



David R. Steelman Sr.

November 24, 1960 - April 27, 2024

David R. Steelman Sr., a man of many talents and a wonderful father and grandfather, passed away on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at the age of 63. David was born on November 24, 1960, in Milford, Delaware, a son of the late James E. Steelman, Sr. and Clarabelle Joanne (Paugh) Thompson.

David proudly served in the U.S. Army as a medic. A jack of all trades, David excelled in his role as an electrician handyman and was always quick to learn new skills. He owned a successful rental property business called Steelman Maintenance Services and had a passion for fixing things from an early age, showcased by his time working as a mechanic at Texaco in Seaford. He found joy in the simple things in life, whether it was cheering on his beloved Minnesota Vikings and Baltimore Orioles, spending days fishing and crabbing, or firing up the grill for a BBQ. David had a great sense of humor and always saw the bright side of life. He loved buying scratch-off lottery tickets with the hope of hitting it big. His playful nature touched the lives of many, leaving fond memories in the hearts of those who knew him.

He is survived by his daughter, Crystal Steelman (Lesley), sons, David Steelman (Kelly) and Ryan Charles Steelman; grandchildren, Brynlee, Brooks and Emma Steelman; his former wives, Ronda Mitchell and Ginger Steelman, brother, Dennis Crawford (Susan), sisters, Linda Steelman, Lucy Dutton (Layton), and Breta Still (Matthew), as well as several nieces and nephews; and his best friend, Daniel Bowden (Ellen).

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Melinda Steelman; sister, Brenda

Lynn Cox; and brothers, Daniel Adam Steelman and James E. Steelman, Jr. A funeral service to celebrate David's life will be held at Short Funeral Home, 13 E. Grove Street in Delmar on Friday, May 3, 2024, at 6:00 pm, with a visitation starting at 5:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the Wounded Warrior Project by visiting, www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **3.** 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 E Grove Street
Delmar, DE 19940
(302) 846-2525

Funeral Service

MAY **3.** 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David R. Steelman Sr.



Short Funeral Home - May 03, 2024 at 04:16 PM

BF

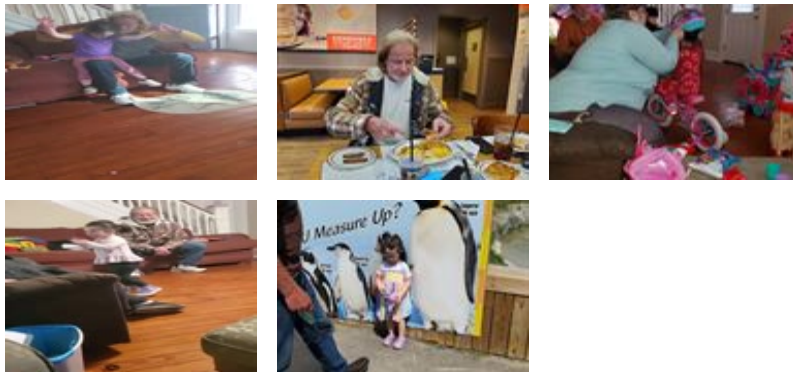
“ Billie (Marshall) Justice & Family lit a candle in memory of David Steelman



Billie Jo (Marshall) Justice & Family - May 02, 2024 at 06:37 PM



“ 46 files added to the album LifeTributes



Short Funeral Home - May 02, 2024 at 01:11 PM

MH

“ We are deeply saddened to hear about the loss of your father. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. May you find comfort in the cherished memories you shared.

UMBC. Structural maintenance team.

Marty Hammond - May 02, 2024 at 12:52 PM

JF

“ Joshua Jeffries and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David R. Steelman Sr..

Joshua Jeffries and family - May 01, 2024 at 06:24 PM

JF

“ Joshua Jeffries and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David R. Steelman Sr..



Joshua Jeffries and family - May 01, 2024 at 06:24 PM

BS

“ Breta and Matt Still planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David R. Steelman Sr..

Breta and Matt Still - May 01, 2024 at 02:55 PM

BS

“ *Breta and Matt Still purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David R. Steelman Sr..*



Breta and Matt Still - May 01, 2024 at 02:55 PM

YF

“ *Your Mountaire Farms Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of David R. Steelman Sr..*



Your Mountaire Farms Family - May 01, 2024 at 02:15 PM

RK

“ *Ralph, Sharon & Katie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David R. Steelman Sr..*

Ralph, Sharon & Katie - May 01, 2024 at 11:48 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David R. Steelman Sr..*



May 01, 2024 at 11:48 AM



“ *David and I met at the age of 14 we married and had good times and bad, travel all over this world with the military. Had three children one is deceased the other two Crystal and David Jr. were his world. He made many friends no matter where we lived. He will be missed. I am so proud of children how they have stepped up and handled his last wishes. I love you Crystal and David and Mom is here for you when ever you need me.*



Ronda Mitchell - May 01, 2024 at 08:44 AM