



Stephen Joseph Ley
May 27 1953-June 16 2008

On June 16th after a 21 month round with stage IV metastatic pancreatic cancer, Steve Ley played onto the 19th hole. For anyone who was fortunate to have made his acquaintance his dry sense of humor and keen intellect will never be forgotten. He loved his family. He loved his profession. He loved his friends. He loved his life, and never hesitated to share the ride with anyone who would hop on with him.

His admiration for Albert Einstein ran deep. They were both men who's basic constitutions were based on a curiosity about life and all its abundant mysteries. Einstein, upon the death of one of his colleagues, was quoted as saying: "Now he has departed from this strange world a little ahead of me. That means nothing. People like us, who believe in physics, know that the distinction between past, present and future is only a stubbornly persistent illusion." It was humbling for Steve to believe that there were forces at play that were much greater than he would ever be able to comprehend. He knew he was but a very small piece of a very large puzzle.

Steve leaves behind his wife, Annie, his two children Kevin and Sarah Ley, and his two stepchildren, Will and Elizabeth Brewster. He will also be dearly missed by his two cats, Tommy and Slippers. He is also survived by his sisters, Monica and Fjell Ley, and is predeceased by his parents, Frank and Doris Ley

Please hold your loved ones closely. Find that place in your heart, where even in the middle of the deepest chaos, you can find peace. Let go of ego, and above all celebrate the present moment. Reflect upon the words of Harriet Beecher Stowe 'The bitterest tears shed over graves are for words left unsaid and deeds left undone.'

The last 21 months of Steve's life were a gift to us all. Cherish those gifts and when you unwrap them remember the amazing man that was Steve Ley.

A celebration of Steve's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Cancer Family Network c/o G.O.L.F (gift of living fund) 313 West Mendenhall St. Bozeman Mt 59715. Any donated funds will be gifted in Steve's name to families or individuals in the Gallatin Valley who are facing a cancer diagnosis, and are in need of financial assistance.

Funeral arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service. www.dokkennelson.com