

**A short tribute to Steven Nicol (Graham 1987) written by William Fowlds (Armstrong 1988)  
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Today an OA community around the world wakes up to its first morning without Steve Nicol. Sadly, he passed away following a sudden stroke and a brief illness in Scotland where he lived. Steve came to St Andrew's as a 9 year old preppie all the way from the outer reaches of Zambia. He was the youngest in his class but that was the only "little" thing about him.

He had a huge heart and his infectious spirit permeated all those around him as someone with unlimited energy and a zest for friendship. He left college over six years later when his family moved to Scotland but his connection to the school ever since has been unrivalled. Even after his class matriculated in 1988 Steve's heart remained at St Andrews College.

He constantly toured the world gathering OA's together wherever he went and when you spent time with Steve, you were transformed back into classrooms, sports fields, bus trips, dorms and the tuck-shop through his vivid memories! On his last SA road trip he visited 42 OA's. He made the "The Boy in You" live on. He loved his school, he loved his friends and we loved him.

He leaves his sister Gail Nicol (DSG 1989) and Mother. Funeral arrangements are yet to be finalised.

