

From the desk of Lee Fox

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It is with great sadness that I announce the death of our president, Steve McGill. He was struck by a car in St. Petersburg, FL, and did not survive. I extend our greatest condolences to his wife, Maria, their son, Christopher and his friends and family on our behalf.

Funeral arrangements have been made. The services will be held at Memorial Park, 5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33709. It will be on Friday, December 13 from 10 AM to noon with the burial at noon. Cards of sympathy may be sent to Maria at 6630 Burning Tree Drive, Seminole, FL 33777.

Steve was elected for a two year term as president last December. He was a competition co-organizer with his dear friend Herb Vazquez. He started teaching at the Fred Astaire Dance Studios in 1970 and was a recipient of the Freddy Award. He owned and managed a studio for 15 years. He competed professionally with his wife in the International Standard for 10 years. He was certified as an adjudicator in the championship level with the National Dance Council of America in the American Smooth and Rhythm and the International Standard and Latin styles of dancing. He was also the co-owner of Designs To Shine with his wife, Maria, a vendor of ballroom and Latin dancewear.

I, as vice president will be stepping into the position of the president for the remainder of his term. I remember competing professionally with my partner in the same style at the same time that Steve and Maria were competing. Even though we were in competition against each other, Steve was always friendly with me, and he and Maria and I worked together at a Pro Dance event. Steve was a true professional and a gentleman, and I won't forget his generosity and kind spirit. Please keep him in your thoughts, and prayers for his family as they grieve for the loss of this great man.