



## Stephen Pat Bennett

April 14, 1948 - August 28, 2021

Stephen “Pat” Bennett, of Winterville, North Carolina, formerly of New Castle, passed away unexpectedly at home early on the morning of Saturday, August 28, 2021. He was 73.

He was born on April 14, 1948, in Fayetteville, North Carolina, a son of the late Harold Bennett and Helen Marie (Reece) Bennett.

Pat was a 1966 graduate of Blue River Valley High School and earned a bachelor’s degree from Ball State University. Pat served admirably in the US Army in Vietnam where he was a member of Unit Big Red 1. Pat was awarded a Purple Heart for his valor and injuries sustained from enemy gunfire. Pat married the love of his life, Terrie Thixton, on February 20, 1971. He worked for Westinghouse for 24 years, transferring to North Carolina in 1984 and retired from NWL Capacitors in Snow Hill.

Pat enjoyed traveling to Indiana, Tennessee, and Florida to visit family, reading autobiographies, ancient history, and philosophy. Pat was privately spiritual and enjoyed nature and walks. He loved cars - Corvettes to Kia’s, playing cards, and most of all, time spent with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Terrie (Thixton) Bennett; two daughters, Jeffin (John) Murphy of St. Cloud, FL and Whitney (Jason) McCoy, of

Wilmington, NC; five grandchildren, Rylynn, 14, Emmarie, 12, Langlee, 10, Cecelia, 6, and Oliver, 4; four brothers, Mike (Judy) Bennett, Jeff (Rhonda) Bennett, Dan (Carla) Bennett, and Jim (Beth) Bennett all of New Castle; a sister, Julie (Jeff) Brammer of New Castle; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his parents, Pat was preceded in death by a brother, Joe Bennett.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, September 3, 2021, at 1:00 pm at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Shelly Thixton Hanson officiating. Burial with military honors will follow in South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition in Legion Square.

You may view Pat's funeral service starting Friday at 12:50 pm via livestream by Clicking Here (<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/obituaries/Stephen-Bennett-13/#!/PhotosVideos/00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000001/WebcastVideo>).

Visitation will be Friday from 11:00 am until the time of service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be offered to the American Red Cross by Clicking Here ([https://www.redcross.org/donate/disaster-relief.html/?cid=generic&med=cpc&source=google&scode=RSG00000E017&gclid=Cj0KCQjwg7KJBhDyARlsAHrAXaFUwKB6XI0\\_aRw4Ez5K8l4-eEBaAz83p78quHimCHvMCfLvCb5p6IaAki4EALw\\_wcB&gclid=aw.ds](https://www.redcross.org/donate/disaster-relief.html/?cid=generic&med=cpc&source=google&scode=RSG00000E017&gclid=Cj0KCQjwg7KJBhDyARlsAHrAXaFUwKB6XI0_aRw4Ez5K8l4-eEBaAz83p78quHimCHvMCfLvCb5p6IaAki4EALw_wcB&gclid=aw.ds)). You may send the family a personal condolence at [sprolesfamilycares.com](https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com).

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Stephen "Pat" Bennett.



# Cemetery Details

## South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition

950 South Memorial Dr.  
New Castle, IN 47362

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 3. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home  
2400 S Memorial Dr  
New Castle, IN 47362  
(765) 521-2400  
toms@sprolesfamilycares.com  
<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/>

## Service

SEP 3. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sproles Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Stephen Pat Bennett*



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**Sproles Family Funeral Home** - September 01, 2021 at 10:10 PM

BM

“ *Pat and I commuted to Ball State together and he is one of the most genuine people I have ever met. He and I were in a Philosophy class together and we were both very competitive over who could get the best grade. We would quiz each other on the drive over. The grading scale was a letter grade with a points range. He made that class fun, because even though we both got A's, he wanted to be one point higher and I think he was. The point is, Pat made hard subjects fun and I will never forget his great attitude! I also appreciate Pat's valor in Vietnam and the sacrifices he made for our country. To Terrie, Jeffen and Whitney, their families and sister, Julie and brothers Mike, Jeff, Danny and Jim, I'm so sorry for your loss. I can't be there for services because I'm out of town, but I'm praying that God will comfort you in your sorrow. Pat was one of those unforgettable people whose path I was fortunate to cross. He made life better 🙏💙*

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**Beverly Matthews** - September 03, 2021 at 09:24 AM



“ 314 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Sproles Family Funeral Home** - September 02, 2021 at 10:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Stephen Pat Bennett.



September 01, 2021 at 07:59 PM



“ *Terrie I am so sorry for the loss of your husband. Prayers for you and your family!*



**Donna Ragan** - September 01, 2021 at 04:43 PM

SC

“ Terri, My most sincere condolences to you and your family. Cherish your memories.

*Samilla Hagee Catron*

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**Samilla Catron** - September 01, 2021 at 02:13 AM

BK

“ So sorry to hear the passing of Pat. He treated me like family when mine was so far away, you all did, and gave me the best advice about golf that I still recall to this very day...May you rest peacefully now.



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**Brett Klingler** - August 31, 2021 at 11:33 PM

KC

“ I was so sorry to hear about the passing of Pat. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Karen Larrimore Chalfant

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**Karen Chalfant** - August 31, 2021 at 07:07 PM

KC

“ Karen Chalfant lit a candle in memory of Stephen Pat Bennett



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**Karen Chalfant** - August 31, 2021 at 07:05 PM

LF

“ *Lancaster-Weiss Family purchased the Lovely O ne Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Stephen Pat Bennett.*



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**Lancaster-Weiss Family** - August 31, 2021 at 04:11 PM

NB

“ *Nancy Bunch lit a candle in memory of Stephen Pat Bennett*



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**Nancy Bunch** - August 31, 2021 at 12:59 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen Pat Bennett.*



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August 31, 2021 at 12:58 PM

DI

“ *Pat used to come over to my house and spend the night. He was great fun to be around. We had lots of fun racing cars and getting into trouble. Rip my friend, my your soul rest in peace.*

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**Darryl Ingram** - August 30, 2021 at 07:27 PM

RD

“ *Ricky Davis lit a candle in memory of Stephen Pat Bennett*



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**Ricky Davis** - August 30, 2021 at 07:22 PM

PS

“ *I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your father Whitney. Praying for comfort and Peace for you and your family during this time of sorrow. Love to you all (Pam, Hezekiah, and Isiah)*

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**Pamela Stewart** - August 30, 2021 at 01:39 PM

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“ *Phil Marsh lit a candle in memory of Stephen Pat Bennett*



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**phil marsh** - August 30, 2021 at 12:09 PM