



## Steven J. Werber

May 3, 1968 - May 16, 2024

Steven Werber, 56, passed away in Pittsburgh, PA after a valiant fight against Leukemia, surrounded by his family and friends. Steven was a very loving spouse, beloved son, and treasured friend. He was an avid reader, enthusiastic gamer, and talented actor and comedian. Steven or Stevie to his friends and family was a former teacher at Hillel Academy of Pittsburgh for twenty years before the pandemic had him transitioning to tutoring. Stevie was beloved by his students, colleagues, as well as his family, friends, and neighbors. He was, as his friend, Scott says, "an eminently kind, warm, and generous person. Stevie was a big warm and safe hug in the shape of a human being. He will be sorely and deeply missed by all who knew him. Steven is survived by his wife, Cheryl; his parents, Barry and Brenda; cousins, Riki, Greg, and Caren; and all his nieces and nephews - not to mention by his friends. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to [WYEP.org](http://WYEP.org).

Viewing will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 from 1-3 and from 4pm until the time of a service at 5:30pm at the D'Alessandro Funeral Home & Crematory Ltd; 4522 Butler Street Pittsburgh, PA, 15201. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at the Penn Forest Cemetery at 1pm. **EVERYONE IS TO MEET AT CEMETERY**

There will be a Zoom meeting starting at 5:00 pm on Tuesday using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89832138886?pwd=K0d4bnJjaFIFdVBRcVg5RVJwOUUpdz09>

If pass code is needed, that code is 153523

[www.dalessandroitd.com](http://www.dalessandroitd.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Penn Forest Cemetery**

121 Colorado Street  
Verona, PA 15147

# Previous Events

## **Visitation**

**MAY 21.** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

D'Alessandro Funeral Home and Crematory Ltd.  
4522 Butler St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15201

## **Visitation**

**MAY 21.** 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

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Pittsburgh, PA 15201

## **Memorial Service**

**MAY 21.** 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Pittsburgh, PA 15201

## Graveside Service

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MAY **22**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Penn Forest Natural Burial Park  
121 Colorado Street  
Verona, PA 15147

# Tribute Wall

AN

“ I love his Twitter/X account. He contributed such content that a year after his passing, I still find myself going back through his post and sometimes still discovering new content. 🙏🙏RIP🙏🙏

Antiquated\_Flatulence - May 27, 2025 at 11:44 AM

WI

“ Only knew Steven by the twitter Handle Hatter.

*I still visit his "X" id to read his posts... Gone, but never forgotten!*

*Miss his insights*

*Rest Easy @Talk\_To\_The\_Hat*

Wilkie - December 01, 2024 at 12:01 PM

WH

“ Well Hello, there, it's me  
With how it's gonna be  
Settle down and listen up good

*The old Hatter is gone  
But the Hat must go on  
Worn by me, is that understood?  
(THE MAD HATTER)*

*Steven will always be here if only in spirit. Thanksgiving seemed the most appropriate time to remember him, because I am grateful for having known him.*

Whitney - November 27, 2024 at 09:55 AM

DR

“ I’m 6 months late on this, which is unacceptable. Steven, you were one of the first people I met on Twitter. You were the kindest person I’ve ever met in my life. We eventually lost touch through the years, as your following grew. You were always one to show love and compassion to everyone, regardless of religion, political beliefs, race, etc.. My biggest regret is not checking in sooner, not knowing you were sick, and not getting to say goodbye. You are missed by so many. Love and prayers to C and everyone who knew you, personally and online. I feel confident in saying that this is a loss that we all will feel, for a very long time. The only consolation is that you are no longer in pain. Rest now. See you on the other side.  
~ Dragonfly

Dragonfly - November 21, 2024 at 12:49 AM

NI

“ I met Steven 25 flipping years ago in the basement of the Cathedral of Learning doing improv comedy. It was something that came easy to him, along with sharing that love, passion and knowledge with others who thought they saw the same spark in themselves. I'll simply hope that Steven can put together a new troupe in his new home so they can start "Yes, And"ing forever and ever. Amen.

Nicolas - June 18, 2024 at 03:47 PM

JN

“ One of the kindest human beings to ever grace the Earth. The world was a kinder and better place with him in it. Love you Hatter.



Jeremy Nash - June 13, 2024 at 05:30 PM

F(

“ This is such a shock. I grew up with Steven. We went to Hillel Academy together, car-pooled, rode the bus together, and also went to the Ike's summer camp in Monroeville. We were classmates for six years. Such a sweet guy, a good friend. Every time I hear Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Survive", I remember Steven, David Ludwig, and myself belting it out for all to hear. So sad. He was just a mensch. Sending all my love to Barry, Brenda, and the family.

Francine Sue Simpson (Ainsman) - May 31, 2024 at 02:20 PM

RD

“ My name is Rich Rautenstrauch I met the hatter on his Twitter Page, I loved what he did. The enthusiasm he on his page was so fun. Inspiring  
Thank you for filling us in. All of us.



Rich and Denine - May 29, 2024 at 12:47 PM

M(

“ Mary Brewer (mary\_geeks\_out) purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Steven J. Werber.



Mary Brewer (mary\_geeks\_out) - May 22, 2024 at 10:21 AM

LE

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, Steve was a great guy, compassionate and caring. He made a lot of lives better by just being there for people. I know he will be sorely missed.

Leslie - May 22, 2024 at 05:26 AM

LM

“ I’ve been thinking about what to say, and I think I have it. Steve was the most incredibly open-hearted person I’ve ever known. If he met you and spoke with you, you were a friend. To know him was to know love. We’ll miss you, dear friend.



Lori Melton - May 21, 2024 at 11:08 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Steven J. Werber.



May 21, 2024 at 11:02 PM

LL

“ Love Leila planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven J. Werber.

Love Leila - May 21, 2024 at 11:02 PM

ER

“ I first met Steven many years ago when he preformed at my college with *Mysteries Most Wanted*. It was a Robin Hood themed show and he had me rolling around laughing. In the brief time I was able to spend with him over the years, I have never felt a more genuine presence in my life. He was the life of the party, but also the calm in the storm. Seeing the service today shows how much he will continue to be loved by all who knew him. Rest in peace Steve.

Erin Ritson - May 21, 2024 at 10:20 PM

AH

“ Dear Cheryl,  
Sorry Aunie Edith and I could not be there in person. I'm glad I it was streamed which allowed us to pay our respects. Sincere condolences. Take care.  
Amando Hernandez

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**Amando Hernandez** - May 21, 2024 at 06:21 PM



“ Steve was a funny loving man.. He enjoyed performing and making people laugh. His love of family especially Cheryl was beautiful. He loved his parents , Brenda and Barry equally .. RIP Steve.

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**Hilda Goldhamer** - May 20, 2024 at 01:47 PM

ES

“ I met Steve through his wife Cheryl, whom I had met through my and her respective blogs, ca. 2005. I realized that they lived in Squirrel Hill, and we met for dinner. I had a splendid time with them both, and knew that they are both fantastic individuals and a wonderful couple. I kept in touch with them both on Facebook, and was heartbroken to learn of his leukemia diagnosis and his recent passing. His death is premature, but he was a positive force, and a beacon to those whose path he crossed.

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**Elisabeth Sauvage-Callaghan** - May 20, 2024 at 01:23 PM

MB

“ He was my best friend online and in life, and so much more. He was always reaching out to those who are broken and hurting. If there is an afterlife, it's guaranteed Steve is reaching out to the broken, hurting souls there. He never let me down. He has and always will be my friend. May he rest in peace and love.



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**Mary Brewer** - May 20, 2024 at 11:55 AM

 Mickie Mousseau

“ I knew him as the Hatter, the person who was always there online for everyone else. His kind words and dad jokes got us through some rough times and he will be missed by our community. Mickie Mousseau aka Gabriel's Jedi

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**Mickie Mousseau** - May 20, 2024 at 10:12 AM

LH

“ Mr. Werber was such a nice man, a devoted actor, and an excellent and caring teacher. It was an honor to have had him and his wife as Shabbos guests. Leah Chava Hertzberg and family

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**Lori (Leah Chava) Katz Hertzberg** - May 20, 2024 at 09:34 AM

SA

“ Steven, you were a source of wit and wisdom, of fun, of comfort, of hope.

*Somehow, everything would always be okay because "The Hatter loves you."*

*You touched so many lives and you will be deeply missed by everyone who knew you.*

*Thank you for allowing me to be a tiny part of your life.  
Rest well x*



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**Sarah** - May 19, 2024 at 04:13 PM

MY

“ Deepest condolences to friends & family of Steven, especially his wife Cheryl. Like many, I knew him as The Hatter. He touched the lives of many people, always inspiring kindness, courage, confidence and hope.

*M (Agoraphobic Nomad)*

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**Mych** - May 19, 2024 at 12:20 PM

“ *hatter's song*

*When you are alone  
Sitting with your phone  
Hoping for someone to care  
Never give up hope  
Never more than a dream  
Life isn't what it seems*

*I'm waiting for you  
To Notice that I'm here  
By your side  
Together we fight  
The demons in our lives  
With you my friend  
To the end*

*When you are down  
Don't give up hope  
You're never alone  
Just a text away*

*I'm waiting for you  
To Notice that I'm here  
By your side  
Together we fight  
The demons in our lives  
With you my friend  
To the end*

*Oh never give up hope  
We are here with you  
Just a text away*

*A rare soul who shined bright and shared beauty with others .  
Steven always lifted you up with words , never failing to show the*

*heart of who he was a gentleman and teddy bear for those who needed reminded what makes them special . Hatter will be missed , the writing above was for him . He dared me to write him a song , it's not perfect but he knew he was never alone , for all of us around him in real life or online were there when he needed us just like he was there for us ❤️*

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**Ruth** - May 19, 2024 at 10:01 AM

RU

“ *I think my story is similar to many on Twitter. I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Hatter outside of Twitter. But he sure knew how to bring light to a routinely dark place that Twitter can be. We became Twitter friends because we both loved to laugh at ourselves. And we both wanted to make Twitter a better place. He succeeded in that goal. I learned a lot from him. I learned how to be a more responsible social media presence. Thank you for the laughs and friendship Hatter. There is NO DOUBT you are already missed. My condolences to his wife and to all who loved him. RIP Hatter.*

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**Rob - Krazy Universe** - May 19, 2024 at 08:01 AM

RH

“ *I only knew him as "Hatter" on Twitter. I don't even remember how I came to know him. But he seemed like a nice and funny guy, and that's all that mattered to me.. Upsetting to know that he's gone. Condolences and wishes for peace to all of those that were closest to him and must be struggling with this loss.*

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**Rock Holiday** - May 19, 2024 at 04:14 AM

GG

*“ Hatter was a good friend to me during my Cancer treatments. He lifted my spirits when I was down and made me believe I could get through my darkest days. He was a true gentleman in every sense of the word and he will be deeply missed by everyone who life he brightened daily with his words.  
You have my deepest sympathies.*



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**GG15** - May 19, 2024 at 03:08 AM

SY

*“ I'm going to miss your tweets very much, Hatter. Your jokes, your good wishes to us all every night. You were loved by a big community who will always respect you and remember you. I always smiled when I saw your message, "The Hatter Loves You". We certainly love you back, Steven, Hatter.  
May your kind soul be at peace.*

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**Syl** - May 19, 2024 at 02:24 AM

PS

*“ Hatter, you were loved. You touched way more lives than you could ever imagine. I lost my husband in early March. I hope my husband is listening to Hatter tell dad jokes and cracking up the way I did.*



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**Peggy Snow** - May 19, 2024 at 01:41 AM



Whitney Devlin

“ I only knew him as Hatter, a mythical person that I always knew would be there to share a word or two, especially during times when it was needed the most. After his passing, I learned that he was also human. Steven, a loving husband, a treasured son, and a dear friend. I will miss him, and he will always be remembered. My prayers to his family and friends, and I hope your memories of him will eventually bring more smiles than tears.

Whitney Devlin - May 19, 2024 at 12:43 AM

PS

I'm one of the ones that followed him on Twitter. I can't tell you how wonderful it felt to be one of his tribe. See his message each night, "Hatter loves you" gave me hope that everything was going to be ok. He will be remembered for a long time. My heart goes out to his family.

Peggy Snow - May 19, 2024 at 01:37 AM

LF

“ Love, the Bocknek Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Steven J. Werber.



Love, the Bocknek Family - May 18, 2024 at 10:52 PM

LF

“ Love, the Bocknek Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven J. Werber.

Love, the Bocknek Family - May 18, 2024 at 10:52 PM

DE

“ *Debbie lit a candle in memory of Steven J. Werber*



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**Debbie** - May 18, 2024 at 09:12 PM

RM

“ *He was always enough and our world is better for him being in it. Goodnight Steven. Raevyn loves you.*

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**Raevyn Morrigan** - May 18, 2024 at 08:03 PM

SK

“ *Steven was a light of kindness in an unkind world. His time spent online brought a smile and a warm place for those who followed him. He was a good man who cared. I will miss him. May he find peace.*



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**skippy** - May 18, 2024 at 07:28 PM

TA

“ *Such a great person know on social media. He will be very missed by me and many.*



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**Tamiya** - May 18, 2024 at 06:34 PM

JW

“ Jennifer Wilmoth lit a candle in memory of Steven J. Werber



Jennifer Wilmoth - May 18, 2024 at 05:52 PM

KI

“ I was so sad to hear of his passing. So many of us enjoyed his social media messages. He will be missed. My condolences to his family.

Kim - May 18, 2024 at 05:14 PM

AU

“ My deepest condolences. He was a good man.

AuthorStew - May 18, 2024 at 04:30 PM

RR

“ "Hatter"and I never met in person, but our Twitter personas were best of friends whenever our cyberpaths crossed.

*His wit and kindness of spirit will be missed.*

*#MementoMori --- Roadie Ric in Chicago*



Roadie Ric - May 18, 2024 at 03:44 PM

KA

*I never knew "Hatter" in person, but I was honored to know him online. I know my life was better because I knew him. The world isn't the same without him. I know I will miss him and his sense of humor, wisdom, and his kindness towards everyone.*

*~Kaity*

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**Kaity** - May 18, 2024 at 04:30 PM

MM

“*Steven, or Hatter as so many of us called him, was one of the most kind, genuine and intelligent people in this world. I feel that we can all agree on that. For me personally, he was there for me when I was going through some of the absolute worst times of my life. I didn't have a friend who listened and cared the way he did. He never justified anything bad. He never gave me any sentences that started "at least". He was there and he cared in a genuine way. He was like that for all of us. The world is better for having had him in it. My heart to C and to his family. Blessings to you all and may you have infinite comfort and deep healing.*

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**M. Maxwell** - May 18, 2024 at 03:14 PM

ME

“*I only knew Steven, or "Hatter", from Twitter, but you could tell from his mere words that he was a man with an incredible presence who was full of love, kindness and hope. He was larger than life, even though I only knew him from behind a screen. Cheryl, Barry, Brenda - I am so so sorry for your loss. Goodnight Hatter, you are loved, you will be missed and your presence will never be forgotten.*

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**Melanie** - May 18, 2024 at 02:46 PM

“Stevie was the youngest of all my 12 cousins. He was one of four of us, on my father’s side. Our Bubbie (Grandmother) called us her “millions”, her riches here on earth, and her gift to the future. Stevie was born as I finished my freshman year in college, so we didn’t grow up together. I was, however, a witness to the joy in which he was welcomed to the world, and the love in which he was raised.

Stevie gave the best hugs, from the time he was an infant. He had two bobbies, and when this became confusing to his toddler self, our bubbie told him, “I am Bubbie too!” After that, for several years, he called her, Bubbie Too”.

So many random thoughts have come to mind this weekend as I try to make sense of how Stevie was taken from us just after his 56th birthday. I read a quote from a new book by one of my favorite authors this morning that is helping me to find meaning in what appears to be this senseless loss.

*From How the Light Gets In by Joyce Maynard:*

*"If nobody ever broke, if everything always turned out the way you wanted, if the sun always shone and the rain never fell, if there were only spring and no winter, only music and no silence, only love without loneliness, where would beauty come from, or amazement? If nobody ever died, how could they know the preciousness of every day they got to be alive in the world?"*

*This book takes its title from “Anthem” by Leonard Cohen. “There is a crack, a crack in everything. That’s how the light gets in.”*

*Two thoughts for today: I believe that Stevie lived his life fully knowing the preciousness of every day. He enjoyed all the well days, although he endured great suffering, and made sure to share his precious light with everyone he met. Our Bubbie’s investment in the future was enjoyed by all who were lucky enough to be in Stevie’s presence.*

*Instead of wishing that his memory will be for a blessing, I will wish that Stevie's memory should be for an example. His life was a too brief shining light in the lives of all who knew him. I, for one, will miss his hugs. Sleep well, baby cousin. You were loved by so many.*

**Retta London** - May 18, 2024 at 02:17 PM

IM

“ I "met" the Hatter on Twitter soon after he joined, I believe. He soon became one of the instantly recognizable people on there. His signature "the Hatter loves you" was always such a balm in an environment where it became increasingly difficult to have friendly conversations. And it always felt like he truly meant it. The world is so much richer for all the love he spread.

**Isabella Mori** - May 18, 2024 at 02:14 PM

BS

“ Buffy Summers lit a candle in memory of Steven J. Werber

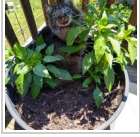


**Buffy Summers** - May 18, 2024 at 02:04 PM

BS

“ I met Steven ( aka Hatter) on twitter, he never failed to cheer me up, and he was the best at terrible jokes...he will be missed, and he was absolutely loved by so many.. Wonderland is sadder without him.

**Buffy Summers** - May 18, 2024 at 02:04 PM



“ I don't remember meeting Steve, or Werbie as I liked to call him. He was one of those people who just were *THERE*, in your life, like you knew them all your life. Werbie was perhaps the kindest, warmest, funniest human being I knew. He was great with and for his students, and his joke of the day was legendary at Hillel Academy. He impacted so many people in so many positive ways. He leaves a giant hole in all our hearts and is missed more than words could ever convey. Rest easy my friend.

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**Deb Oz** - May 17, 2024 at 05:16 PM