Stephen Evon Strutynski

November 15, 1975 – September 5, 2026

Stephen was born to Heather and Lawrence Strutynski in Salmon Arm, BC, where he grew up. He spent most of his adult life on Vancouver Island, on the Saanich Peninsula. Stephen was a talented artist, a loving husband to Maureen, father to Sebastian, brother to Niki, and a caring son and uncle. He was also a dedicated teacher, mentor, and a loyal friend. Stephen's love for his wife and son was deep and devoted. He also doted on their family dog, Vimy. He was passionate about his work and proud of his students and the community he worked with at Stelly's Secondary School.

Starting in his early 20's, Stephen faced serious health challenges that had lasting impacts on his physical ability, but he did not let this hold him back. On the contrary, his achievements as an artist and teacher are a testament to his dedication and perseverance.

Stephen completed both a BFA with honours and Masters in Art Education at UVic. He was forever committed to bringing his learning into his teaching practice. Stephen was a beloved teacher because of his passion and care for ideas and creativity. He never asked "Why?" only "Why not?"

It was Stephen's wish to create a visual arts award in his memory. The purpose of this award is to provide financial support to a visual arts student as they continue on to post-secondary. The family hopes this will be a legacy fund for many years to come and will honour Stephen's passion for art and future artists. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to fulfill Stephen's wish here: **Stephen Strutynski Visual Art Award**

We thank you for your generous support.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, September 20, 2026 at 2:00 pm, in the Sequoia Centre at McCall Gardens, 4665 Falaise Drive, Victoria, BC. All welcome, come as you are, wear something colourful.

For those who are able to join us, the family would love to create a shared scrapbook of memories. During the gathering, we will provide cards for you to write down a favorite memory, story, or message – there is no need to prepare anything in advance.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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