



Charles Stephen Davidson

October 22, 1944 - July 4, 2017

Reverend Steve Davidson

DAVIDSON, Reverend Charles Stephen "Steve". Haralson, GA. Born October 22, 1944, and died suddenly at home July 4, 2017.

The Reverend Steve Davidson was born in Knoxville, TN, the son of Howard and Eursula Davidson. He graduated from Tennessee Wesleyan College and began his seminary studies at Garrett Theological Seminary at Northwestern University in Chicago. He completed his ministerial training at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN, and served churches and congregations in the Houlston Conference in Tennessee and in the North Georgia Conference for a total of thirty-five years of full time service.

Steve Davidson left Tennessee for Atlanta to continue his clinical pastoral education (CPE) at Georgia Mental Health Institute. He fell in love with the state of Georgia and stayed, serving the following churches in the North Georgia Conference: Lyrley United Methodist Church; St. Timothy UMC, Norcross UMC as Associate Pastor and Clarksville UMC; Red Oak UMC (Covington); Bethel UMC (Hiram); McKeever Road UMC (Oakwood); Barnesville UMC; and Senoia UMC.

After retiring from Senoia UMC, Reverend Davidson completed more CPE

hours and served as PRN Chaplain with Emory University Hospitals in Atlanta. He finished his formal ministry serving at Stewart Avenue UMC (Atlanta) as a retired supply pastor for nine years. Steve's ministry was not just inside his churches. He had a heart and a love for people and was happiest when he was able to share God's message of love with friends, congregations, and patients.

While serving at Barnesville UMC, Steve found a new favorite pastime – coaching his daughter Linda's softball team. Steve was also elected president of the local Rotary Club in Barnesville and fulfilled those duties with pride and enthusiasm. His precious daughters were involved in both marching band and chorus at East Coweta High School, and Steve supported those activities throughout their high school years. Steve was a Tennessee Volunteers fan beginning in early childhood, even selling concessions at the games when he was old enough, and he spent one year of undergraduate studies at the University of Tennessee. When his daughter attended the University of Georgia, Steve became a loyal Dawgs fan even (sometimes) when they played his beloved Tennessee Vols. He was also a loyal fan of the Atlanta Braves and was known to call friends in Georgia from a Tennessee football game to check on the Braves score for that day's game.

Steve Davidson was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Larry Davidson. He is survived by Mary Ruth Haisten Davidson, his wife of thirty-five years; his daughters Elizabeth Davidson of Athens, GA and Linda Davidson Blenk (Andrew) of Marietta, GA; his brother Ray(Shirley) Davidson of Knoxville, TN; cousins who grew up with Steve like brothers; and several nieces and nephews.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.mckoon.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the charity of your choice or to Sacred Journey Hospice Foundation at 138 Peach Drive, McDonough, GA,

30253, where Mary Ruth is a member of the caring team and he was planning to volunteer after his second retirement.

Funeral services will be Sunday, July 9, 2017 at 4:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home 38 Jackson St. Newnan, GA with Rev. Jim Moore, Rev. Dr. Bernice Kirkland and Rev. Coy Hinton officiating. The family will have a private interment on Monday. The family will receive friends Saturday evening from 6:00-8:00 PM at McKoon Funeral Home.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580.

Cemetery Details

Jackson City Cemetery

485 W College Dr
Jackson, GA 30233

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

JUL 9. 4:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
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Tribute Wall

DC

“ *Mary Ruth,
Julie and I send our deepest sympathy to you and to all of your family.
We are grateful for all of the years Steve was a part of our Callaway Family.
His spirit, wisdom, and grace blessed us all. Thank you for sharing him with us.
Dr. Kennon L. Callahan God bless you.*

Dr. Kennon L. Callahan - August 01, 2017 at 09:08 AM

CA

“ *Dear Mary Ruth, I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember Steve with the utmost respect and with many truly fond memories.
Colin Aliff*

Colin Aliff - July 09, 2017 at 11:20 PM

TR

“ *For my dear friend Mary Ruth condolences to you and your family*



Tammy Ringer - July 08, 2017 at 12:55 AM

JG

“ Dear Mary Ruth,

We were so very sorry to hear about Steve. We will always remember him as our first minister in Senoia and as a man who stood up for his principles and for others. We both respected Steve for his courage in difficult circumstances.

Melinda and Jim Garver

Jim and Melinda Garver - July 07, 2017 at 08:40 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Charles Stephen Davidson.



July 07, 2017 at 04:41 PM

LA

“ Linda Dozoretz and all. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Charles Stephen Davidson.



Linda Dozoretz and all. - July 07, 2017 at 01:18 PM

NR

“ Mary Ruth and girls, I was saddened to learn of Pastor Steve's passing. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with each of you. Please take care of each other.

Nancy Roy

Nancy Roy - July 07, 2017 at 10:05 AM

CD

“ *Mary Ruth and girls, I was saddened to hear of your lose. Know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Steve was so kind to my parents. Hugs to the family. Love, Cynthia Douglas*

Cynthia Douglas - July 06, 2017 at 09:43 PM

RH

We are praying for you in your loss. Steve's many kindnesses and encouraging conversations through the years were such a blessing to me. Please accept my condolences and know I will cherish my memories of my friendship with him.

Rev. Dr. John Huggins - July 08, 2017 at 05:25 PM

SW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with ya'll during this difficult time. Susan and Ronnie Whatley*

Susan and RONnie Whatley - July 06, 2017 at 09:14 PM

CM

“ *Mary Ruth, Elizabeth and Linda, our hearts are saddened. We are so grateful for our long friendship with Steve and with you as well. The bond of friendship, the bond of ministry and the dear bond of laughter and reminiscing that we have shared with Steve, began in 1977 and has continued throughout the years. Our love and prayers will continue as we celebrate the gift of Steve's life. His contagious laughter will always be remembered with laughter and with tears.*

Carol and Jim Moore - July 06, 2017 at 05:45 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Charles Stephen Davidson.*

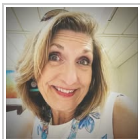


July 06, 2017 at 02:53 PM



“ *Steve also touched the lives of hundreds of people who were not even in his hospital or church congregations. He was a loving pastor who mobilized his telephone to stay in touch with even distant family members of people in his charge. Many times Steve called me in South Carolina and in Georgia to ask about my daughter, Cindee, and my wife, Pat, when they were facing serious health issues even though we were outside his normal pastoral responsibilities. Steve did not believe in boundaries of prayer any more than he believed in boundaries for God's love. I was proud to be in the same Methodist Conference with such a warm and caring servant of Christ. I cannot think of a more complete minister who was an excellent preacher, counselor, and friend. Pat and I will miss him, but I know the Kingdom of Heaven is richer for his presence. In Christian love ,*
John and Pat Brinsfield

John W. Brinsfield - July 06, 2017 at 02:41 PM



“ *Mike and I were married by Steve, I am so saddened by his passing!*

Kathy Oxford - July 06, 2017 at 10:46 AM

DR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Mary Ruth and of course your family. We love you and want you to know we're here for you in the days ahead.

All Your Sacred Journey Hospice Family

Dave Riley - July 06, 2017 at 10:21 AM

DW

“ Jessie, I'm so sorry to hear about the sudden loss of your father this week. Praising God that you KNOW he is with Jesus and in his eternal home. The assurance of this will help to make the days, weeks, and years ahead easier to manage. I read once that "Christ is glorified in you when He is more precious to you and all that life can give or death can take away." (John Piper) I know your faith is strong and pray that you will continue to have the peace that passes all understanding.

*Love to you and your family,
Steve and Donna Rae Woods
Athens, GA*



Donna Rae Woods - July 06, 2017 at 07:24 AM

DW

I'm so sorry, I meant to address this to Elizabeth. I'm not able to edit the post. I was in the process of texting Jessi to get more information about your loss. Please forgive the error. We are praying for you Elizabeth and your family.

Donna Woods - July 06, 2017 at 07:29 AM

LD

I am so sorry to hear of the death of Reverend Davidson. I never had the pleasure of knowing him, but he must have been a wonderful, kind and generous man to have raised a daughter like Linda. My heart and prayers go out to the family and all who knew him on their loss.

Linda Dozoretz

Linda Dozoretz - July 06, 2017 at 02:09 PM

EE

“ *We loved Steve and will miss his sweet spirit.
We enjoyed seeing him at conferences.
We send prayers and love and comfort.
Emory and Elise Brackman*



Emory and Elise - July 06, 2017 at 07:19 AM

JS

“ *Our hearts go out to Elizabeth and her family during this sad, difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God Bless You Always!
Janet and David Stroud
Savannah, Ga*

Janet and David Stroud - July 05, 2017 at 11:10 PM