



Mr. James Martin "Jim" Steele

January 26, 1943 - April 11, 2024

James Martin Steele, 81, of Hartsville, SC, passed away peacefully at home on April 11, 2024. Born in Lancaster, SC, on January 26, 1943, he was the son of the late James Beauregard Steele and Mary Elizabeth Crawford Steele. Jim is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 58 years, Mary Lathan Robinson Steele, his daughter, Elizabeth Hunter Steele Hall (Dean) of Hartsville, and two grandchildren, Sara Preston Hall and James Segars Hall.

Jim is also survived by his siblings, Jane Steele Pierce (Jim) of Moore, SC, Alvin Lee Steele (Susan) of Fort Mill, SC, William Beauregard Steele (Janet) of Sandy Run, SC, and his brother-in-law Barto Craig Robinson, II, (Becky) of Simpsonville, SC. He is survived by his nephews and nieces Jay Pierce, Scott Pierce (Elizabeth), Tripp Robinson (Wendy), Patrick Robinson, Macray Steele, Dr. Allison Steele Thompson (Kip), Will Steele (Paige), and Baillie Steele. He is also survived by several very special great-nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his stepmother, Beverly Rush Steele, and his in-laws, Barto Craig Robinson Sr and Sara Theo Hunter Robinson.

Jim graduated from Lancaster High School in 1961, and attended Wingate University, Clemson University and graduated from the LSU School of Banking in Baton Rouge, LA. He served his country as a member of the Army National Guard Medical Core. Jim's successful banking career spanned over four decades beginning at The Bank of Lancaster and continued with First

State Savings Bank in Gastonia, NC, South Carolina Federal in Hartsville, and SPC Cooperative Credit Union, retiring in 2011. Jim was also employed by Segars Realty and Development prior to joining SPC Cooperative Credit Union. He was an active member of the South Carolina Bankers Association, the South Carolina Credit Union League, and the South Carolina Realtors Association.

Jim's greatest love was his family. His most treasured gifts were his two grandchildren, Sara Preston and Segars, and he was their biggest cheerleader at the soccer and baseball fields, dance recitals, and school and church performances. DeDe was his most favorite title.

Jim loved the great outdoors. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, and his loyal companions Gracie and Snickers were never far from him when he was on an adventure. He gave back to the State of South Carolina by serving on the State Department of Natural Resources Board; he was an active member of the Coastal Conservation Association and locally a member of Ducks Unlimited, The Outdoor Club, and numerous hunting clubs. He was also a certified boat captain and a licensed pilot. Jim was a devoted Clemson fan, cheering on the Tigers for his entire life. Whether on land, water, or in the air, Jim found peace and joy in the people and world around him.

His faith was formed at an early age at First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, and he was a very active and devoted member of First Presbyterian Church, Hartsville, serving as an Elder, Deacon, and on various committees.

Our family grew with the addition of the wonderful caregivers who took special care of Jim during his years-long battle with Dementia. A very special thank you to Lizzie Brown, Cheryl Johnson, Geneva Johnson, Teresa Johnson, Caroline Kelly, Mabel Little, and Annette Johnson for the love and care you showed Jim and our family, and many thanks to Rachel Stacey and the entire

Crescent Hospice team.

A memorial service for Jim will be held at 2 o'clock on Monday, April 15, 2024, at First Presbyterian Church, 213 West Home Avenue, Hartsville, led by The Reverend Ashley Cheek. A visitation will follow at the home of Elizabeth and Dean Hall, 502 Goodson Road, Hartsville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his honor to First Presbyterian Church Fish House Renovation Fund, 213 West Home Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550.

Cemetery Details

First Presbyterian Church Prayer Garden

213 W. Home Ave.
Hartsville, SC 29550

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
213 West Home Avenue
Hartsville, SC

Visitation

APR 15. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

The Hall Residence
502 Goodson Road
Hartsville, SC 29550

Tribute Wall

VB

“ *Mary Lathan and family-So sorry to hear of Jim's death, Prayers for the family during this time of grief. Remember as best you can to focus on your wonderful memories.*

Vernon Boyd - April 19, 2024 at 11:26 PM

AS

“ *Prayers for you and your family, Mary Lathan. I'm so very sorry for your loss.*

Anna Spencer - April 19, 2024 at 03:53 PM

NR

“ *So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I have fond memories from when we were neighbors. Thoughts and prayers for your family.*

Nancy Rogers - April 18, 2024 at 05:35 PM

LL

“ *My most sincere condolences go out to you and your precious family for the loss of your loved one. May God give you comfort in remembering all the wonderful memories you shared together. Continued prayers for you all during this sorrowful time. Lori and Randy*

Lori Sims Lowe - April 17, 2024 at 07:00 PM

RW

“ *Robyn Walters lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Martin "Jim" Steele*



Robyn Walters - April 17, 2024 at 11:01 AM

RW

“ *Mary Latham, Elizabeth and family, we are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. You are all in our thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort during this difficult time and in the days ahead!*

Rita & Jimmy White - April 15, 2024 at 10:03 PM

LM

“ *Mary Lathan, Elizabeth, and family I am so sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time!*

Lesa Mulligan - April 15, 2024 at 09:40 PM

PT

“ *Mary Lathan, so sorry to hear of Jim s death! You both were so sweet to us when we moved to Lancaster and I have many fond memories of the Cottilion Dance Club and your folks living across the street from us ! He was a great man!*

Penny Thompson - April 15, 2024 at 06:08 PM

TL

“*Mary Lathan, Elizabeth and family, so sorry to learn of Jim’s passing. May the joy of your memories eventually become stronger than the pain of your loss. Tru and Ed*”



Tru Lawton - April 15, 2024 at 02:43 PM

FT

“*Dean Frank and I are so sorry for your loss!*”



Frank and Faith Tyson - April 15, 2024 at 02:42 PM



“*Elizabeth, I am sorry to hear of your families loss jupu are in our prayrts*”



James Butch Mckenzie - April 15, 2024 at 02:04 PM

BH

“*Mary Lathan and Elizabeth, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of you husband and dad. May you feel God's love around you during the days ahead. Prayers for you all.*”

Bobbie Huggins - April 15, 2024 at 01:17 PM

BS

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family from your friends at Ruth's Drive In.

Bill & Angela Stokes - April 15, 2024 at 10:17 AM

EG

“ So sorry for your loss. May God comfort you today and the days and weeks ahead. God Bless



Ervin and Jackie Gibson - April 15, 2024 at 08:42 AM

GH

“ Gary ,Gery,and Devin Hekking lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Martin "Jim" Steele



Gary ,Gery,and Devin Hekking - April 15, 2024 at 08:13 AM

GH

Prayers from Gerry, Gary and Devin Hekking 🙏🙏

Gary ,Gery,and Devin Hekking - April 15, 2024 at 08:19 AM

TT

“ Traci M Teal lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Martin "Jim" Steele



Traci M Teal - April 14, 2024 at 08:46 PM

SP

“ *What wonderful, happy memories of you and Jimmy, Tillison and me and the rest of our crowd of newlyweds so many years ago. My heart aches for you, Mary Lathan, Elizabeth, and your beautiful grandchildren. Your unconditional love for each other was evident to everyone who knew you. Jimmy was one of a kind and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Sending love and hugs to your dear family.*

Sonya F. Poole - April 14, 2024 at 07:54 PM

WH

“ *Wayne Helms lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Martin "Jim" Steele*



Wayne Helms - April 14, 2024 at 07:22 PM

PC

“ *Phillip & Donna Crocker lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Martin "Jim" Steele*



Phillip & Donna Crocker - April 14, 2024 at 01:33 PM

MM

“ *Mary Morrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Martin "Jim" Steele*



Mary Morrison - April 14, 2024 at 01:32 PM

GP

“ I will miss Jimmy! I have wonderful memories of our off shore fishing trips! He was so much fun to be around. —George Parker.

George Parker - April 14, 2024 at 12:49 PM

MR

“ Marty Robbins lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Martin "Jim" Steele



Marty Robbins - April 14, 2024 at 12:02 PM

DC

“ Dawn Crawford And Bill Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Martin "Jim" Steele



Dawn Crawford and Bill Crawford - April 13, 2024 at 10:26 PM

JB

“ Mary Lathan, Elizabeth and family. So sorry to hear of the passing of Jim. May God give you strength during this time and keep you wrapped in his loving arms. Love in Christ.

Janelle and Walter Britt - April 13, 2024 at 05:13 PM

SW

Sorry to hear of Jim's passing. My memories of Jim and Mary Lathan are most of LSHS. SUCH GREAT MEMORIES. Prayers for Mary Lathan and entire family. Comfort and peace in the days to come.

Sherry Brooks Williams - April 13, 2024 at 08:35 PM

CD

“ Charles & Miriam Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Martin "Jim" Steele



Charles & Miriam Dixon - April 13, 2024 at 04:40 PM

BH

“ Beverly Hooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Martin "Jim" Steele



Beverly Hooks - April 13, 2024 at 04:31 PM

CT

“ Cheryl & Johnny Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Martin "Jim" Steele



Cheryl & Johnny Taylor - April 13, 2024 at 01:39 PM

RW

“ Ron Wall lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Martin "Jim" Steele



Ron Wall - April 13, 2024 at 10:20 AM

PJ

“ Prayers for all of you.



Pat & Robert James - April 13, 2024 at 09:25 AM

GM

“ Goode & Gail Mobley lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Martin "Jim" Steele



Goode & Gail Mobley - April 13, 2024 at 09:13 AM

RD

“ Rick And Cheri Dunlap lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Martin "Jim" Steele



Rick and Cheri Dunlap - April 13, 2024 at 09:06 AM

CT

“ Curtis A. Tyner lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Martin "Jim" Steele



Curtis A. Tyner - April 13, 2024 at 09:05 AM

KG

“ *Our heart is broken for this sweet family. Prayers for every one in this precious family. GOD BLESS , Krystal and Jewel*

Krystal Weekley and Jewel Gibson - April 13, 2024 at 09:04 AM

KG

“ *Krystal Weekley And Jewel Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Martin "Jim" Steele*



Krystal Weekley and Jewel Gibson - April 13, 2024 at 09:00 AM

DG

“ *Deborah Gandy lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Martin "Jim" Steele*



Deborah Gandy - April 13, 2024 at 08:38 AM

PA

“ *Beautifully written obituary ... such an accurate remembrance of a very special Husband, Father and Grandfather as well as his gifts to our community. May you all find peace and comfort in the coming days. Prayers for you all.*

Penny G Anthony - April 13, 2024 at 08:35 AM

VN

“ Vickie And David Newsome lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Martin "Jim" Steele



Vickie and David Newsome - April 13, 2024 at 08:05 AM

BL

“ The Lancaster Class of 1963 sending our thoughts and prayers



Becky Lucas Lyles - April 13, 2024 at 07:02 AM

MC

“ What a great guy. Jim had so many friends in Hartsville. He always had a big smile when you would run into him somewhere and always a witty remark. He will be greatly missed but he is not in the strange world anymore. He is now healthy and having fun again. Our love to Mary Latham, Elisabeth and the family 🙏❤️

Maxie and Gail Cantley - April 12, 2024 at 10:25 PM

CR

“ Jimbo was one of a kind, my great friend, brother-in-law and mentor in having fun.

Jim had an infectious love of life, never met a stranger and if you needed a dove field we always sent Jim to ask. We will miss Jim but know he is free of Dementia.

Craig Robinson - April 12, 2024 at 09:40 PM

CW

“ Cheryl Weikel lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Martin "Jim" Steele



Cheryl Weikel - April 12, 2024 at 09:36 PM

PM

“ Sending prayers of comfort to the family of cousin Jim. May he rest in blessed peace. I remember my dad always referring to him as "JimSteele", one word, as if that was his name instead of just Jim. My dad thought the world of him. I remember Jim from family reunions. At one reunion he told me a story about Uncle Lewis putting him inside a bag for picking cotton in order to carry him around. He said what he remembered about it was that it was very scratchy! He told this story in such a funny way that we were all cracking up. I will always remember Jim. Photos showing my dad lifting a young smiling Jim and one of young Jane and Jim.



Peggy Crawford Maiorano - April 12, 2024 at 07:42 PM

KJ

“ Karen Jeffords lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Martin "Jim" Steele



Karen Jeffords - April 12, 2024 at 07:06 PM

DS

“ Prayers and thoughts to the family!



Danny and Phoebe Stokes - April 12, 2024 at 06:52 PM

TH

“ Tina Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Martin "Jim" Steele



Tina Huggins - April 12, 2024 at 06:20 PM

DH

“ Debby Hegler lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Martin "Jim" Steele



Debby Hegler - April 12, 2024 at 05:32 PM

DH

Mary Lathan, you & the family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Much love to all of you. ❤️

Debby Hegler - April 12, 2024 at 05:38 PM

CB

“ Sending lots of love and prayers to all of you. xo

Caroline Beasley - April 12, 2024 at 05:00 PM

GG

“ *Mary Lathan, Elizabeth, Dean, Sarah Preston and Segars! We are so sorry for the loss of our dear friend Jim! May your wonderful memories sustain you all. Our love and Prayers are with you all!*



Gene and Teresa Gibson - April 12, 2024 at 04:48 PM

JW

“ *Sending prayers of comfort and peace to your family.*

Jennifer C Webb - April 12, 2024 at 04:21 PM

AS

“ *Working with Jim at the credit union was a joy - he always made me laugh. It was even a greater gift to be at our church with him and get to know and love all of you. Mary Lathan and Elizabeth, my love and prayers are with you and your family. Annisa*

Annisa Sheffield - April 12, 2024 at 04:21 PM

RM

“ *We had many great times hunting and fishing together. I always enjoyed his humor, and his love for his dogs. Bob McWatty*



Robert Mcwatty - April 12, 2024 at 04:10 PM

EJ

“ Prayers and hugs to Mary Latham, Liz, Dean, Sara Preston, and Segars. My heart breaks for each of you.
Ethel Johnson



Ethel Johnson - April 12, 2024 at 04:04 PM

DS

“ Donna Sansburu lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Martin "Jim" Steele



Donna Sansburu - April 12, 2024 at 04:01 PM

AW

“ Dear Mary Lathan, You are truly a beautiful wife and lady. Your devotion and gentle care for Jim was so loving and beautiful. Bless you with sweet memories of Jim. Love, Anna



Anna Williams - April 12, 2024 at 03:21 PM