

# *Celebration of Life*



September 2, 1955 - February 12, 2019

## *Theodore J. Staton*

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Municipal Services Center  
3600 Tremont Road  
Upper Arlington, OH 43221

# Obituary

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Theodore Joseph “Ted” Staton, of Upper Arlington, OH, born September 2, 1955, was the beloved son of the late Millard and Virginia Staton of Dayton, OH. A dedicated public servant, community leader, mentor, family man and friend, Ted has enriched the lives of many.

Ted is survived by his devoted and loving wife, Carol, and was the proud father of his sons Paul and Bennett; he was a cherished brother to his siblings Stephanie Staton-Young (Matthew deceased) of London, England, Christopher Staton (Cindy) of Vandalia, OH, Jane Clery (Jeff) of Lake Zurich, IL, Matthew Staton (Debbie) of Centerville, OH, Laure Borgerding (Tony) of Dallas, TX, and Claire Mertzman (Mark Pennywitt) of Beavercreek, OH. He is also survived by Carol’s mother Betty (George deceased) Uhlenbock, of Urbana, OH; Carol’s siblings Stephen Uhlenbrock (Cheryl) of Cable, OH, James Uhlenbrock (Liz) of New Albany, OH, William Uhlenbrock (Denise) of Piqua, OH; and numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. He relished and loved his large family dearly and they all loved him. Ted cherished his time spent with Carol, the boys and Spike the cat at their cabin on Lake Huron. He was a talented cook who loved sharing meals, good wine and bad jokes with friends and family.

Ted served as City Manager for the City of Upper Arlington from October 2011-January 2019. He successfully led the organization through a challenging period, and laid the groundwork for the community’s continued health and vibrancy. Ted previously served as City Manager for East Lansing, Michigan from April 1995-September 2011. During his tenure, the community’s land area increased by a third, land and property values doubled, and the City attained its first ever Triple A financial rating. Ted also served in several positions at the City of Dayton, OH, including Assistant City Manager, Director of Office Management and Budget, and Director of Public Works. He earned a Master of Arts in Public Management and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Wright State University, and completed the Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at the Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government.

For Ted, public service was a vocation and a passion. He was a firm believer in the value of good, ethical governance, and the provision of core services to assure a high quality of life for the members of any given community.

# *Order of Service*

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<b>Dan Ralley</b>	Acting City Manager, City of Upper Arlington
<b>Stephanie Staton Young</b>	Sister of Ted
<b>Jane Clery</b>	Sister of Ted
<b>Jeff Clery</b>	Brother-in-Law of Ted
<b>George Sideras</b>	Friend of Ted
<b>Jim Uhlenbrock</b>	Brother-in-Law of Ted
<b>Tim Riordan</b>	Former City Manager, City of Dayton
<b>Mark Meadows</b>	Mayor, City of East Lansing
<b>Marie McKenna Wicks</b>	Former Assistant to the City Manager, East Lansing
<b>Emma Speight Suzanne Beach</b>	Community Affairs Manager, Executive Assistant, City of Upper Arlington
<b>Kip Greenhill</b>	Council President, City of Upper Arlington

## *In My Life - The Beatles*

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*There are places I'll remember  
All my life, though some have changed  
Some forever, not for better  
Some have gone and some remain  
All these places have their moments  
With lovers and friends I still can recall  
Some are dead and some are living  
In my life, I've loved them all*

*But of all these friends and lovers  
There is no one compares with you  
And these memories lose their meaning  
When I think of love as something new  
Though I know I'll never lose affection  
For people and things that went before  
I know I'll often stop and think about them  
In my life, I love you more*

## *Acknowledgements*

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The Family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all those who have supported us during this time of loss.

-The Staton Family

***“What is the City but the People?”***

-William Shakespeare