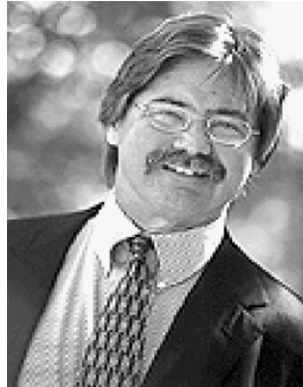


In Memoriam

Steven L. Nock (1950–2008)



I note with sorrow the passing of *SSR* editorial board member Steven L. Nock, who died on January 20, 2008, two months shy of his 58th birthday. Steve and I were close friends and collaborators for more than three decades. His death is a grievous personal and professional loss.

Steve struggled throughout life with diabetes and its complications, including heart disease, kidney failure, retinopathy, and all the rest. Ultimately, an opportunistic infection did him in. Given the complications, he was lucky to live as long and as well as he did. His final years were made possible by a kidney donation from his beloved wife, Daphne Spain, also a long-time friend of this journal and its editor.

Despite his health struggles, Steve was always full of good cheer and great fun to be with. I enjoyed every moment I was able to spend with him. Whenever I would express concerns about his health, Steve would say, “Every day on the green side of the grass is a good day,” a sentiment that bears remembering.

My personal condolences and those of the entire *SSR* family to Daphne and all the others whose lives Steve brightened. Truly, he was one of the good people of the earth.

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