in Pediatrics. They welcomed their first child Emily during medical school. They began their adventure in Lancaster

when Steve accepted the offer to join Lancaster Pediatric Associates, where he practiced for over 30 years and served as a partner. Andrew joined the family after they moved and their family was complete.

Nan and Steve provided their children with a wonderful education, love, support, and experiences. Steve lived his values and was committed to a life of service. He was a constant in his children's lives and was eager to assist them in their pursuits and graced them with unending wisdom and patience.

An excellent and respected physician, Steve cared for generations of children in Lancaster County over his 3 decades career. He applied his building/carpentry skills to help others as he joined many mission trips with St. James' Episcopal Church. He was able to fix just about anything and loved being the unofficial handyman at Lancaster Pediatrics. After putting off his music career to become a doctor, he picked it up again when his kids had left the house and dreamed of being a rock and roll star. He spent his free time perfecting his guitar and ukulele skills, playing in Ukulele Uprising, running sound at St. James, and following the Lancaster music scene. Steve was never without his harmonica and ready to join any band that welcomed his participation.

Steve was loved and is greatly missed by his family. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Nan, daughter Emily Killough Sparks (Aaron) of Durham, NC, son Andrew Killough of Portland, OR, mother Christine Killough of Chestnut Hill, PA, sister Elizabeth Killough of Glenside, PA, father Robert Killough of Charlotte, NC, and grandchildren Anne and Molly Sparks.

His love, patience, humility, and compassion exceed the limits of any normal human. We hope that there is a harmonica and glass of scotch waiting for you. Steve, you are an unwavering band of light and in the words of his grandchild Annie, "he was really awesome."

A Requiem Funeral will be held at St. James Episcopal Church, 119 N, Duke Street, Lancaster, PA on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. with The Reverend David W. Peck officiating. The family will receive friends at the church from 10:30 a.m. until the time of service. (Masks are required)

In lieu of flowers, we invite you to consider a gift to Music for Everyone, St. James Episcopal Church or Lancaster Cleft Palate Clinic in his memory.

# Previous Events

## Family Receiving Friends

NOV **20**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. James Episcopal Church  
119 N. Duke Street  
Lancaster, PA 17603

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Steven F. Killough*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Napa Valley Charm Wine Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Steven F. Killough.*



January 10, 2022 at 02:20 PM



“ *I'm saddened to hear of Dr Killough's passing. Clad in a bow tie and a smile, he made doctor visits for my son safe. Our family will miss him dearly.*



**allyson carlson** - December 14, 2021 at 07:12 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**bob dey** - November 21, 2021 at 02:18 AM

EP

“ Dear Nan, Emily, and Andrew,  
Sending my deepest sympathies to you on the untimely loss of your dear husband and father. He had a full and rich life and I hope that the many wonderful memories you all shared will sustain you through this difficult time. Thinking of you, Ellen Pike

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**Ellen Pike** - November 20, 2021 at 07:27 PM

GC

“ I have not stopped thinking about Steve, Nan, Emily, Andrew and his parents Chris and Bob. So many memories since we became great friends in kindergarten. Brilliant, always interested in so much and smart enough to get back with Nan after college. God bless his family and friends, who are trying to deal with losing a great man.

*Ginny McGehee Condon*

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**Ginny Condon** - November 19, 2021 at 01:59 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.thegroffs.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Steven F. Killough.

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November 19, 2021 at 12:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steven F. Killough.



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November 19, 2021 at 11:49 AM

RF

“ *I was stunned and heart broken by your unexpected loss. You have my deepest sympathy at this very sad time.*

*I will always remember Steven when I pass the tech-center pew in the sanctuary of Saint James.*

*Situations like this test our faith. But it is this faith that will see you through the days, months and years ahead. Know that my thoughts and prayers are and will be with you.*

*With sympathy,*

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**Ross Fairweather** - November 17, 2021 at 01:50 PM



JW

“ *We were so sorry to hear of Dr. Killough's passing. He was an exceptional, gentle doctor to our two (now adult) daughters. God's blessings to his family.*

*The White Family*

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**Jody White** - November 17, 2021 at 10:39 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Steven F. Killough.*



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November 17, 2021 at 09:51 AM

WT

“ Wendy and David Del Terzo purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Steven F. Killough.



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**Wendy and David Del Terzo** - November 17, 2021 at 07:24 AM

JM

“ Dear Nan, Emily and Andrew,  
We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Steve. He was a lovely man and your words about him captured and expanded what we knew of what a rich life he lived. You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
The Masland-Keating family; Larry, Jan, Ben, Elizabeth and Bridget

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**Jan Masland** - November 16, 2021 at 11:00 AM

EM

“ I didn't know Steve, but I certainly knew of him. He cared for several of my grandchildren with such skill. Clearly he will be hugely missed, not only by his colleagues, but by his many patients and their parents as well. Such a needless tragedy leaving many broken hearts behind. My sincerest condolences and thoughts go out to his family and to the Lancaster Pediatric Associates family. Edie May

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**Edith May** - November 16, 2021 at 10:55 AM

TR

“ Our entire family would like to express our deepest sympathies on the passing of Dr. Killough. He took care of our three children who are now adults. He treated them with kindness. He could make them laugh and forget why they were at the doctor's office. We are very grateful that they had such a kind and caring doctor. We are praying for your family.  
Tracy

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Tracy - November 16, 2021 at 08:26 AM

PB

“ I am so incredibly saddened to hear that Dr Killough passed away. I had the honor of “working” alongside Emily in church school and children’s chapel, and they are some of my fondest memories at St James. My heart breaks for you all. Know that you are surrounded by lots of love and many many caring people during this most difficult time. Prayers for you all.  
Pam Bowman

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Pam Bowman - November 16, 2021 at 06:56 AM



“ Dr. Killough was a wonderful man and a caring doctor. He cared for all of our daughters and gave us lots of helpful advice as new parents. We will certainly miss seeing him, receiving his care, and encouraging words. We are praying for his family as they grieve his loss.

- Paul and Jen Weitzel

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Paul Weitzel - November 15, 2021 at 10:03 PM

PL

“ I love my nephew Steve. I am so glad I will see him again in heaven. I always found it interesting that Steve and Betsy are 11 and 13 years younger than I. My brothers, Michael and Bobby Killough , are 11 and 13 years older than I. I have a lot of good memories involving Steve. He was young when diagnosed with diabetes. Doctors didn't know as much about it then. Diets and shots were stricter with little room for personal preferences and fewer menu choices. One summer evening Steve came by himself to have dinner with his grandmother and me. She had been very careful to ask Christine what he could and could not have. When dinner was served, Steve looked at his plate and said that he could not eat the lima beans. She was shocked and asked why not; they were his green vegetable. Steve replied with a ind smile that they were a carbohydrate eve though they were green in color. She was embarrassed. Steve did his best to reassure her that it was okay. When I have maple syrup on food I think of Steve and the delicious maple syrup he would bring me from New England. I am thankful for the last visit I had with Steve and Nan. We went to evening church and then out to eat.

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**Peggy Lehman** - November 15, 2021 at 04:11 PM

AL

“ Our family was devastated to hear the news of our favorite Doctor passing away. Dr. Killough was my son's doctor and then became my grandkids doctor as soon as they were born. He was a very sweet and calm spirit and always made us feel heard. We will miss him a great deal! My prayers of comfort and peace to the family. May GOD bless you and keep you in this time of grief.

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**Alma** - November 15, 2021 at 03:31 PM

TS

“Wow heaven gained a great man! So heartbreaking for us here, though. We will miss Dr. Killough. He always made my son smile, (and us chuckle). He was his first doctor when he was born. He gave such calmness to us, as new parents 17 years ago in the hospital. He was a good listener as a doctor too. It's truly a loss to all of his patients. We are blessed to have been a small part of his great story (what a beautiful written obituary). May God flood your heart with great memories of this wonderful man, that in time will comfort you. Sending prayers and hugs to Dr. Killough's family and friends.

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**The Streets** - November 15, 2021 at 02:06 PM

PW

“Dear Nan and family, Judy and I are so sad for your loss, and for the loss to Saint James. Your family has been such a part of our parish life. I will remember Steve sitting in the AV box during services. He was a man of so many talents. With God's comforting love, Paul

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**paul ware** - November 15, 2021 at 01:04 PM

ST

“We send our condolences to the Killough family in this tragic loss. Dr. Killough was a wonderful pediatrician to our kids. Very kind, a good listener and funny. He had a unique sense of humor that had us parents laughing. It took a while for our kids to catch on, but once they did we always looked forward to what jokes he would make at the visit. May God carry you through this most difficult time as you look to Him for strength. Our deepest sympathy, The Stewart Family

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**stewart** - November 15, 2021 at 01:02 PM

AF

“ I hired Steve to work in my lab at Hahnemann Medical College in the late 70's

*He was a hard worker, a deep thinker and an incredible problem solver. He build a complicated electromechanical device using his ingenuity and a Boy Scout electrical handbook. Visiting international researchers would ask what company made this for us. I urged him to provide us a manual to guide us if repairs were needed in his absence and he created a World Book style color coded set of overlay diagrams.*

*I think I was helpful in teaching him how to better navigate a medical school educational environment that oftentimes valued memorization over critical thinking.*

*I can still hear his full bodied laugh after more than 4 decades.*

*Allan P. Freedman, MD*

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**Allan Freedman** - November 15, 2021 at 12:39 PM

LR

“ So very sorry to hear of Steve passing. I worked with Steve at INA in Voorhees in the late 1970's. Steve was a very interesting young man at the time. I have fond memories of out work time together and a couple of evenings out with Steve and Nan in Philadelphia. This was many moons ago but Steve left a lasting impression as a wonderful talented man. I am sure he was loved and will be missed by all who knew him.

*Lynda Russo*

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**Lynda Russo** - November 15, 2021 at 12:05 PM

KG

“ Our deepest sympathy to Dr. Killough's family, friends and co-workers. He was my daughters' pediatrician for many years before moving forced us to make a change. He was a wonderful doctor --- patient, kind, and made my daughters both feel very at ease. God Bless You and may you Rest in Peace Dr. Killough.



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**K. Garman** - November 15, 2021 at 11:45 AM

BR

“ My heartfelt sympathy to your family in the passing of Dr. Killough. He was one of my longtime customers at Citizens Bank on Lititz Pike. In the last few years when he would come in we would chat about our children. It was a pleasure knowing him. May God comfort you in this time. Becky Rairigh

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**Becky Rairigh** - November 15, 2021 at 06:57 AM

SD

“ Sending my deepest condolences to Nanny, Emily and Andrew and the family for such a sudden and difficult loss. I will always remember Steve as the smart, kind and committed person he was when I knew him too briefly in high school. Nanny - know that I am thinking about you and hoping that one day soon you will be able to cherish the deep love you and Steve shared and all the wonderful memories you made. Love from Susie Saltonstall Duncan

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**Susan Duncan** - November 14, 2021 at 09:00 PM

PL

“ To Nan, Andrew and Emily, Your hubby and dad was such a great friend - we really appreciate his laughter, wisdom and friendship. May God hold you especially close during these times.  
Mark and Patti Leaman

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patricia jeanne leaman - November 14, 2021 at 08:03 PM

JK

“ Dear Nan & Family - Invited by Steve’s mom, Chris, i was honored to share a week in Sorrento with you and Steve this past summer. Steve and i were the early risers, and we shared daily morning conversation with our coffee. the memory of those early morning musings will stay with me for a long time. I’m sharing a brief paragraph - a prologue to a poem, written by Minnie Louise Haskins. It has always reminded me of special folks who weave thru the fabric of our lives. Steve was one of those.

“And i said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year, ‘Give me a light that i may tread safely into the unknown. He replied, ‘Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.’

And so i went forth, and, finding the Hand of God, i trod gladly into the night. And he led me toward the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.”

God Bless you, my friend,

Judi Kearney

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Judi Kearney - November 14, 2021 at 05:32 PM

EA

“ Our family was heartbroken to hear the news about our beloved Dr. Killough. He has taken amazing care of our 5 children for the past 19 years... from the moment he stepped into our delivery room to check on our first-born child. We are so sorry for your loss, but please know his impact on others will live on. Dr. Killough was an amazing doctor, but you could tell from meeting him, an even more amazing person. May His soul Rest In Peace, and May God comfort you at this most difficult time.

*-The Acker Family*

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**Elena Acker** - November 14, 2021 at 04:51 PM

RG

“ My family’s hearts are broken for the Killough family. Steven and Nan were/are the epitome of lovingkindness, leavened with a heaping scoop of warm humor. Zander will be wearing a bow tie this week.

*Much love,  
Rachel, Sarah, Zander & Skye Gawn*

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**Rachel Gawn** - November 14, 2021 at 02:10 PM

CD

“ It is with heartfelt sympathy that we note the untimely passing of this wonderful family man and community leader. Hopefully his contributions and your memories will sustain you in the grieving time to come. Charlotte and Peter DeGreen

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**Charlotte DeGreen** - November 14, 2021 at 02:06 PM

CM

“ I'm so very sorry for your tragic loss. This story breaks my heart. Sending prayers for family, friends and patients.  
God bless, Cindi Musselman, Lancaster PA.



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**Cindi Musselman** - November 14, 2021 at 02:04 PM

RR

“ Sending deepest regards to the Killough family. Dr. Killough was on the board of the S. June Smith Center while I was on the staff. He was always a staunch supporter of the Center and its work with children and families in Lancaster County. He had the respect of all who knew him.

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**Roseanne Rogers** - November 14, 2021 at 12:49 PM

LG

“ I am so sorry for your loss and what you are all going through. I've known all of you for nearly 30 years and seen and felt all the love. Steve was an amazing and gentle soul. I love you all.

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**Lisa Gravely** - November 14, 2021 at 12:45 PM

JH

“ I am taken back many years in remembering Steven, who was in high school at the time. I can see him in this photo just as I did back in 1972. I knew him as a deeply thoughtful and caring teen. I am saddened deeply by this news and extend my deepest sympathies to his wife and children and to his sister, Betsy and his mother, Chris, both whom I have continued to remember fondly over these years. Your loss and that of Steven's community is deep. Please know of my thoughts for you along with my prayers. John Havrilla

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**John Havrilla** - November 14, 2021 at 12:08 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Steven F. Killough.*



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November 14, 2021 at 11:49 AM



“ *I knew Steve as a teenager and he was a wonderful mix of intelligence, kindness, and gentleness. A gifted musician and singer who performed Nanki Poo in our high school version of The Mikado. Such a worthy person!*

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**Hod Nalle** - November 14, 2021 at 11:47 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy. He was such wonderful doctor my two sons had him as there doctor.*

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**Mary Ann Eshleman** - November 14, 2021 at 10:32 AM