



Rev. John Thomas Steele

July 21, 1930 - November 15, 2023

Rev. John Thomas Steele, went to be with the Lord at 11:11pm on November 15, 2023, surrounded by his family.

He was born July 21, 1930, as an only child to Thomas Dale and Lydia V. Steele.

He spent his first years living on the Steele family farm of Davis Ridge, near Farmington, WV. He then moved to Fairmont, WV where he graduated from East Fairmont High School

He graduated from Fairmont State College with a Bachelors Degree and a member of TBI Fraternity, and also received his Masters degree from WVU.

He married his high school sweetheart, Margaret Faye Marks on May 25, 1952 and enjoyed 68 years with her, until God took her home on October 25, 2020.

He began his teaching and coaching career in Virginia. His high school basketball team was undefeated while he was there.

His next career position was a Boy Scout Executive. He then moved to Ohio and took a position in the public health field. Then God's ultimate plan led him to the ministry.

He accepted a position at Mannington First Baptist church and served 5 years. God then called him to accept a position at Moundville Baptist Church, where he served for 48 years and then Emeritus.

Rev. Steele has preached in 100 churches in the tri-state area, conducting 1100 weddings and 1100 funerals. He served as a volunteer in the WV

Penitentiary for 30 years, preaching sermons, and leading bible studies. He attended 42 Veterans services and received an Honorary Honor Guard Award. He served over 40 years on the Board of Directors of Reynolds Memorial Hospital and achieved Emeritus status. He served on the BM Spurr School of Nursing Advisory Board for 25 years.

He wrote the column "Manna from the Mountain" in the Journal Section of the Wheeling Intelligencer for 30 years. He led his church in the annual TV Christmas Eve Service for 30 years on WTRF TV, having begun with the Chancel Choir of the Church in their annual Patriotic Concert for over 30 years, attracting hundreds in attendance.

He served as President of WV Baptist Ministers Council, and also on the Executive Board of WV Baptist Convention. He served 2 terms on the Minister's Advisory Council of Alderson Broaddus College. On 2 occasions, he served as President of Moundsville Ministerial Assoc. He served several years on the Bayer-PPG Citizens Advisory Council.

Rev. Steele has been active in the life of Moundsville and Marshall County for close to half a century.

Survivors include his four children, Thomas Allen "Terry" (Soozie) Steele of Glen Dale, WV, Linda (Robert) Bonnette, Pattie (Ted) Kimpel, and Suzie (Chuck) Denham, all of Moundsville; seven grandchildren, Jordan (Brittany) Steele, Tyler Steele, Kelsey (Nate) Folda, Laci Bonnette, Cassie (Devin) Paugh, Brock Kimpel, and Maggie Denham; ten great-grandchildren.

Family will receive friends on Monday from 2-4 & 6-8pm at Moundsville Baptist Church, 1911 Fourth Street, Moundsville where funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11am with Pastor Tony Romano, Rev. Burl Jernigan, and Rev. Ron Price officiating.

Private Interment in Pisgah Methodist Church Cemetery, Morgantown, WV.

Memorial contributions may be made to Moundsville Baptist Church.

Arrangements entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home, & Crematory, Moundsville.

Cemetery Details

Pisgah Methodist Church Cemetery

Morgantown, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Moundsville Baptist Church
1911 4th St
Moundsville, WV 26041
(304) 845-5316

Visitation

NOV **20**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Moundsville Baptist Church
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Moundsville, WV 26041
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Funeral Service

NOV **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SK

“ We are saddened of Rev. Steele's death. He performed our marriage at the Moundsville Baptist Church in 1967. Our families were members of the Church for several years, Kasun, Wallace, Kelley. Many wonderful memories of his sermons and conversations! We send our prayers to your family!
Herb & Sherry(Wallace) Kasun

Sherry Kasun - December 24, 2023 at 08:44 AM

JC

“ Dear Steele Family, Thank you for sharing your beloved father with so many over the years. His impact, and the impact of so many at Moundsville Baptist Church profoundly changed my life. Fifty years ago Rev. Steele baptized me. Two years later I preached my first sermon as a Baptist Preacher while on the nuclear submarine, USS Ethan Allen. I have entered my 48th year of ministry. My model for ministry has always been and continues to be what I learned watching Rev. Steele for as long as I can remember. I know his departure to Glory has left a very deep void in your lives but I hope that knowing your father touched so many lives--too numerous to count--will be of great comfort to you.

Jack Clegg - December 04, 2023 at 04:38 PM

PS

“ Pamela Shaffer lit a candle in memory of Rev. John Thomas Steele



Pamela Shaffer - November 21, 2023 at 06:11 PM

DN

“ J Thomas was my Pastor in the 70's , Married Me , I always Loved and Respected him .Rest in Peace Brother .



David g Nesbit - November 21, 2023 at 12:54 PM



“ 171 files added to the album LifeTributes



Grisell Funeral Homes - November 18, 2023 at 03:03 PM

RB

“ Our sympathies for Rev. Steele's family. He has always been an important part of our lives. He married us in 1967, baptized me in 1969 and two of our sons were baptized by Rev. Steele. He will always be missed. He was such a wonderful Christian teacher for us as a young family.
Ron & Sally Burke

Ron & Sally Burke - November 18, 2023 at 01:27 PM

DN

A-Men

David g Nesbit - November 21, 2023 at 12:55 PM

TA

“ On behalf of the Officers & Brothers of TBI Alumni Association and Tau Beta Iota Fraternity, I should like to extend our condolences at the passing of Brother Steele.

Brother Tom and all TBIs who have left us during the past year will be remembered at the Memorial Service held during our annual Founders Day Dinner in March.

*Charles T. Hillberry, Jr.
President
TBI Alumni Association*

TBI Alumni Association - November 17, 2023 at 08:47 PM

SC

“ *I remember making rounds with Rev. Steele at Reynolds Hospital when I was a nurse. Such a kind Christian man! So blest to have known him. Many prayers & much love to his family! God bless*

Sandy Cumpston - November 17, 2023 at 04:51 PM

BH

“ *Rest in peace Rev Steele, my family's pastor at the Moundville Baptist Church for decades, baptized me and my sister and eulogized my parents' funerals , a great orator and was very devoted to the church, my deepest condolences go out to Terry , Linda , Patty and Soozie and families , may her rest in peace , 🌸
Barbara Hretzok*

Barbara Ann Hretzok - November 17, 2023 at 04:21 PM

JK

“ Terry, Sorry about your father. Brings back memories of playing basketball at Baptist gym when we were in high school against Rev. Steele, Jack Clegg, Ned Weekly, Bob Morrell, Bud Moore, Don Combs, and others who have all passed away. My thoughts and sympathy go out to all of the Steele family and the many other friends of the reverend. He definitely made this small part of the world a better place during his time here.

Jay Knapp - November 17, 2023 at 12:41 PM

CS

“ Sending prayers to family. I remember Rev. Steele from many years ago growing up in the church in Moundville. Our family spent many Sunday's there.



Cathy Riggle Simmons - November 17, 2023 at 12:22 PM

MF

“ My sympathies to Rev Steele's family. He baptized me when I was 8 yrs old. He was faithful to his followers and to The Lord. Molly Montes Faulk.

Molly Faulk - November 17, 2023 at 11:10 AM

KD

“ My deepest sympathies to your family. Reverend Steele came into my life when I was 17. He was my Pastor until his retirement. I learned so much from him. He married Don and me and was a very important part of my life.

Kristen Durig - November 17, 2023 at 09:46 AM

EO

“ *The Family of Rev, Steele, you have our deepest sympathy. Your dad was a fantastic man and preacher. We will never forget him as our former pastor. Bob & Earlene (Clark) Owens.*

Earlene Owens - November 16, 2023 at 05:22 PM

JF

“ *Terry, Soozie, and family please accept our sincere condolences on your loss. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Sincerely, Jim and Jodi Franklin

Jodi Franklin - November 16, 2023 at 03:57 PM