



## Stephen Lee Lakey

December 4, 2025

Stephen Lee Lakey, 75, of Salisbury, North Carolina, passed away on December 4, 2025. Born and raised in Salisbury, Stephen spent his life rooted in the community he loved.

A proud United States Air Force veteran, Stephen served his country for 15 years. His work ethic, attention to detail, and deep sense of duty carried beyond his service and shaped the way he lived every day.

Stephen was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Lamyong Lakey; his daughters, Diana (Randel) Fowler and Patricia (Clifton) Redmon; his grandchildren, TJ Plyler, Morganne (Zach) Taylor, Cason Fowler (fiancée Grace Turlington), Austin (Chloe) Melton, and Brandon Melton (girlfriend Kamryn Ketchie); and his great-grandchildren, Memphis Taylor, Hudson and Brextton Melton, and Elara Plyler-Johnson.

He is also survived by his siblings Misty (Jerry) Greene, George “Rusty” Lakey, Dale (Sandra) Lakey, Wanda (Joe) Amplo, Sonya (Robbie) Hunt, and Duke (Rhonda) Hunt.

Stephen was known for his sweet, steady presence—stubborn at times, but always gentle with the people he cared for. He loved tinkering with anything

he could get his hands on: woodworking projects, cars, and small repairs that kept him busy and engaged. A true perfectionist, he approached everything with care and precision. He enjoyed watching sports, especially local teams, and found comfort in the simple routines of everyday life.

With age, Stephen became a quiet, laid-back soul who never asked for much. Yet through his actions, he taught his family the values he lived by: do the right thing, honor your commitments, carry yourself with integrity, and take your vows seriously. His lessons and love will carry on through the generations who were lucky to be shaped by him.

A visitation and viewing will be held on Wednesday, December 10th at 12:00 PM at Summersett Funeral Home. A Graveside Service with military honors will follow at 1:30 PM at the Salisbury National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Patricia Redmon, 188 Gunderson Lane, Garner, NC 27529 to assist with funeral expenses.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Salisbury National Cemetery

501 Statesville Blvd.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

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

## Graveside Service

DEC 10. 1:30 PM (ET)

Salisbury National Cemetery  
501 Statesville Blvd.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Tribute Wall

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“ The Planning Dept. at Egger purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Stephen Lee Lakey.



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The Planning Dept. at Egger - December 09, 2025 at 12:41 PM

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“ The Planning Dept. at Egger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen Lee Lakey.

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The Planning Dept. at Egger - December 09, 2025 at 12:41 PM

SH

“ Dearest Brother, 🕊️  
When I think of you I always think what a beautiful soul. I always will be so proud of the man you were. The intricate lawn you kept, how smart you were, the way you giggled when telling a story. I'm thankful to God that he let me have you as a brother. I have so much respect for you. I feel in my spirit that you are at peace now. I will miss you so much. I will forever love you. I'll miss you joking with me in that Barry White voice of "hey baby"  
You will forever have a place in my heart.  
I love you , until then  
Your proud Sister  
Sonia

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Sonia Hunt - December 07, 2025 at 06:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Stephen Lee Lakey.*



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December 07, 2025 at 12:12 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers for the family. I have a lot of wonderful memories of Steve from when Adam and I were dating and got married. A man of few words but loved his family. I pray for peace and comfort during this difficult time. I love y'all ❤️*

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**Tonya Greene** - December 06, 2025 at 06:17 PM



“ *Rest easy, prayers, love, and well wishes to family and friends.*

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**Michael Hunt** - December 06, 2025 at 05:48 PM



“ *my brother...my friend...so glad we had all these years together i will love you forever I will miss you so much it hurts that you have left us to soon but yet I know you are at peace now no more pain or suffering...until me meet again "i'm hanging in there"*

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**Dale Lakey** - December 06, 2025 at 11:20 AM



*Lifting all the family up in prayer. May you feel God's arms around you more than ever.*

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**Winona Gilbert** - December 07, 2025 at 12:37 PM



“ To our eldest brother who now resides in heaven where you can flourish once again with your new heavenly body, give our love to our family who is waiting on your arrival and know that we will see you all again. You were strong, honest, stubborn, dedicated, sweet and grumpy . You are loved so much and we will forever hold you in our hearts. Rest in peace now and we honor you Steve on Wednesday to say salute and we will love and miss you.....and your beautiful smile. Because you meant so much to us and your contribution, our family is once again together and forever will remain so. Love , Your sister Wanda and husband Joe. God bless you brother.....until we meet again.

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**Wanda Amplo** - December 06, 2025 at 10:37 AM

MG

“ My precious brother, my hero, I will love you forever and ever. You taught me a lot in life and I will cherish each and every memory we made together. Rest in peace , until we meet again.

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**Mistie Greene** - December 05, 2025 at 05:25 PM

DU

*I always admired you growing up, you made an impact on my life your one of the reasons I joined the USMC.*

*I will never forget the day you brought your sweet bride home, that long dark hair then you created your beautiful family and I continued to admire you and I always will, until we meet again brother, Love you.....*

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**Duke** - December 06, 2025 at 11:09 AM