

Remembering Steffon West 1938–2022



Steffon was born in Newport Pagnall, Buckinghamshire but moved aged 1 to Derby. He saw himself as a Derbyshire lad and supported The Rams always.

Steffon attended Bembridge Grammar School but although academic enough to go to University, chose instead to hold down a full time job and study in the evenings to become a Quantity Surveyor.

His first post was in Chesterfield where he met his future wife Hazel and it was here that their son Richard was born. They moved around quite a lot as he was climbing the work ladder but the job he most enjoyed was working for the Government at their strategic air sites. Margaret Thatcher put paid to that and this was the reason he came to live in Sheffield in 1989 as Assistant Chief Quantity Surveyor for the City Council.

Here he met Denise and they married in 1996, and bought a house together in Millhouses. He always loved Sheffield and had no wish to move again.

Steffon loved fast cars. In fact he was a “petrol head” and many an Audi stood on the drive over the years. He also made fishing a life long pursuit and was treasurer for the Sheffield Piscatorial Society. Steffon and Denise travelled widely having family in the U.S.A..

He was a keen gardener and could upend trees and dig for Britain whilst not knowing the name of a single plant. This led to him joining the Su3a group at Whirlow Brook Park renovating a neglected garden and he spent many an happy hour in his waders in the pond.

Steffon was a life long socialist, a principled, loyal and loving man.

I am picking a pear tree for the orchard as he lived on Pear Tree Farm in Belper as a teenager and loved pear crumble.

Denise West