



## John Ridley Steele

March 26, 1960 - September 29, 2018

Mr. John Ridley Steele, 58, of Mt Ulla, NC passed away Saturday, September 29, 2018 at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.

He was born March 26, 1960 in Rowan County, NC to the late Robert Hall Steele and Roselind Holloman Steele. Mr. Steele graduated from Mars Hill College and was owner of Steele Feed and Seed. He was very active with West Rowan Fire Department for over 40 years and served on the Rowan County Board of Elections.

Mr. Steele was a member of Thyatira Presbyterian Church where he served as a deacon and was President of The Men of the Church.

Surviving is his life partner, Joyce Adkins; brother, Robert Vann Steele and wife June of Mocksville, NC; sister, Mary Margaret Steele of Wake Forest, NC; and nieces, Elizabeth Steele Patterson (Jared) of Tupelo, Mississippi and Margaret Brooke Steele (Brandon Davis) of Mocksville, NC. He is also survived by his extended family, Brandon Douglas, Taylor Adkins and Kate Adkins, who lovingly called him "Papa John".

The family will receive friends from 10-11 AM Saturday (Oct. 6) at Thyatira Presbyterian Church. A memorial service will follow in the church at 11 AM, conducted by Rev. Stacey Steck.

Memorials may be made to Rowan Helping Ministries, PO Box 4026, Salisbury, NC 28145 or Thyatira Presbyterian Church 220 White Rd, Salisbury, NC 28147.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Steele family. Online condolences

may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **6**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Thyatira Presbyterian Church  
220 White Road  
Salisbury, NC 28147

## Memorial Service

OCT **6**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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220 White Road  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Summersett Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Ridley Steele*



Summersett Funeral Home and Cremation Center - October 06, 2018 at 11:35 AM

FB

“ *From Danita, Kirk, Grant and Mikayla Beatty purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of John Ridley Steele.*



From Danita, Kirk, Grant and Mikayla Beatty - October 05, 2018 at 01:15 PM

DK

“ *David and Kathy, Cookie, Terri, Tony, Beth, and Kylie purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John Ridley Steele.*



David and Kathy, Cookie, Terri, Tony, Beth, and Kylie - October 05, 2018 at 10:01 AM

PJ

“ Joyce,

*I always thought John was a special person and you both were meant to be together. I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and all that loved him.*

Cookie

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**Patricia Jordan** - October 04, 2018 at 02:33 PM

SW

“ *Shane and Suzi Wolford purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of John Ridley Steele.*



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**Shane and Suzi Wolford** - October 04, 2018 at 10:47 AM

SW

“ *Prayers for the Family. I was blessed to have known John and proud to call him my friend. I always enjoyed our visits and if you knew him you were blessed by him for sure. He was a great man and I am saddened by his loss but one day we will be able to visit again. May you rest in peace my friend.*

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**Shane Wolford** - October 04, 2018 at 09:50 AM

DC

“ John and the Steele family have been pillars of faith for Thyatira Presbyterian Church for well over half a century. Also John was known for his friendly nature to those that knew him. He was also very positive always. I remember playing softball with him at Thyatira he was always positive. It was always nice visiting Steele Feed and Seed which John always work very hard keeping local Farmers & wannabe farmers happy all-over Mount ulla. God bless you John Go Rest High On That Mountain Man! And may God be with your family in this time of loss.

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**DAVID CALHOUN** - October 04, 2018 at 02:57 AM

BS

“ Sending Prayers to the family's. We will miss our dear Wonderful Friend. Fly high John. Until we meet again.

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**Brian Simmons** - October 03, 2018 at 05:48 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Ridley Steele.



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October 02, 2018 at 11:22 PM



“ didn't know john like many of the mt ulla folks did till I started looking after scottie he always loved and respected scottie and for that im truly thankful he would always ask me about scottie whenever I saw him

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**Mark Benton** - October 02, 2018 at 03:52 PM

J(

“ Prayers to Joyce, Mary Margaret, Vann and the entire family. John was a special man, and feel blessed he was part of our MHC family. He had a gentle soul and generous heart. He truly was a gentle giant... I feel blessed that he made his mark on my life. I will cherish the memories of the times shared that are forever etched in my heart. John was a special man.... a great friend and someone I will always love. John had a knack for watching over us all, and I do believe he will continue to do just that until we meet again.....

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**Jan Judy (Chick)** - October 02, 2018 at 01:58 PM

BC

“ My heart is utterly broken. John was a brother and wonderfully incredible man. To have friendships that last over 30 years (MHC) with continued strength is a true blessing in this world, and to know John, was to know that friend. He was a hero, a protector, a confidant, a fun pal, a generous heart, and a person you could call upon at a moment's notice. Would that we could all be more like John. Walk with God. You've earned your reward.

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**Beverly Robinson Curry** - October 02, 2018 at 10:57 AM

SR

“ A kind hearted, loving person, dedicated to service to others, John will be missed. Sending loving thoughts and prayers to the family, Scott and Suzanne Ramsey

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**Scott and Suzanne Ramsey** - October 02, 2018 at 10:05 AM

JL

“ I was sorry to hear of Johns passing. I always enjoyed the times we talked while at Thyatira. John was a faithful loving disciple of our Lord, Jesus Christ. He was a living example of Gods love for each person he met. He will be missed.

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**John A. Lineberry** - October 01, 2018 at 10:23 PM

DC

“ John was a loving member of our MHC family. He always enjoyed cooking for our group and making sure everyone was in before he locked the doors. He was just that friend who made sure everyone he loved or who was in eye view was safe. Our group was at an event in Charlotte and John noticed a man having difficulties. Next thing we knew John ran over... provided CPR and saved a strangers life...that is John. I will always love him and keep him in my heart.

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**Debrah Conn Clark** - October 01, 2018 at 08:58 PM

WL

“ With thoughts and caring - Mary and Larry Lindsey purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of John Ridley Steele.



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**With thoughts and caring - Mary and Larry Lindsey** - October 01, 2018 at 08:21 PM

CW

“ A true "Lion" who will be missed by many! RIP my friend! Class of 83.

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**Clifford "Roy" Williams** - October 01, 2018 at 08:15 PM

CH

“ A friend, a souljourner, a community brother. I'm so sad for our loss, so sad for his family, my friends. Prayers that the blessing he was to us is the blessing we can be to those left behind.

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**Cynthia B Hill** - October 01, 2018 at 07:31 PM

JC

“ *Condolences to the Steele family. We have known John for a life time. We were in the fire department, church and other events together. We have great memories of John and he will be greatly missed. He will always be remembered for his love of cooking.*

*Danny and Joyce Caldwell*

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**Joyce Caldwell** - October 01, 2018 at 07:12 PM



GR

“ *Praying for the family & friends. John will be greatly missed.*

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**Gina Rollins** - October 01, 2018 at 06:09 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Ridley Steele.*

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October 01, 2018 at 05:15 PM



DM

“ John was one of the first of many friends that we met when we moved to the West Rowan Community some 16 years ago. He welcomed us like family. He introduced us to who we "needed to know" and he and Mr. Marvin even came and helped us with a bad electric fence charger. He was always there to lend a helping hand. I will miss you my friend. Until we meet again.

*The Martins*

*Darin, Me'chelle, Ethan, Abby & Wyatt*

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**Darin Martin** - October 01, 2018 at 05:10 PM

JK

“ John was my first ever friend and always remained my best friend. I will miss him till the day the Lord calls me home. I love him more than words could ever express. Jon Kennedy

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**jon kennedy** - October 01, 2018 at 03:29 PM

FK

“ From Jon, Carla, Mack, Jake and Sam Kennedy purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of John Ridley Steele.



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**From Jon, Carla, Mack, Jake and Sam Kennedy** - October 01, 2018 at 03:23 PM