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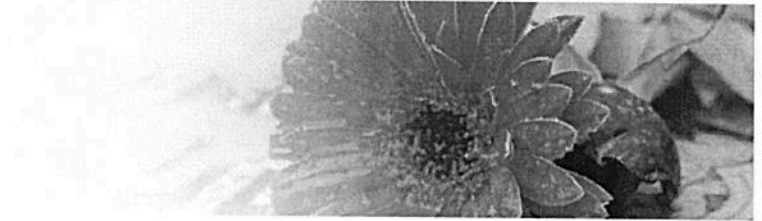
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Spears

March 8, 2017

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Obituary for Stephen D. Spears '83

Stephen David Spears, of Northbrook, died suddenly on March 8. He was the beloved and loving husband of Kate, father to Will and Connor, and son of Susan and David Spears. Steve grew up in Deerfield, earned a BA from Williams College and a law degree from the University of Chicago. He supported clients first in private practice and later for several area companies including Motorola, Axcion, and Accenture.

Steve was known as a man of integrity who played by the rules, was thoughtful, kind, generous, fun and funny. He loved books -- especially history -- words, The New York Times and Mother Jones, Monty Python, Woody Allen and knew all the words to the Hamilton raps.

In addition to being a devoted son, his favorite roles were as husband and father. He was a thoroughly engaged Boy Scout leader, Band Parent and wrestling, biking and gymnastics team chauffeur. He shared a passion for racing and jazz with his son Will. He was as enthusiastic about camping in almost any kind of weather as he was about the peace of his lake cottage and the excitement of races at Road America. His family and friends remember him as a constant and fervent advocate for equality and justice.

His boys appreciated his humor and steadfast support of their disparate interests, as well as his ability to lead both early morning carpools and late night bull sessions. His wife will miss his wit, encouragement, even temper and limitless patience as well as his deep devotion and gratitude.

He was a wonderful friend, nephew, cousin, uncle, in-law, son and husband who will be in our hearts for a long time. Even in our unimaginable sadness, we know that we were lucky to have him in our lives.

Visitation is Sunday, March 12, from 2 to 5 pm at the Kelley Spalding Funeral Home, 1787 Deerfield Road, Highland Park, IL. Steve loved being a father and made the most of that role. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be directed in Steve's honor to Boy Scout Troop 64 of Northbrook, or the Democratic National Committee, 430 South Capitol Street Southeast

Washington, DC 20003. For more funeral info or directions, please contact Kelley and Spalding Funeral Home, 847-831-4260.

To send flowers or a remembrance gift to the family of Stephen D. Spears, please visit our [Tribute Store](#).

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Sunday 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

