



Stephen George Shetron

May 24, 1934 - January 5, 2022

Stephen George Shetron, 87, of Traverse City, Michigan, passed away on January 5, 2022 after a short illness.

Steve grew up in White Plains, NY. He was a lifelong learner, with degrees from Alfred State (NY), Michigan State, and U of M. He was a professor in Soils Science at Michigan Tech for 30 years, enjoying his teaching and research in mine tailing reclamation. He and his wife Ruth raised their daughters, Becky and Lynne, in Alberta and L'Anse, Michigan. Their family time was full of such experiences as maple sugaring, fishing, cross country skiing, camping and summer weekends at their cottage on Beaufort Lake. Later in his career, Steve and Ruth lived in Houghton.

Throughout his adult life he was active in the United Methodist church and even after moving away maintained a special interest in the L'Anse church. His church home in Traverse City was the First Reformed Church. He was also an active volunteer in retirement, spending time with the Tucson-Sonoran Desert Museum, Native Seeds/SEARCH, and Interlochen. He enjoyed traveling with family and friends, and later in life visited South America, Egypt, drove the Alaska Highway and took a month-long cruise to Antarctica. He was a snowbird in Arizona for many years and enjoyed taking Amtrak back and forth.

Steve is survived by his children Rebecca Nold and Lynne (John) Shetron-Rama, grandchildren Natalie and Andrew Nold, and Benjamin and Elaine Rama. Preceding him in death are his father and mother John Henry and Veeva C. (Sworts) Shetron, his older brother John Shetron Jr, and his wife of 43 years, Ruth (Strobel) Shetron.

Memorial gifts can be made to the Shetron-Jurgenson Scholarship Fund at Michigan Tech. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 5th 3:00 PM at Canton Friendship Church, 1240 Beck Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 5. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Canton Friendship Church
1240 Beck Road
Canton, MI 48187

Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen George Shetron*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Brighter days (and nights) shared with Steve and Ruth square dancing with the Red Rockers.
Rich and Karen Brooks, Keweenaw Bay*

Richard Brooks - February 04, 2022 at 11:21 AM



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Luke Nave - February 03, 2022 at 10:09 AM



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Luke Nave - February 03, 2022 at 10:07 AM

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Luke Nave - February 03, 2022 at 10:04 AM

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Luke Nave - February 03, 2022 at 10:02 AM

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Thank you for the post and for the great pictures!

Becky Nold - February 03, 2022 at 10:22 AM



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Rebecca Nold - February 01, 2022 at 05:01 PM

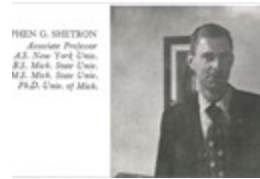


“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.vermeulenfh.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Stephen George Shetron.

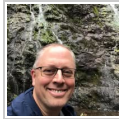
January 31, 2022 at 11:45 AM



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Jim Desrochers - January 30, 2022 at 09:27 AM



Steve was a faculty member at Michigan Tech that made an indelible impact on the lives of many students through his teaching.

Jim Desrochers - January 30, 2022 at 09:28 AM



And I'm one of those students; Steve was my advisor for my MS at MTU, working down at the CCI mines at that time. He was a great mentor! The days of working the sugar bush at Alberta were particularly memorable. / Carl Trettin

Carl Trettin - January 31, 2022 at 08:59 AM

LN

The twinkle in Steve's eye comes through in those pictures just as well as it did in the years I knew him. Between 2013-2015, Steve made about a dozen trips from his seasonal home in Traverse City to the U of M Biostation to teach me about soil interpretation and classification, to help me figure out some problems I was having with study sites at the time, and to share stories from his life and career. He taught me more about soils in those dozen trips than I learned in the years before or since, and I am lucky to have known him. He had a formative impact on my life and career through his knowledge and friendship, and the spring, summer, and autumn afternoons we passed in the woods looking at pits, roadcuts, and soil survey maps. He passed on a significant part of his soils library to me, as well as a well-worn bucket auger and spade that will span a second career, in my hands.

I'll try to upload a few pictures of Steve "in his glory" (as he would say) during those treasured years.

Luke Nave, University of Michigan

Luke Nave - February 03, 2022 at 09:59 AM

JS

Steve was my graduate school advisor in the early 1980's. It was always good to hear from him over the years. I have many fond memories of projects on the mines, forestry fertility, and snow sampling. He enjoyed teaching and interacting with the students. I will miss him. May he rest in peace!

Jim Spindler

Jim Spindler - February 10, 2023 at 05:27 PM