



## Stephen LaBounty

September 19, 1942 - May 28, 2020

Steve LaBounty passed away on May 28, 2020 in Grass Valley, CA at 77 years old. He was born in Minneapolis, MN on September 19, 1942, though primarily raised in Ft Worth, TX. When he was 16 he and his mother moved to San Francisco. In 1965 he married Pamela Slinkey with whom he had three sons. By 1979 he had divorced, and met his thereafter life partner, Patricia Knoblauch. Steve pursued a career in law enforcement in the Bay Area for 15 years until he was retired due to injuries. Afterwards he became involved in police training (including training officers in Haiti). He and Pat moved to the Sierra Nevada foothills in 1993, first to Pike and then Grass Valley. In 1995-1998 he operated Sharper Edge Cutlery in downtown Grass Valley. While Steve had many hobbies and learned many skills over his lifetime, the one thing he was always devoted to (besides the Catholic Church) was American Kenpo karate. For over 50 years he practiced the art, sought new insights, taught, and mentored students under his Kenpo title "Sigung". Steve is survived by his partner Pat, who loved him for his fabulous sense of humor, his never-ending exploration of what life had to offer, and his ability to love and be loved. He is also survived by his sons Stephen (Nancy Myrick), Matthew (Kelly Blair) and Christopher (Neela Sakaria), three grandchildren (Miranda, Jacob and Lucas), sister and brother-in law Jeannette and Marco Quesada, brother and sister-in-law James LaBounty/Kip Johl and many nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his large world-wide Kenpo family. He was preceded in death by his mother Jean, father Archie and

brother David. A service for Steve will be held at a future date to be determined. Memorial contributions may be made in his honor to the American Cancer Society or to a nonprofit dedicated to research and/or treatment of Alzheimers

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ Steve LaBounty was the best friend, protector & honest person that anyone could ever hope to know. Sigung we miss you brother.  
Col jack farr



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**Col jack farr, kenpo karate brother.** - December 31, 2024 at 03:46 PM

SC

“ Sigung Stephen LaBounty was my Kenpo teacher, my mentor and, most importantly, my friend. I thank him for all he did for me. I will miss him....

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**Steve Cordaro** - August 28, 2020 at 05:03 PM

RP

“ Steve was one of the first officers I ever met at SRPD when I started. He was kind and hilarious. I always wanted to be in his briefings. My best to all of you. A terrible loss but larger than life memories.

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**Raffaello Pata** - June 11, 2020 at 12:09 AM

DL

“ Wonderful memories of our annual visits. RIP Steve..

*Dave and Sue*

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**Dave and Sue Liddick** - June 09, 2020 at 01:36 AM

KL

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Kim Lloyd - June 01, 2020 at 05:59 PM

Steven Stern

“ I was honored to know him. My teacher received his black belt from Grand Master. And I from my teacher 5th Dan Mr. Cuthbertson. GM always shared his knowledge with me. And I will Always remember that side of him. My God Rock Your Soul.

Steven Stern - May 30, 2020 at 03:54 PM

CM

“ I too had the pleasure of serving with Steve at the San Rafael Police Department for several years. I have fond memories of those years. I am saddened by his passing.



Charles Metcalf - May 29, 2020 at 01:13 PM

JL

“ I had the pleasure of working with Steve for many years at the San Rafael Police Department. We shared many conversations about the job, but more about our families. He was very proud of his.

Joe Leonard 124  
S.R.P.D. (Retired)

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**Joe Leonard** - May 28, 2020 at 09:41 PM

GP

“ All of our family of Retired San Rafael Police Department are so sad to learn of Steve's passing. He will be remembered for his sense of humor and dedication to the job. Steve was always a welcome sight when he arrived at a fight or brawl. He will be missed.

Gene Pennington

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**Gene Pennington** - May 28, 2020 at 09:21 PM