



Stephen Lee Ware

January 24, 2025

Stephen Lee Ware, 57, of Woodstown, passed away on January 24, 2025.

Born in Mannington, Stephen was the son of Clinton and Barbara (Spicer) Ware. A graduate of Woodstown High School (Class of 1985), Stephen was a standout athlete, excelling in baseball, basketball, and football. He earned All-South Jersey honors as a halfback in football and as a center fielder in baseball. In 1984, he set the record for most yards in a single football game—290 yards—and in 1985, he set the record for most yards in a season—1,500 yards—a record he held until 2022. Stephen's football career continued at Trenton State, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and was a starting halfback for the football team. His junior year, he totaled 363 yards on 67 carries, averaging 5.4 yards per carry while scoring six touchdowns. He was named to the New Jersey Athletic All-Conference First Team in 1988, rushing for 1,249 yards and scoring six touchdowns—a record that remains unbroken—and helping lead his team to an NJAC Championship.

After college, Stephen began a distinguished career in law enforcement, working for the Salem County Prosecutor's Office. He retired as a Lieutenant in 2017 after twenty-five years of dedicated service.

Stephen's true pride and joy were his family, especially his two sons, Jake

Clinton and Cole Thomas. Family always came first, and Stephen was deeply involved in his sons' lives, volunteering to coach their teams and filling weekends with soccer and flag football tournaments. This past season he had the privilege of watching both boys play on Clint Ware Memorial field at Woodstown HS, a beautiful legacy they will continue to carry on. Family vacations to Sea Isle City and Turks and Caicos brought him great joy, and he cherished these moments with his loved ones.

Stephen is survived by his loving wife of 19 years, Eileen (Faulkner); his sons, Jake and Cole, who were his pride and joy; his mother, Barbara Ware; his sister, Traci Bell, and her husband, Douglas, along with their sons, Alan and Dougie. He was predeceased by his father, Clinton Ware.

A Memorial Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2025, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Adams Funeral Home, 64 Broad Street, Woodstown, NJ 08098. Following the visitation, a celebration of life will be held at Farmers & Bankers Brewery, 8 N Main Street, Woodstown, NJ 08098.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Ware's Warrior Walk to End Alzheimer's. Donations can be mailed to the Delaware Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 399 Market Street, Suite 250, Philadelphia, PA, or made online at Ware's Warriors Walk to End Alzheimer's by following the prompts and adding "Ware's Warriors" when asked for a team name.

Condolences can be shared at adamsfuneralhome.org.

Cemetery Details

Private Interment

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Adams Funeral Home

64 Broad St.

Woodstown, NJ 08098

adamsfuneralhome@comcast.net

After the memorial visitation at the funeral home, the celebration of Stephen's life will continue at Farmers & Bankers Brewery, 8 N. Main St., Woodstown.

Tribute Wall

LG

“ I was roommates with Steve in college for two years and although we’ve lost touch, I’ll always remember what a great person he was. My condolences to his family!

Lou Gallo - February 17, 2025 at 03:51 PM

AC

“ I’m at a loss for words. Losing you feels unreal, and my heart aches knowing you’re no longer here. You were more than a friend—you were family. Your kindness, laughter, and presence made life brighter for everyone around you. I’ll cherish our memories forever and carry you with me always. You and Eileen have raised two wonderful boys and I’m sure they will continue your legacy. Rest easy, my dear friend. You will never be forgotten.

AJ Cummings - February 01, 2025 at 12:32 PM

MA

“ I enjoyed working with Steve for 18 years. I’ll always remember the times sitting in his office just talking and laughing, oh and working too. As his secretary he always had my back. He will be missed.

marcia - January 31, 2025 at 02:18 PM

MG

“ Sending all of our love to Eileen, Jake, Cole, and all of Steve's Warriors. Love, The Gumbel Family



Mary Jo Gumbel - January 31, 2025 at 12:48 PM

TF

“ The Pasqua Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Stephen Lee Ware.



The Pasqua Family - January 30, 2025 at 01:47 PM

MU

“GET THE KNEES UP DONKEY”!! All the years running the bases and side by side in the outfield wondering what classic line your uncle Lee was going to say next. The best of times my brother. THE. BEST.

Mugs - January 29, 2025 at 11:31 PM

JC

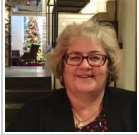
“ I had the honor of playing football with Steve at Trenton State College. Truly a gifted athlete and an incredible human being that was kind and was truly a great guy. Jay Celentano

jay Celentano - January 29, 2025 at 08:40 AM

DK

“ Steve I will never forget the memories I had with you buddy From Working on Wares farm Taking the Championship in little league in 1976 And like Dougie Hogate said Playing in your Huge front yard that you complained about cutting because took you 5-6 hours and the one I never forget You doing Wheelies with the Ford 5000 tractor lol
RIP my Friend My Buddy My Bro
Love ya 🥺🥺🥺🥺🥺

Douglas Kohrherr - January 28, 2025 at 12:24 PM



“ *Carol Molinari Monks lit a candle in memory of Stephen Ware*



Carol Molinari Monks - January 28, 2025 at 07:18 AM

DH

“ *God Bless all of the Ware family. Rest in eternal Peace Steve. I cherish the memory of you growing up on Amwellbury Rd. All the good times, especially the games and sports played on that big yard. My heart hurts now. Love you bro.*

Doug Hogate - January 28, 2025 at 06:38 AM

BL

“ *Very sorry to hear about Steve. I had the pleasure of coaching him on the basketball team his senior year at WHS. I appreciated his determination and hustle that he always exhibited. RIP Steve*

Bill Lange - January 27, 2025 at 06:17 PM

LD

“ *My deepest sympathies on the death of Steve. He was a dedicated public servant, talented athlete and a loving father and husband. The Ware family has given so much to Salem County, which is deeply appreciated and will never be forgotten.*

Lori Davenport - January 27, 2025 at 03:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stephen Lee Ware.*



January 27, 2025 at 01:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Stephen Lee Ware.

January 27, 2025 at 01:11 PM



“ *Love, The Lentini Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Stephen Lee Ware.*



Love, The Lentini Family - January 27, 2025 at 12:15 PM



“ *Steve was a great teammate and friend. He was a tremendous running back who could not be stopped. He was the nicest guy anyone could know. So sorry to hear this.*

*Kevin Bogle
TCNJ - 1988*

Kevin C Bogle - January 27, 2025 at 11:40 AM

LS

“ *Eileen, I am so sorry to hear about Steve’s passing from Jamie. I am thinking about you during this sad time and sending love and hugs to you, your sons and Steve’s family and friends. Fondly,
Lynne Sklar*

Lynne Sklar - January 27, 2025 at 11:12 AM