



## Stephen Wayne Stetler

July 19, 1960 - September 13, 2021

Stephen Wayne Stetler, 61, of Pharr, Texas, went home to be with Jesus on September 13, 2021, following a short illness.

Steve was born on July 19, 1960, to Kenneth and Jewel Stetler in Cincinnati, Ohio. He attended God's Bible School & College from 1978-1983 and received a Bachelor of Arts in Ministerial Education and a Bachelors in Religious Education.

Steve worked in multiple areas of ministry throughout his life as a Preacher, Educator, and Missionary. His early ministry life included time in Ohio and Alabama as an associate pastor and teacher. He dedicated 18 years as a teacher, principal, and associate pastor at Stone City Christian Academy and Faith Mission Church in Bedford, Indiana. From 2007-2017, he had the privilege of working with Bible Methodist Missions in Mexico. Steve was passionate about ministry and his final place of service as Director of Member Care at Hope International Missions. Steve showed love and kindness to everyone he met and touched many lives through his service to Jesus.

In 1981, Steve met the love of his life, Beth (Sankey), at God's Bible School & College. Steve and Beth were married on July 23, 1983, and were blessed with two children, Maria and Kent. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather. There was nothing he loved more than spending time

with his family. Steve was deeply loved and will be greatly missed, not only by his family but by people from around the world.

Steve joins his parents, Kenneth and Jewel, in Heaven. He is survived by his wife, Beth; his two children, Maria (Bryan) Robledo and Kent (Jananne) Stetler; one grandchild, Kaden, and another on the way; his five siblings, Daniel (Joan) Stetler, David (Marsha) Stetler, Darrell (Regina) Stetler, Frances Stetler, and Trilinda Stetler; his in-laws, Leonard (Janet) Sankey, Vonnie (Andrew) Bryan, and Marc (Melodie) Sankey; and many nieces and nephews.

Matthew 11:28-29 says, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Steve preached from this verse many times over the course of his ministry, and now he is living out this reality, resting safely in the arms of his beloved Savior and Friend.

Services will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio where visitation will take place on Monday, September 20, 2021 from 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the J. Wesley Adcock Chapel at God's Bible School & College, 1810 Young Street.

The funeral will be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 11:00 am with visitation beginning at 9:30 am, at Springdale Nazarene Church, 11177 Springfield Pike. Interment will follow at Spring Grove Cemetery.

To join the funeral service via live stream Click Here (<https://www.snclife.org/stetler>)

Memorial contributions may be made to:  
Steve Stetler Educational Fund  
P O Box E

Port Clinton, Ohio 43452

Or Donate Online Here (<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/online-payments-and-donations/>).

This fund will be used to train Christian Workers throughout Latin America.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Stephen Wayne Stetler.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **20.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

God's Bible School & College  
1810 Young Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202  
<http://www.gbs.edu>

## Visitation

SEP **21.** 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Springdale Nazarene Church  
11177 Springfield Pike  
Cincinnati, OH 45246

## Service

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

Springdale Nazarene Church  
11177 Springfield Pike  
Cincinnati, OH 45246

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sproles Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Stephen Wayne Stetler*



**Sproles Family Funeral Home** - September 18, 2021 at 04:17 PM

BR

*Steve was a great friend. My prayers and love go out to Beth and family. Barbara*

**Barbara Tucker Riddle** - September 19, 2021 at 10:52 AM

CR

*Steve lived his life for God and others, not just with words but in action. His passion and love for God and others were felt in so many ways. He will be greatly missed by not only his family but so many others. Our love and prayers for Beth, Kent, Maria and their families.*

**Clint and Darla Ritchey** - September 21, 2021 at 09:55 AM

LB

“ *Larry and Barbara purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Stephen Wayne Stetler.*



**Larry and Barbara** - September 27, 2021 at 10:57 AM

VP

“ We're so sorry he's gone! I wanted a miracle, but God knows best. Sorry for your loss.



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**Vivian Pile** - September 21, 2021 at 03:30 PM

TG

“ Steve Stetler was one of the finest men I have ever known. We first met the Stetler family in 1973 when we moved from Texas, to pastor a church in Cincinnati. Our boys loved Steve, and the friendship they developed with him in those early days. Never did we see anything out of him that would cause us to question his Christian testimony. We have no doubt that he is presently rejoicing in Heaven with those who have gone on before us. May his life challenge all of us to purpose to make it to that City, whatever the cost. We are pray[ng] for all the Stetler and Sankey families, that God's grace will sustain them.

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**Terry and Ella Ruth Going** - September 21, 2021 at 02:28 PM

PD

“ Our thoughts and prayers for the family. Our hearts truly ache with you over the loss of Steve.  
David & Pam Derby

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**Pamela Derby** - September 21, 2021 at 12:02 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Stephen Wayne Stetler.*



September 20, 2021 at 08:20 PM



“ *Steve has always had a very special place in my heart. From the time he was a small boy until now I have loved and appreciated him. He has had a powerful impact on so many lives. We're all going to miss him. .Beth, Marie, and Kent, our prayers will be with you in the days ahead.*

**Ruth Vernon** - September 20, 2021 at 03:02 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Wayne Stetler.*



September 20, 2021 at 01:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Stephen Wayne Stetler.*



September 20, 2021 at 11:50 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Wayne Stetler.*



September 20, 2021 at 11:16 AM



“ *Darnell Holsapple purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Stephen Wayne Stetler.*



**Darnell Holsapple** - September 20, 2021 at 10:58 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen Wayne Stetler.*



September 20, 2021 at 09:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stephen Wayne Stetler.*



September 20, 2021 at 08:01 AM



“ Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen Wayne Stetler.



September 19, 2021 at 10:09 PM



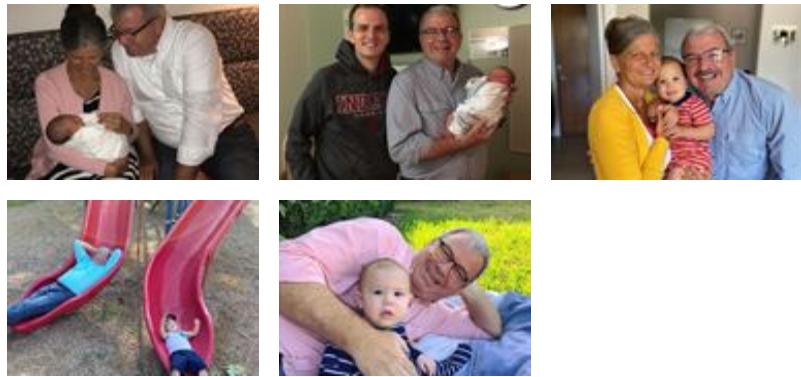
“ The Youth Challenge Board purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Stephen Wayne Stetler.



The Youth Challenge Board - September 19, 2021 at 02:49 PM



“ 137 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sproles Family Funeral Home - September 18, 2021 at 04:06 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Wayne Stetler.*



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September 18, 2021 at 09:49 AM



“ *Steve Stetler was such an inspiration for my 5 children as they attended SCCA. He was a teacher, a counselor, a mentor, a friend, and a Godly Example.  
May God hold Beth, Maria, and Kent securely in His arms. I love you all.*

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**Alice Godsey** - September 17, 2021 at 10:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Stephen Wayne Stetler.*



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September 17, 2021 at 07:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Wayne Stetler.*



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September 17, 2021 at 06:17 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen Wayne Stetler.*



September 17, 2021 at 01:34 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen Wayne Stetler.*



September 17, 2021 at 12:13 PM



“ *Hobe Sound Bible College Faculty & Staff purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Stephen Wayne Stetler.*



**Hobe Sound Bible College Faculty & Staff** - September 17, 2021 at 10:45 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen Wayne Stetler.*



September 17, 2021 at 07:43 AM

TH

“ I am glad that my path crossed that of Steve Stetler. His life speaks for itself -- a life of . dedication to God. I remember the moments of tenderness in a sermon which witnessed his relationship to God. His IHC presentation "Surrendering Your Limitations to God" was a powerful witness to the working of God in his life. May God bless the memory of Steve Stetler to our lives. (Ted Hughes)

Ted Hughes - September 17, 2021 at 07:19 AM

DB

“ The Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Connection of Churches extends to the family our condolences & prayers in this the home going of Rev. Steve Stetler. We have know him for years and his ministry among our people has been rich & rewarding. Our hearts are with you at this time.  
David Blowers-President of Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Connection of Churches

David Blowers - September 17, 2021 at 06:30 AM

JB

“ We send our most heart felt condolences to each one of Steve’s family members. Our memories of Steve are glowing. We look forward to being neighbors again “beyond the sunset”. 🙏  
Joe & Carol Brown and family.

Joe & Carol & Brown - September 17, 2021 at 12:48 AM

TL

“ Sending caring condolences and prayers in the loss of your beloved husband, father, brother and grandfather. Hearts are deeply saddened at your loss. Treasured memories of time spent at GBS with the Stetler Family.



Teresa Lang-Tsingine - September 17, 2021 at 12:07 AM

SW

“ How deeply I appreciate Bro. Stetler being the evangelist for our camp meeting this past summer! I hope to never forget some of the things he shared with us! I am reminded with tear in my eyes of these words, "If you hasten off to glory, linger near the Eastern Gate. . . . I will meet you in the morning, . . . I will meet you in the morning, over there!"

*That was one of my dear father's favorite songs.*

*My love and deepest sympathy to each one of his family!*

*Sharon Weese*

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**Sharon Weese** - September 16, 2021 at 11:27 PM

VH

“ Steve was so crazy about Beth... I remember one time when he just returned Beth to the girl's dorm from a date, that he was walking backwards grinning and all google eyes on her that's he backed into the fence around the fish pond and almost fell over! It was so cute. Beth, my heart is broken for you, and you will be in my prayers for many days to come. Vanessa (Whittle) Heppeard.

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**vanessa heppeard** - September 16, 2021 at 07:29 PM

MS

“ Steve was a humble man who impacted my family with his preaching and story telling. He was considering Columbia International University for more education and we were honored to be in His thinking. He and I had some great discussions about missions and the process. Wow we have lost a man who was having great impact on the Kingdom. We grieve yet rejoice with you. To Beth and family we love you and are asking God for His comfort and help in this time. To the Stetler family we pray for you and your families. Love and prayers, Mark and Debbie Smith

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**Mark and Debbie Smith** - September 16, 2021 at 05:56 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen Wayne Stetler.*



September 16, 2021 at 03:58 PM



“ *McCune Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Stephen Wayne Stetler*



**McCune family** - September 16, 2021 at 02:24 PM



“ *McCune Family lit a candle in memory of Stephen Wayne Stetler*



**McCune family** - September 16, 2021 at 02:24 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen Wayne Stetler.*



September 16, 2021 at 02:23 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Stephen Wayne Stetler.*



September 16, 2021 at 12:51 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Stephen Wayne Stetler.*



September 16, 2021 at 09:44 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Stephen Wayne Stetler.*



September 16, 2021 at 09:23 AM



“ *Sending deepest sympathy to Beth, the children & the entire Stetler family. May God be very close to you at the difficult time. Ken & Ruth (Lambeth) Loftin*

**Ruth (Lambeth) Loftin** - September 16, 2021 at 08:41 AM

RT

*Deepest sympathy to Beth the children and the Stetler family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God wrap His loving arms about you and give you strength!!! 🙏*

**Rebecca Becky) Thomas** - September 16, 2021 at 12:11 PM

BD

“ *Betty Dotterer lit a candle in memory of Stephen Wayne Stetler*



**Betty Dotterer** - September 16, 2021 at 08:37 AM

BD

“ *Love Hugs and PRAYERS for Steve's Family...Enjoy HEAVEN we will see you soon. 🙏*

**Betty Dotterer** - September 16, 2021 at 08:36 AM

JS

“ *I have known Steve since we were small boys. We have spent many hours worshipping together, praying together, playing ball together. Steve's desire was always to love God and to love others, especially those with the greatest needs. We've played ball and mostly been on the same team against the youth; in the only contest that really counts, he has made it through a winner. May God help me to follow in his footsteps. Sharon and I are praying that God will hold you close during this time of grief.*

**Joe and Sharon Smith** - September 16, 2021 at 07:32 AM

DD

“ On behalf of our personal family and the entire Penn View Bible Institute family, we want to express our deepest sympathy to the Stetler family at the passing of our dear friend, Steve Stetler. Our school and family will be forever grateful for the spiritual impact Bro. Steve made in all our lives. My youngest son, Dereck, made a real positive spiritual change in his life because of Steve and his story! Steve spent time with my son, who has dyslexia too, and Steve became his favorite preacher because his story encouraged him that if Steve could overcome it and be used by God, he could overcome it too and his life could count. Heaven has gained a great man of God! May God comfort you all during this difficult time.

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**Dan Durkee** - September 16, 2021 at 03:57 AM

LK

*Thanks, Rev. Durkee. And I am thankful I got to Rev. Steve Stetler again at the Mission Convention in 2019.*

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**Linda Kelley** - September 16, 2021 at 02:11 PM

CT

*So sorry for your loss. When he was little His dad preach at our mission in LOVELAND OHIO until we found a pastor;Praying for you all.*

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**Cynthia Taylor** - September 17, 2021 at 06:47 AM

PT

*Love and prayers for all this family. Deep appreciation!*

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**Paul and Rebecca Taylor** - September 21, 2021 at 12:09 AM

GS

“ Steve Stetler, how to you wrap up a life with words? What an incredible person, what an example of godly manhood. He was so real and genuine, so full of love for others and so willing to embrace the needy and broken. God used his gifts and life to bless his family and friends. Anyone who met and knew him was blessed. Thanks Beth, Kent and Maria for sharing him with us.

G. Clair Sams  
Southwest Bible Methodist Conference

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G. Clair Sams - September 16, 2021 at 12:22 AM

JP

“ Steve and Beth Stetler started out in 1986 in the Alabama Bible Methodist Conference (Southern Conf) where he has served as an Elder until his home-going! We thank God for these 35 years of blessing through their lives and ministry! Our love and prayers surround the family as we share in your grief!

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John D. Parker - Southern Conf. Pres. - September 15, 2021 at 10:35 PM

MS

“ A very dear cousin \_ we had long talks on several occasions \_ he will be missed by so many!!! Mark Stetler

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Mark Stetler - September 15, 2021 at 05:04 PM

 Dan Plemmons

“ Steve was a true friend. A friend of nearly 40 years. May God's presence be near to Beth, and the family. Our hearts ache at his passing, but we rejoice that he is now safely HOME!

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Dan Plemmons - September 15, 2021 at 10:53 AM

ME

“ *The Hobe Sound Bible Church joins the countless others in prayer for the entire family in their time of loss. Steve could mingle with the elite, but thrived on making the common person feel loved, appreciated, and worth something. Thank you, Steve, for your Christ-like example!*

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**Matt Ellison** - September 15, 2021 at 10:07 AM

LK

*So very true!*

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**Linda Kelley** - September 16, 2021 at 02:13 PM

SB

*Beth and entire Stetler family, I am at a loss for words and can't say anything that will take away your grief, but I am praying often for your families. I remember Steve for his kindness, heart of gold, gentle spirit, and friendly to all. His testimony, I recently heard on YouTube, was encouraging for him to be so transparent of his personal struggles, but telling how he allowed God to use his personal challenges to be an overcomer through Christ. God is The Way Maker and Promise Keeper for all who accept Him!*

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**Sharla Keesler Bryant** - September 18, 2021 at 08:27 PM

JP

“ *I join the IHC family in paying tribute to one of our very best. We join you the family in grief and pledge our prayers and support in the days to come.*

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**James Plank** - September 14, 2021 at 08:13 PM