



Stephen Wayne Ferrell

May 11, 1951 - February 14, 2025

Stephen Wayne Ferrell, a faith-filled servant to both his country and St. John's church, died February 14, 2025. Stephen, 73, of Charlotte was born May 11, 1951, in Charleston, West Virginia, to Ira Ervin and Elizabeth Ella (Pennington) Ferrell. Stephen served in the U.S. Air Force at K. I. Sawyer Air Force base as a U.P. Guard and also served in Vietnam. After the service, Stephen moved to Florida where he went to work at Owens Illinois in Lakeland, Florida, being a third-generation employee, and also working as a beekeeper. Stephen moved back to Charlotte in 2003 with O.I. His father and grandfather were instrumental in opening the O.I. plant in 1963.

Stephen was a faithful servant at All Saints Episcopal Church in Lakeland and after moving back to Charlotte at St. John's Church serving as an Episcopal Vestry Jr. Warden and a lector reader. He also served as an Eaton Community Palliative Care volunteer. Flower gardening and reading were some activities he enjoyed, as well as loving literature, specifically Science Fiction and church history. With great knowledge for trivia, Stephen would often come up with answers that no one else could. He also served as the family genealogist, and was extremely proud of his kids and grandkids.

Stephen is survived by his sons, Scott Ira Ferrell and Todd Barrett Ferrell; mother, Elizabeth Ferrell; grandchildren, Ella and Owen; brother, Rick Ferrell; sister, Mary Holcomb; and former spouse Cathy Ferrell. He was predeceased

by his father.

Friends are encouraged to support Stephen's family by sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Memorial services will take place in Florida and Michigan. Florida services are Friday, February 21, 1:00 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church in Lakeland, Florida. Services in Michigan are Thursday, February 27, 1:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church in Charlotte, Michigan. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Memorial

FEB 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

All Saints' Episcopal Church
202 S Massachusetts Ave
Lakeland, FL 33801-5012
(863) 688-4502

Memorial

FEB 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church
201 W Shepherd St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Stephen Wayne Ferrell.

February 26, 2025 at 04:45 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen Wayne Ferrell.



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“ I had known Steve since 1965. We spent many hours together in band. Even hours after band bounce practice driving around in my cool Chevy white Impala. We were even daring enough to do Chinese fired drills at the corner of Lovett and Cochran. We would refresh ourselves at the Old Depot. I can't begin to tell what great times we spent together. As everyone knows we tend to lose contact with people even when they still live close. We hadn't talked for quite along time. It was just a few days ago we talk. I can be wrong but I think it was about the 11th or 12th of February. We made plans to have lunch once the weather broke. We planned to take one of my convertibles out in the sunshine and raise a little mischief. At we laughed and decided we were both too old and slow to do another Chinese Fire drill. Steve was a generous man as well as a real gentleman. He will be missed by many. Prayers to the family❤️

Valli Riether Halbeisen - February 22, 2025 at 12:39 AM

BJ

“ I am one of his upstairs neighbors. He was such a wonderful kind man and my children loved him. I will truly miss seeing him gardening and stopping for a quick chat. I am so sorry for your loss.

Brittany Jenks - February 20, 2025 at 08:58 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss...Steve was a wonderful man, generous, considerate, selfless and loving with a heart of gold. He was one of a kind



February 19, 2025 at 10:06 PM

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“ From: Aunt Joyce, Karen & Randy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen Wayne Ferrell.


Aunt Joyce, Karen & Randy - February 18, 2025 at 06:12 PM

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“ Aunt Joyce, Karen & Randy purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Stephen Wayne Ferrell.



Aunt Joyce, Karen & Randy - February 18, 2025 at 06:12 PM

 Albert Nagel

“ We only knew Steve for around a year since we moved in next door. He was one of the most genuinely nice people I have ever met. He was always sharing stories or some snacks during the holidays or jokes as he listened to me curse the car when it needed repairing. Him and my son shared Christmas gifts this year and the joy they gave each other was something to behold. My son gave him a soft blanket in exchange for a science kit and Steve told my son he used his new blanket every day and made my son feel so special. He was always there when I got home to crack open the window and give me some words of wisdom or a hello. In our short time knowing each other I have to say he made a great impact on our family and we are heartbroken to see him go. It feels lonely and strangely empty coming home from work and not seeing his lights on let alone hearing his voice. I pray the Lord takes good care of such a beautiful soul because more than anyone I have ever met Steve deserves his time in heaven to rest and enjoy Gods glory. Rest in peace Steve, you were an amazing person.

Albert Nagel - February 15, 2025 at 07:55 PM

BF

I am glad to have known Steve--both in high school and around town. He always made the effort to greet me, give a humorous comment, or share news. He was a kind man who served others. I am sorry for his loss, but thankful for his life.

Brynda Van Skike Filkins - February 17, 2025 at 12:12 PM

MD

Steve & I graduated together from Charlotte High School. We both shared a Birthday on May 11, 1951. We've lost a great classmate. My sympathy to his family.

Margaret Dingman - February 17, 2025 at 04:01 PM