



Steven "Steve" William Oliver Sr.

March 2, 1952 - May 24, 2019

Steven William Oliver Sr., passed away on May 24, 2019 at the age of 67. Steve was a loving father and the best grandfather that ever was. Steve loved to stir up trouble and have the last word; traits that carried him from his days at Duncan Elementary to his last day on earth. As much as he loved to kid and aggravate, he also loved to provide and care for those he cherished. After his graduation from Byrnes High School, Steve worked hard and eventually put himself through Clemson University, where he earned a degree in Forestry. He started his own business, Apalache Land and Timber, where he met many clients who quickly became lifelong friends. When he wasn't surrounded by trees, Steve could be found cheering on his beloved Clemson Tigers, working on his property with his dogs by his side, enjoying happy hour at the Piedmont Club, or spending time with his best friend, his granddaughter Mary Helen.

Steve is predeceased by his parents, Sam and Ibera Oliver, as well as, a brother, Larry. He is survived by his children and granddaughter, Will (Kristie), Clayton, Ben, and Mary Helen. Steven also leaves behind his four-legged kids, Tillman and Jesse. Brothers Randy (Barbara) and Sammy, along with, many nieces, nephews, and cousins will also fondly remember Steve and his larger-than-life personality.

Visitation will be held on Friday, May 31st from 5pm-7pm at The Wood Mortuary in Greer, SC. A Celebration of Life service will be held at Steve's home in Laurens, SC at 5pm on Saturday, June 1st. Memorial contributions

may be made to Clemson University. Please direct your gift to the general scholarship fund in memory of Steve Oliver, class of 1979. Gifts may be made online at clemson.edu/isupportcu, by phone at (864) 656-5896 or by mail: Clemson University, Annual Giving Office, 110 Daniel Drive, Clemson, SC 29631.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **31**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Steven "Steve" William Oliver Sr.*



The Wood Mortuary - May 29, 2019 at 06:29 PM



“ *Will, I will be praying for you and your family.*

Patricia Luker - May 31, 2019 at 04:08 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Steven "Steve" William Oliver Sr..*



May 30, 2019 at 05:36 PM



“ *The members of the Duncan Fire Department send their deepest condolences to the OLIVER Family. On a personal note.... Steve was a true friend for 53 years through all the highs, lows and in between.*

With Love

Alf McGinnis Jr. Duncan Fire Department

Alf McGinnis Jr. - May 30, 2019 at 10:52 AM

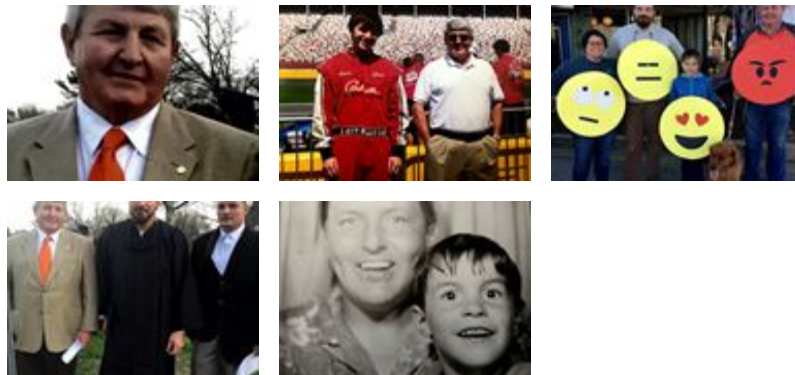
JC

“ I met Steve at the Piedmont Club . Every Wednesday night you would find him there, at the same spot, enjoying an adult beverage. After a while we struck up a friendship and recently enjoyed fun conversation and dinner. Our adoration for our beloved granddaughters was the bond! We talked all evening about those girls being the lights of our lives! As I got to know him, it was easy to see that his family was everything. He was gregarious, kind, and funny! I will never be able to look at his “table” when at the Piedmont Club and not see him sitting there. Farewell, sweet man!
Jean Carter

Jean Carter - May 30, 2019 at 08:11 AM



“ 59 files added to the album Life Tributes



The Wood Mortuary - May 29, 2019 at 05:09 PM



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The Wood Mortuary - May 29, 2019 at 09:46 AM

LS

“ I remember days at the WYRA ball field in woodruff, his youngest son Ben played ball with my grandson and my husband was the coach. Steve was at all the games and supported his boys in everything they did. I liked him and admired him, he and my husband shared a personality, you always knew where you stood with him, he was a good person and showed a great deal of love for his family. God bless him. And many prayers for his family.

Linda Sims - May 29, 2019 at 04:57 AM

JH

“ Steve and I go way back to forestry school at Clemson, way back in the good old days. Always smiling and having something funny to say, even after a hard day in our many labs and lots of hours in classes, and especially during forestry summer camp (not your ordinary camping experience, I assure you). Steve was successful in a tough, competitive industry that is the number one agribusiness and land use in SC. He was deeply committed to forest sustainability and forestry as a rural land use, and equally dedicated to supporting his alma mater. The last time I saw Steve, he was with family members and picked me out of the crowd walking down Main Street after the Syracuse game. Bill Shain, one of our mentors and professors, always said (with a big smile) "foresters are stubborn." I think Steve fit the stubborn part, before and after he arrived at CU, and also left with successful business skills, dedication and a big smile. We will miss him greatly, but know he is in a better place.

John Helms - May 28, 2019 at 07:08 PM

HS

“ Steve and my self(Harry Smutzer) have been friends for over 25 years. I have leased hunting property from Steve all this time. Our hunting club leases the 49 property across from Steve's house, the Woodruff property and the Clifton property. We are going to miss Steve setting at the camp fire at night and telling stories. My son Chris also graduated from Clemson and he and Steve had a lot in common. We will miss him and pray that he is in a better place!

Harry Smutzer - May 28, 2019 at 04:54 PM

SR

Through my good friend Harry Smutzer, I gained acquaintance with Mr. Steve many years ago, in relation to 4 hunt club land leases...Ware Shoals, Clifton, 49 / Patterson Road and Woodruff.

The recent news concerning Mr. Steve has truly has impacted my life in my constant thoughts, sleep and awareness for everyone's safety.

The was ONLY one Mr. Steve. One of a kind.

I will miss you.

I truly believe you are in a much better place.

Thank you, sir.

Scotty

Scotty Reed - May 28, 2019 at 11:04 PM

BH

“ Steve and I were wonderful friends for 30 years. He was good to my kids, Robert, Holly and Adam!
Loved going places with him. Me, Steve, Clayton and Adam would be off at the drop of the hat for a long weekend golf outing. 18 holes in the morning and 18 in the afternoon!
Now that is not to mention the Sunday morning golf with me him and Clayton! No matter if it were bitter cold, rain or so hot me and Clayton knew we might as well go! And we did!!!
Now Steve and I had some serious conversations also. At the Biltmore House in Asheville. After looking at the gingerbread houses we sat in front of the big fireplace and talked. I made him a promise as he did me also.
We had great, great meals together and yes we sometimes argued like cats and dogs!
I will miss the man that was so proud of just my kids!
He beamed with pride in Robert. He was proud of Holly when she went to University of South Carolina and Adam when he went to CLEMSON!
He was a great dad and a proud dad!
Love you forever Steve!

Bobby Harrison - May 28, 2019 at 01:48 PM

MK

“ Steve was my boss for over 5 years. He educated me about timber procurement and was an integral part to my forestry career. I appreciated everything he did for me and my prayers go out to him and his entire family. God Bless. - Matthew Krawiec

Matthew Krawiec - May 28, 2019 at 01:30 PM