



## William Steve Hendrix

May 26, 1945 - September 6, 2025

In 1945, the war in Europe was coming to an end. William "Paul" Hendrix had served his country in the military and had returned home to Newnan in 1944. He had found work as a carpenter in one of the larger manufacturing companies in Newnan and his family settled into their home on Fair Street. He and his wife, Lucille Stephens Hendrix, welcomed their first and only child into their world on May 26, 1945. William "Steve" Hendrix would become the center of their lives as long as they lived.

Steve's athletic strengths became apparent early in life. It was a common saying that he liked any sport in which a round ball was involved. He was skillful, but never boastful. His leadership skills would instantly attract others who wanted to be on his team, be it golf, baseball, softball, volleyball, or tennis. Later in life he would pass along his skills to his life's best buddy, his son, Ryan. Steve graduated from Newnan High School in 1963, and from LaGrange College in 1967. He served in the Georgia National Guard from 1965-1967.

In 1971, on a blind date, no less, he would meet the pretty young lady who would later share the next 54 years, lovingly, side by side. They were married in 1971. Reason would lead one to believe that a Georgia small town, "aw shucks" kind of guy who was raised on grits, the Baptist church, and home cooking, would be looking for someone like himself. The beautiful lady who stole his heart was far from that. Christine Caputo was a midwestern, Catholic, Italian girl who was in flight attendant training at Delta.

Steve had some great qualities that attracted Chris. His eyes were bright and happy ones. He was not a big talker, but everything in his life was tempered by his deep sincerity for others, his profound faith in His God, his generosity towards those who needed a little help. He exhibited a silly little grin that always put others at ease. He possessed a profound sense of humor that would be so important in the later years of his life.

Steve was owner and president of Coweta Motors from 1979-2007. He had a passion for muscle cars and owned several of them. He and Chris would be a fixture at as many car shows as they could squeeze into their busy lives. In the absence of a car show, he and Chris loved following their favorite football and basketball teams wherever they might be. Steve also loved music and had his home juke box full of the music of his youth. He even knew the stroll and the shag. He loved dancing with his best girl, Chris.

Steve and Chris relocated to Sarasota, Florida in 2019 to be near their son, Ryan. Unfortunately, Steve was facing health challenges, but he always had his favorite Italian lady to be there for him. She would instinctively be the strength for Steve's every weakness. His last days were defined by his inability to communicate by speaking. Steve made up for that with the bright light in his eyes and the soft touch of hands that reassured everyone that the real Steve was still in that body that had failed him. On September 6, 2025, God quietly let him slip into eternity.

Steve is survived by his earthly angel, Chris. Their 54 years of marriage is a testimony to the strength of a marriage founded on the principles of the God they both loved and served. Steve's life and strength of character are qualities cherished by his son Johnathan "Ryan" Hendrix and his wife Julia Weston Hendrix. He was the fully committed grandfather to his grandsons, Gunner Hendrix and Harley Hendrix. He is also survived by his brother-in-law Frank Caputo and his wife Debbie Harrison Caputo, sister-in-law Esther Caputo Simmons, and her husband John Simmons. His nephew Sammy Caputo and his wife Ally McDonald Caputo were a part of his extended family. Also

surviving is a great nephew, Banks Caputo. He most surely treasured his 14-year-old fur baby. No list of survivors would be complete without his amazing friends from the Newnan High School Class of 1963. They made sure that he was never forgotten even after his relocation to Florida. That spoke well of both that group and their desire to communicate with their friend.

When it is "all said and done", as the phrase goes, Steve wrote his own obituary. He built his life on true and deep values, a promise his steadfast heart would always keep. His legacy is not written in a book or a newspaper, but in the noble path his family took under his direction. The strength he showed, the kind and honest way he lived, shines on in all of us who live to this day. As long as we share the stories and follow the examples, he will still be with us.

On October 13, 2025, there will be a gathering of family and friends between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm at McKoon Funeral Home and Crematory at 38 Jackson Street in Newnan. Memories will be shared and stories will be told (some true), feats of athletic ability will be recounted (few true), and hugs and handshakes will be exchanged.

Flowers are a lovely means of remembrance, but Steve had a special place in his heart for our four legged friends. Please consider, instead, a memorial gift to the Newnan Coweta Humane Society: [www.nchsrescue.org](http://www.nchsrescue.org)

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **13**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263

# Tribute Wall

CJ

“ Chris and Ryan, Steve is dancing now with the Lord Of The Dance and maybe even riding in the same convertible. One day we will all join him again. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Carolyn and Brad Sears.

C. Bradford Sears, Jr. - October 13, 2025 at 06:15 PM

GO

“ Chris, you and Steve were always the perfect couple! You guys were a great inspiration for us as a young married couple. We are very sorry for your loss of Steve, who always handled himself with humility and class. Our prayers are with you, Ryan and family.

Greg Owens - October 12, 2025 at 05:35 PM

RB

“ Praying for your family.



Rev BettyJean Bowers - October 01, 2025 at 04:04 PM

TF

“ Chris, I am so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. He was a good guy, I remember many of the old car shows we all shared together. Will be praying for you and your family.  
Tommy Ferrell

Tommy Ferrell - September 29, 2025 at 08:25 PM

RW

“ Chris, I was heartbroken to hear of Steve’s passing. It had been a few years since you and I had a phone conversation about his medical issues. Please know that I am thinking of you and praying for God’s peace in your heart. Sending love and prayers to you and your family.

Ruth Warren - September 29, 2025 at 09:45 AM

HD

Praying for you and Ryan.

Hazel Dominick - September 29, 2025 at 01:46 PM

KW

“ Kathi And Tim Wilson lit a candle in memory of William Steve Hendrix



Kathi and Tim Wilson - September 25, 2025 at 09:43 AM

ES

“ Chris, I am so sorry to hear about Steve. You and the family are in my thoughts and prayers.love you❤️🙏❤️🙏

earlene scott - September 16, 2025 at 03:19 PM


FF

“ I am so sad to hear Steve has passed away. My prayers go out to all the family during this difficult time of loss. My first memory of Steve was when he played for the Dairy Queen softball team. They played at the Rec Center on Hospital Rd. I was just a teenager and would retrieve foul balls for a nickel. Steve made me more money than any other player. He would foul off several before he hit his home run. I also enjoyed playing with Steve on our Central Baptist softball teams in the 1990's. Steve was a great fellow in every way.

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**Frank and Melody Farmer** - September 16, 2025 at 01:47 PM

JR

“ Dear Chris, My heart and hugs go out to you! His obituary, is a beautiful tribute, to him and so deserved. Your love story, is an inspiration, of a wonderful marriage! Treasure those memories! 🥹  


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**Julia Rivers** - September 16, 2025 at 08:50 AM

MR

“ Chis & family, I am very sorry for your loss. And I am grateful that I had the pleasure of meeting Steve. The occasions of being in the company of Steve and Chris in PTC were always filled with fun and laughter. May God bring peace to you all and may strength from the life you shared together sustain and bless you.

*My sincere condolences, Cookie Scarborough Rogers*

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**Margery Rogers** - September 15, 2025 at 11:20 PM

JP

“ What a wonderful testimony of a great man who was larger than life. Sending love and prayers to you Chris and all of the family.

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**Jenny Passler** - September 15, 2025 at 06:17 PM

FR

“ Dear Chris,  
So sorry and shocked to hear about Steve. I had no idea he was even sick. We think of you often and miss that beautiful smile you always have. Please know our heart and prayers anew with you. The Good Lord bless you and comfort you in this time of loss.  
Francis and Nancy Rowe

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**Francis Rowe** - September 15, 2025 at 12:33 PM

WI

“ Chris & family,  
  
We were so sad to hear about Steve. So many wonderful memories of you both. Know that our love and prayers are with you during the coming days!  
  
George & Peggy

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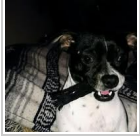
**Williams** - September 14, 2025 at 06:22 PM

GD

“ My dear friend, my heart is with you, Ryan and the rest of your family. Bill and I knew nothing about this. I just wish I was close enough to stand by you the way that you and Steve by me. I love you all so very much and will miss my dear friend Steve. Love and prayers for all. Love, Glenda and Bill

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**glenda davis** - September 14, 2025 at 06:18 PM



“ *Janice Anderson lit a candle in memory of William Steve Hendrix*



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**Janice Anderson** - September 14, 2025 at 04:02 PM

GW

“ *Chris, I remember so well when we building our house in Lakehills and you and Steve were also. I lost touch with you all but I am so very sorry for your loss. May your memories be a blessing.*



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**Geraldine Welch** - September 14, 2025 at 01:03 PM

DO

“ *Chris, please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I have always missed you and Steve being my neighbors! Wishing you peace and comfort during theses difficult days.*

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**Debbie Olmstead** - September 14, 2025 at 09:00 AM

HA

*Chris, I'm so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Think about you often, my friend.*

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**Happy** - September 17, 2025 at 07:41 AM

SD

*Chris, so sorry to hear about Steve. I pray for comfort and peace for you and Ryan and all the family. I think fondly of the many tennis tournaments we were in!*

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**Sharon Deason** - September 30, 2025 at 04:50 PM