

## Dr. Ronald Howell Steelman

October 28, 1942 - January 20, 2025

Dr. Ronald Howell Steelman, 82, passed away Monday, January 20, 2025 at his home in Salisbury, NC.

He was born in Winston Salem, NC on October 28, 1942 to the late Johnson Howell Steelman and Kathleen Absher Steelman. Ron was a graduate of North Rowan High School Class of 1961 where his father was the principal. After receiving his degree from the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry in 1969, he served 3 years in the Air Force. When he was stationed at Maxwell A.F.B. he met his wife, Terilee (Teri).

Ron practiced dentistry in Salisbury for 48 years, retiring in 2019. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Salisbury, Andrew Jackson Masonic Lodge #576, Boy Scouts of America and was a charter member of EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) Chapter 1083.

Ron is survived by his wife of 54 years, Terilee Amos Steelman; his children, Mark Steelman (Rachel), David Steelman (Valerie), Amy Steelman Woodcock (William) and Beth Steelman Bentley (Roy); grandchildren: Gabriel Steelman, Sylvana Steelman, Natalie Steelman, Fiona Steelman, Joshua Steelman, John Steelman, Andrew Sharpe, Peter Bentley, Anna Bentley, Olivia Bentley, Harper Woodcock, Addison Woodcock and Isabella Woodcock.

The family will receive friends on Saturday (Feb 1) from 10-11 AM at Summersett Funeral Home with a funeral service following at 11 AM in Summersett Memorial Chapel, officiated by Rev. Dr. Kenneth Lance. Burial will follow at City Memorial Park.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Steelman family. Online condolences may be made at [www.summersettfuneralhome.com](http://www.summersettfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## City Memorial Park

1316 West Innes St  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
(704) 633-2111  
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Service

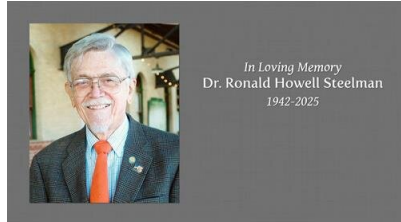
FEB 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel  
1315 W. Innes St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Tribute Wall



“ *Summersett Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Ronald Howell Steelman*



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**Summersett Funeral Home and Cremation Center** - January 31, 2025 at 09:06 AM

ME

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family. I got to know Ron working with our 448 Scouts. Such a patient and soft spoken man with a wealth of skills and knowledge...just what our Scouts need. I had the privilege of serving as Explorer Advisor for his sons Mark and David where the teachings and guidance of their Dad shone through. Peace and comfort has been delivered. Mark Eagle*

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**Mark Eagle** - February 01, 2025 at 11:21 AM

BM

“ Teri & Family:

*I am so sorry to learn of Dr. Steelman's passing. Since moving here some 8 or 9 years ago, I got to know him not just as a Doctor but, a real friend! Several times, after the passing of my husband, during the heavy snows, I would hear the faint sound of a motor in my driveway and to my surprise, who was it? None other than Dr. Steelman on his "Snow Plow" clearing the driveway! In times past, as we left our respective homes on Sunday Mornings, he always gave a friendly wave to my grandson and Me. What a BEAUTIFUL SPIRIT! Surely "The Angels in Heaven have signed His Name!" Sending my most sincere Condolences to all of you! Love, Brenda, "Tiny" Shunna & Paulette Rice Mangham*



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**Brenda Rice McNeely** - January 27, 2025 at 05:26 PM

JS

“ To Teri and all Ronnie's children and grandchildren,  
*Ronnie and I were close friends throughout our school years. We spent lots of time confiding in each other, beach trips, double dating and really just enjoying each others company. It was a great loss to see that he had passed. Time and distance apart kept us from maintaining a close relationship over the years but I will always cherish our time together when we were growing up. I am so happy that he had a large, loving family and pray for all of you as you grieve his passing. Queen Elizabeth II said it best. "Grief is the price we pay for love."*  
*John Sykes*

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**John Sykes** - January 27, 2025 at 11:04 AM

TT

“ I became a patient of Dr. Ron Steelman when he first opened his practice in Salisbury. He took care of my dental health until his retirement in 2019. I can honestly say, I always looked forward to seeing my dentist and friend. He was a kind, professional, great dentist. I am glad that before he retired, I got to express that as a dentist he was great but as a friend he meant even more to me. I pray for peace and comfort to his family, knowing that he meant so much to so many people. JT (Tom) Trexler

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**Tom Trexler** - January 24, 2025 at 08:07 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Ronald Howell Steelman.



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January 24, 2025 at 04:59 PM

CL

“ Ronnie was a great cousin and always available to talk . He had a great sense of humor and a fine man. He was kind to our family throughout his life and will be missed . David, Mark , Beth and Amy so sorry for your loss.  
With kind regards ,  
Clay

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**clay** - January 24, 2025 at 12:59 PM

KF

“ *Mark and David and Family,  
My deepest condolences to you and your  
family with the passing of your dad. May the  
Lord wrap his arms around you all and give  
you peace and comfort in the days ahead.*



*Kendra Fulbright*

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**Kendra Leigh Fulbright** - January 23, 2025 at 12:14 PM



“ *A true and wonderful gentleman, and a great dentist ... always  
showed great compassion and I spent a lot of time in his chair, over  
40 years. He will be greatly missed.*  
*--Dennis Davidson*

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**Dennis Davidson** - January 23, 2025 at 11:02 AM

JL

“ *Jay & Angie Leonard purchased the Simply Eleg  
ant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Ronald  
Howell Steelman.*



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**Jay & Angie Leonard** - January 22, 2025 at 07:33 PM