Stephen C. DeGutis, 72 of Rockford, went home to be with Jesus, December 15, 2020 @ Alden Park Strathmoor in Rockford, Illinois. Born May 22, 1948 in Pecatonica, IL. son of Ben and Jean (Kappenman) DeGutis. Graduate of Rockford Guilford High School class of 1966 and North Dakota State University College of Pharmacy, Fargo. North Dakota, Class of 1974 as RPh. Worked in hospital and retail pharmacies, but most enjoyed the years he worked as owner and operator of the Apothecary Shop in Durand, IL.

Married Judith Winzenried, July 2, 1994 in Rockford, IL. He enjoyed many sports including, hiking, biking, snow skiing, tennis, and golf. He was an excellent photographer and was able to capture the beauty and peace of nature. He enjoyed vacations to Yellowstone National Park as a child and again with his children. He loved family picnics and organized an annual Memorial Day picnic even if the weather seldom cooperated. He loved being and was a good dad. He was proud of all his children and grandchildren and was happy to support them however he could. He tried to instill the qualities of patience, forgiveness, acceptance, and hard work in them. "Live, Love, Laugh." Last year's motto was "Stick Together." He loved His God and His Creations. Member Rock Church.

Survivors include wife, Judith DeGutis; sons, Craig (Michelle) DeGutis, Mark (Ericka Sutherland) DeGutis, Christopher (Jen Dailey) DeGutis, Ryan and Joel (Megan) DeGutis; daughter, Carrie DeGutis and step-daughter, Jody (Mike) Petry; sister, Linda (Norm) King and father; Ben DeGutis; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren; aunts, Kay Mauk, Ann Wroblewski, and Berniece Glupczynski. Predeceased by mother, Jean DeGutis, numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. A funeral service for Stephen will take place at a later date. Fitzgerald Funeral Home & Crematory, 1860 S. Mulford Rd, Rockford, Illinois 61108 assisted the family. To send online condolences, please visit www.fitzgeraldfh.com