



## Col. Stephen J. Luptak

April 10, 1931 - August 15, 2017

Colonel Stephen John Luptak, 86, died peacefully at the Veterans' Victory House in Walterboro, South Carolina on August 15, 2017.

Colonel Luptak was born April 10, 1931 in Dearborn, Michigan to Stefan and Katerina Kubik Luptak-Katina, immigrants from Piestany, Czechoslovakia. Shortly after his graduation from Wayne State University, he joined the Army and over the course of his career as a strategic intelligence officer, served tours overseas, at the Pentagon and with the Defense Intelligence Agency. A brave and loyal soldier with numerous medals and commendations, he enjoyed being a linguist, pilot, marksman and ballroom dancing instructor. Following his discharge with full honors, he enjoyed his remaining years with family in Florida and later with his daughters and their families in South Carolina. He cherished the many friends he made, especially in his last years at the Veterans Victory House.

He is preceded in death by his father, mother and step-father. He is survived by his daughters, Katherine O'Neill (Ron) of Spartanburg, and Christine Matthews (Kevin) of Summerville, his sister, Magdalen Unzicker, his niece, Katrina Moutes (Tom), his six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

A mass will be held on Friday, August 18, 2017 at 9am at St. John's Beloved Catholic Church 28 Sumter Avenue, Summerville, SC 29483. Gathering of

friends and family will be Sunday, August 20, 2017 from 3-5pm at James A. Dyal Funeral Home 303 S. Main St Summerville, SC 29483. A graveside service will be scheduled for a later date at Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Veterans' Victory House 2461 Sidneys Rd Walterboro SC 29488.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at [www.jamesadyal.com](http://www.jamesadyal.com).

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG **18**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Beloved Catholic Church  
28 Sumter Avenue  
Summerville, SC 29483

## Gathering of Friends & Family

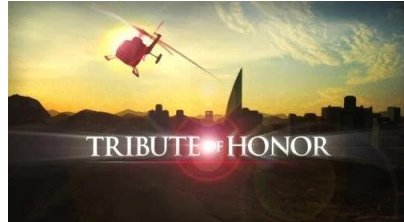
AUG **20**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home  
303 S. Main Street  
Summerville, SC 29483  
(843) 873-4040  
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ James A Dyal Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Col. Stephen J. Luptak



James A Dyal Funeral Home - August 19, 2017 at 10:05 AM

SG

I remember that moment when Air Force BrigGen Hersman presented Steve with that award. Believe it was 1990 at the Pentagon. Steve was taken by surprise and overwhelmed with emotion.

Steve Grogan - June 30, 2024 at 10:53 PM



“ Col. Stephen J. Luptak

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM

SO

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.



Spartanburg County Treasurers Office - August 21, 2017 at 09:18 AM



“ I miss my friend Mr. Luptak. He was the most easy going and nicest man you could ever meet. He spent everyday with us in our activities area. He showed everyone he met with love and respect. I know God is well pleased with him., such a pure soul. I can't wait to see you again one day buddy!! Stephanie Dempsey, Activity Director at VVH. PS. Much love sent to his daughters, whom he loved so much, and the rest of his family. Thanks for sharing him with us!!

Stephanie Dempsey - August 20, 2017 at 11:10 PM



“ Thoughts and Prayers to family and friends. It was a pleasure to know the Colonel, he met no strangers.  
GOD BLESS

Cindy Courtney CNA/VVH - August 19, 2017 at 03:57 AM



“ Ted and Pat Kubick purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Col. Stephen J. Luptak.



Ted and Pat Kubick - August 18, 2017 at 10:51 AM

CH

“ *What moves through you is a silence, sadness, a longing for one more day, word, touch and you may not understand why he left, but little by little, you will remember not that he is gone, but he Lived! And that his life gave you memories too beautiful to forget.*

*Words can't wipe away your tears, hugs won't ease your pain, but hold on to his memories, and forever they will remain.*

*Mrs. Katherine, I am so sorry for the passing of your father. Thinking of you, and wishing you and your family moments of peace and comfort. Matthew 5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted".*

*Charlitta Curbeam*

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**Charlitta** - August 18, 2017 at 09:50 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Col. Stephen J. Luptak.*



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August 17, 2017 at 03:23 PM

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“ *What a fine man and friend. We have been visiting at the Victory House for about 2 1/2 years and have spent time with Stephen in the recreation room. He loved, poker, bingo and solitaire! He shared many interesting stories of his life experiences. He was such a respected gentleman and shall be missed. Our deepest sympathies are with the family.*



*Randy and Bonnie Olsen*

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**Randy & Bonnie Olsen** - August 17, 2017 at 12:20 PM

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“ *I just met the Col. at the butterfly release we attended in honor of my pop Ret. Master Sargent J.J. Kirby, I had the pleasure of serving and enjoying cake with him. I didn't know him personally but the few hours my mother and I spent with him that day were wonderful. He told us stories of his family and how much they meant to him, and he made a hard day for us so enjoyable that I knew I'd always remember him, thank you for a wonderful day Col. I'll always remember you. Glenda Cleland*



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**Glenda Cleland** - August 17, 2017 at 11:30 AM

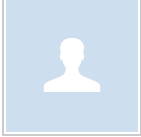
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“ *Tyler Technologies purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Col. Stephen J. Luptak.*



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**Tyler Technologies** - August 17, 2017 at 09:18 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Col. Stephen J. Luptak.*



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August 16, 2017 at 05:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Col. Stephen J. Luptak.*



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August 16, 2017 at 04:47 PM



“ *Mrs. Katherine,*

*On behalf of my family, I wanted to say "we are sorry to hear about your Father. Our prayers are with you and all of your family members." God is always with us and is always good.*

*Jamie Nelson.*

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**Jamie Nelson** - August 16, 2017 at 04:08 PM



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“ *Katherine & Christine,  
So sorry to learn of your fathers passing. My prayers and thoughts  
are with you both and your family at this time. If there is anything I  
can do to help you please know that I am here.*

*Lynn O'Dell*

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**Lynn O'Dell** - August 16, 2017 at 03:55 PM