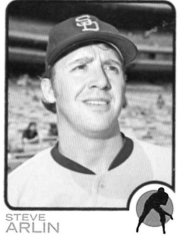


Steve Arlin(1945 - 2016)

Steve Arlin September 25, 1945 - August 17, 2016 San Diego Dr. Steve Arlin, one of the greatest pitchers in NCAA and College World Series history, a former pitcher for the San Diego Padres and a local endodontist for over 25 years has passed away peacefully . Arlin, the son of Ralph and Darlene Arlin was born on Sept.25, 1945 in Seattle, Washington. The Arlin family moved to Lima, Ohio, where Steve starred on the baseball and basketball teams at Lima Shawnee High school. In 1963, he earned a scholarship to his beloved [Ohio State University](#), where as a sophomore, he led the Buckeye baseball team to the College World Series. During that season, Arlin compiled a 13-2 record and led the nation in strikeouts. In the CWS, Arlin faced Washington State in the semi final game and pitched all 15 innings for the win, striking out 20 batters. The strikeouts and innings pitched are records that still stand today. Ohio State lost in the finals, but Arlin was not through. In 1966, Arlin again led his team to the College World Series and this time, the Buckeyes won the College World Series as Arlin was named the most valuable player. In two years of pitching at the CWS, Arlin compiled a 0.96 era in 47 innings and struck out 57 batters. Dr. Arlin was named first team All American in both 1965 and 1966. In 1976, He was honored with an induction into the Ohio State Hall of Fame. In 2004, Arlin became the first and only baseball player in Ohio State history to have his number retired by the university. In 2008, Arlin was again honored by his induction into the College Baseball Hall of Fame. In 2014, the Omaha College Baseball World Series Hall of Fame also honored Arlin for his extraordinary feats. His achievements were so legendary most consider Arlin to be the greatest player in Ohio State history and one of the greatest pitchers to ever compete in NCAA baseball. Following the CWS in 1966, Arlin was drafted in the first round by the Philadelphia Phillies in Major League Baseball's amateur draft. He signed with the Phillies and after a short minor league career, was selected by the San Diego Padres in baseball's expansion draft. Arlin made his major league debut in 1969, he won 32 games for the Padres before suffering a rotator cuff injury in 1973 that curtailed his career. Of his 32 wins for the Padres, eleven of the wins were shutouts. He came within one out of being the first San Diego Padre to throw a no hitter on July 18, 1972 when with two outs, manager Don Zimmer pulled in the third baseman expecting a bunt. Phillies batter Denny Doyle then hit a chopper over the third baseman's head for a hit. In the 72 season, he threw a one hitter, three two hitters and a ten inning one hitter, yet his record for the expansion team was 10-21 with a 3.48 era. Arlin was traded to Cleveland where he finished his career. Arlin's contract with the Phillies allowed him to attend dental school in the off season at Ohio State. In 1971, he graduated from the School of Dentistry. After his retirement , he returned to the university to train as an endodontist. Once he completed his studies, he returned to San Diego to begin his dental practice in the town he loved. He practiced for over twenty five years and retired in 2004. Dr. Arlin remained active following his retirement by playing golf, cycling and skiing. He and his dedicated wife Robin travelled the world exploring many countries and cultures. He also was one of the foremost collectors of western cap guns in the world. He published articles and books on the subject and served on several advisory boards of hobby collectible organizations. He was also a proud member of MENSA and Delta Tau Delta fraternity at Ohio State. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife Robin, his constant companion for over thirty years. Arlin is also survived by two boys from a prior marriage, Dr. Scott Arlin, his wife Patty, and children Alex and Sydney, from Columbus, Ohio and son Steve Arlin of Cour d'Alene, Idaho. Arlin is also survived by brother Dr. Michael Arlin, his wife Kim and son Reece from North Carolina, and Steve's sister Dr. Nancy Chauvin, her husband Dr. Jeff Chauvin and their children, Michelle Coleman and Christopher Chauvin, also from North Carolina. Lastly, Steve leaves behind his two wonderful, loving and wooly Siberian Huskies, Marley and Sophie, who gave Steve so much joy.

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