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## STEVEN R. ROGERS

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ROGERS, Steven R. 70, loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully on January 12, 2018 at home in Tucson, AZ. Steve was born in Seattle, WA on November 19, 1947 to Robert and Elaine Rogers. Steve was a three-sport man at Bethlehem Central H.S. in Albany, NY and a sixth round draft pick by the Baltimore Orioles in 1966. He chose instead to attend University of Massachusetts where he played both football and baseball, setting records as a safety, some of which still stand. Steve and Bob Burton co-founded VisionQuest, an alternative treatment program working with adjudicated youth. VQ incorporated in 1973. By 2000, VQ was serving 1500 kids in eight states. Steve had a big heart, showing selfless compassion for people in crisis; a gift for connecting with troubled youth and a unique penchant for helping his peers come to terms with impending death. Steve was married to his first wife, Christie Thieman from 1974-1990. Steve is survived by his wife, Ann (Portz Wham) of 24 years; daughters, Colleen (Scott Balay), Jessica Dembro (Mike); sons, Eric (Brandy), Grant (Sydney Null), and Brett Wham (Onica); and nine grandchildren with another on the way. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Oro Valley Country Club, 300 W. Greenock Dr. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to [Shriners Hospitals for Children](#). Arrangements by ADAIR FUNERAL HOME, Avalon Chapel.

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