



## Steven Wayne Nelson

January 24, 1950 - April 17, 2021

### STEVEN WAYNE NELSON

Steve Nelson, age 71, passed away peacefully April 17, 2021, following a valiant fight with pancreatic cancer. He was born in Exeter, California, on January 24, 1950 to Wayne Nelson and Dorothy Nelson. Steve was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Mike Nelson and his sister, Georgine Stevens. Steve is survived by his wife of 46 years, Sheila Nelson, daughters, Rachelle Chapman, and her husband, Russell Chapman, Shannon Nelson and his "fur baby" named Romeo. He is also survived by his two grandchildren, Katherine Chapman and Connor Chapman. In addition, he is survived by his sisters, Lavonne Ramsey (Richard), Cheryl Ehnisz, Debbie Nelson, Jennifer White and DeeDee Sebert (Shawn).

When Steve was a small boy, his family moved to Tulare, California. He attended Roosevelt Elementary School and Mulcahy Junior High School before graduating from Tulare Western High School in 1968. In 1970, he was drafted to the United States Army and served his country during the Vietnam War.

Shortly after his return from Vietnam, Steve fell in love with Sheila Baker. Before formally meeting Sheila for the first time, he proclaimed to a friend, "I'm going to marry that girl!" Sure enough, Steve and Sheila married in 1974 and

made their home in Tulare. They remained devoted and inseparable throughout their 46-year marriage, adding two daughters, Rachelle and Shannon.

Steve worked in the construction industry for 50 years. He ran his own remodeling business, then worked for the Tulare City School District until his retirement in 2012. Steve's finishing work was superior and very specialized. He had the uncanny ability to build, create or repair almost anything and often donated his time and talents to others without charge.

Upon retirement, Steve and Sheila embarked on an extended "road trip" in their travel trailer, achieving Steve's goal of visiting all 50 U.S. states. A natural history and geography buff, Steve's trips indulged his love of exploring new places.

Steve loved music and dancing. He anchored his values in a strong faith and cherished spending time with family and friends. He possessed a unique knack for making every person he met feel special. He is greatly missed.

A Celebration of Life will be held Monday, May 3 at Evergreen Island, 2567 E Bardsley Ave in Tulare at 10:30 AM. Donations may be made in Steve's honor to the Vietnam Veteran Memorial Fund: <https://www.vvmf.org/give-to-vvmf/> <<https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https://www.vvmf.org/give-to-vvmf/&data=04|01|rachelle.chapman@adeccogroup.com|7f2ccffcfa47410c06d808d908d27acc|f30ac191b8b445f29a9be5466cb90c2f|0|0|637550522366588763|Unknown|TWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljojV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0=|1000&sdata=6ePlqQQ8jkhGilyUEvVed8DKbPjD9LAINa5N+LWtZXs=&reserved=0>>

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 3. 10:30 AM (PT)

Evergreen Island  
2567 E Bardsley Ave  
Tulare, CA 93274

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Randall & Louise we send our prayers & condolences to the family Steve was the best never seen him mad always got along with everyone will greatly be missed*

randall & louise huber - May 03, 2021 at 08:36 PM

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*Thank you for this nice comment. He always wanted to help anyone in anyway he knew how and had so much knowledge that was used to help so many. Best husband, father, grandfather. I was fortunate to have him for 49 years of my life. Miss him so much. He will always be the love of my life.*

sheila Nelson - June 13, 2021 at 07:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steven Wayne Nelson.*



May 03, 2021 at 01:45 PM

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“ *I will never forget when Steve installed the basketball hoop at the Bakers on Sandra Street and Oaks in the 70's. Lots of great memories were made right there in that driveway because of Steve! Steve, rock on in heaven.*

*Brian*

Brian Ford - May 03, 2021 at 10:51 AM

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*Brian, Steve loved building that basketball hoop for you and David. Thank you for sharing that memory. He was my everything. Fortunate to have him for 49 years but still wasn't enough. I miss him so much I can't imagine life without him. Love, Sheila*

sheila Nelson - June 13, 2021 at 07:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Steven Wayne Nelson.*



April 30, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Steven Wayne Nelson.*



April 29, 2021 at 08:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Steven Wayne Nelson.*



April 29, 2021 at 02:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Steven Wayne Nelson.



April 28, 2021 at 09:20 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Steven Wayne Nelson.



April 28, 2021 at 12:51 PM



“ To Shannon, Mrs. Nelson and Family:

*May God bless all of you! May God bring you comfort. Sending my humble love and friendship, always.....Letty Robledo.*

**Letty R** - April 27, 2021 at 10:42 PM



*All our love, Sheila and girls... We will be there in Spirit. Unable to make the trip for now.  
Archie and Shearon Battles*

**Archie and Shearon Battles** - April 29, 2021 at 02:02 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Steven Wayne Nelson.*



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April 27, 2021 at 10:23 PM



“ *I don't know a single person that met Steve that didn't like him. He was so personable, fun, considerate, the list goes on and on! He will try be missed but definitely left his mark in this world. My heart goes out to all of you! 🙏🥺*

*Lisa Souza*

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**Lisa Souza** - April 27, 2021 at 02:14 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Steven Wayne Nelson.*



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April 26, 2021 at 10:48 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven Wayne Nelson.*



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April 26, 2021 at 06:30 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Steven Wayne Nelson.* ”



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April 26, 2021 at 06:18 PM