

Stephen Lentz, Student Leader, Athlete, Dies

Stephen Lentz, student body president and star athlete at El Camino High School, died yesterday in St. Francis Hospital in San Francisco.

The 16 year old Steve, who was an outstanding student, was taken to the hospital Thursday. He underwent an operation August 4th and recovered well enough to assume his responsibilities as student body president at the beginning of the school year.

However, he was forced to confine his football activity to watching Coach Don Robards run the squad through its drills from the sidelines. But he had hoped to rejoin the team, where he played right halfback, before the season was far along.

Steve was born November 10, 1943, in Los Angeles and moved with the family to the Sacramento area from Honolulu in 1949.

He also was the centerfielder for the El Camino High School baseball team. Only a few weeks ago he played for the Thomas Burke Legion junior baseball team which won the Suburban Division championship of the sixth district. Steve was a top hitter for the team.

Steve was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert G. Lentz of 1820 La Playa Way. His father is associate legislative analyst for the State of California.

In addition to his parents, Steve is survived by his brother, Gilbert (Gibbie) Lentz, a junior at Stanford University. He was the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Lentz of Carbondale, Ill., and the nephew of Bess Haggan of Sacramento. The grandfather is Dean Emeritus of Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

Services will be held at 2:30 PM Tuesday in the Carmichael Community Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Harry A. Nauman & Son.

Dr. A. D. Abbott, principal of El Camino High School, announced today that the Parents Club is making plans to set up a Steve Lentz Scholarship Fund. The money will be used to send an El Camino boy or girl to Stanford University.

The family requests that any remembrance be sent to the fund.