

James Henry Steenson

September 3, 1938 - March 3, 2024

In Loving Memory of James Henry Steenson, Sr.

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of James Henry Steenson, Sr., who passed away on Sunday, March 3, 2024, at the age of 85. Surrounded by the love of his family, Jim leaves behind a legacy of warmth, courage, and devotion.

Born September 3, 1938, Jim was the beloved husband and best friend of Nora Jane (Blake) Steenson, with whom he shared 37 years of marriage. He is survived by Nora and Jim's children: James, Jr. and his daughter Julia and his partner Amy, Lora and her husband Michael, Beth and her sons Connor, Ethan, and Spencer, and many nieces and nephews. His memory will forever be cherished by those who knew him.

Jim's life was a tapestry of service and adventure. A proud United States Marine, commercially rated pilot, air traffic controller, and skilled sailor, he embodied the spirit of a true adventurer. His passion for capturing life's moments led him to become a talented photographer, freezing memories in time for generations to come.

Beyond his notable military and aviation achievements, Jim served as a heroic Washington D.C. firefighter, selflessly putting his life on the line to protect others. His commitment to community extended to his role as a dedicated

volunteer, generously giving his time to the Hope Lutheran Church, where he actively participated in bible study, community projects, Stephen's Ministries and Sunday services.

On November 11, 1986, Jim and Nora exchanged vows in Port Jefferson, NY, embarking on a journey of love and companionship that lasted a lifetime. Together, they navigated the vastness of the ocean and the tranquility of the intracoastal waters, with Jim at the helm and Nora as his first mate. They shared adventures and created a bond that will endure in the hearts of those who knew them.

In remembering James Henry Steenson Sr., let us honor a life well-lived, a man who touched the skies, sailed the seas, and gave selflessly to his community. May his memory be a source of comfort and inspiration to all who had the privilege of knowing him.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, March 10th from 2:00pm to 3:00pm at Hope Lutheran Church at Lake Weir with a service to immediately follow.

The family is inviting those who wish to join them in the procession from Beyers Funeral Home in Lady Lake to Florida National Cemetery on Monday, March 11th. The public is asked to arrive at the funeral home at 10:00am for the lineup. The procession will leave the funeral home at 10:30am to arrive for a 11:30 am committal time. If friends choose, they can go directly to the cemetery and meet the procession there.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made in James' honor to the Wounded Warriors Project at 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville FL, 32256 or call (877) 832-6997.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Hope Lutheran Church
10495 SE Sunset Harbor Rd
Summerfield, FL 34491

Service

MAR 10. 3:00 PM (ET)

Hope Lutheran Church
10495 SE Sunset Harbor Rd
Summerfield, AK 34491

Interment

MAR 11. 11:30 AM (ET)

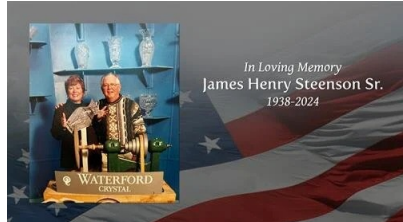
Florida National Cemetery
6502 SW 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513

Those who wish to join the procession can meet at Beyers Funeral Home in Lady Lake, FL at 10:00am, or if you wish to go directly to Florida National Cemetery we will meet at 11:30am.

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Henry Steenson*



Beyers Funeral Home - March 08, 2024 at 02:13 PM

LH

“ *In the vast sea of memories, Dad, you were the captain,
guiding your ship through life's storms with unwavering passion.*

*You sailed with strength, a hero at the helm,
Through challenges faced, most would be overwhelmed.*

*In your baby blues, a beacon of light,
A guiding force, even in the darkest night.*

*Our anchor of strength, now rests in peace,
A hero remembered, our love won't cease.*

*Though you've sailed beyond the horizon's bend,
In our hearts, forever, your legacy will transcend.*

Lora (Steenson) Hyman - March 22, 2024 at 11:13 AM

MN

“ Met Jim years ago when he had his boat tied up in Tampa (?). I forget. Treated Christine and me to Sunday brunch at the club. On our various visits he would regale me with his stories of a life well lived. We both served on Oahu - he in the Marines, I in the Army. We were both pilots and I was a wanna-be sailor. A very muscular life, I might add, especially dodging bullets in DC putting out fires during the riots. So much enjoyed his photography and all the other aspects of his life. May he RIP and rise in glory. (We contribute to Wounded Warriors and will make an extra contribution in his name.)

Mark & Christine Nordstrom - March 13, 2024 at 01:13 PM

LH

Thank you! It's great to hear stories about Dad and his travels. He sure had the gift of gab, didn't he!?

Lora (Stenson) Hyman - March 22, 2024 at 11:18 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of James Henry Steenson.



March 07, 2024 at 11:51 AM

NS

“ Nora S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Henry Steenson.

Nora S. - March 07, 2024 at 11:45 AM

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“ *Nora S. purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of James Henry Steenson.*



Nora S. - March 07, 2024 at 11:45 AM

JB

“ *Jimmy, Lora and Beth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Henry Steenson.*

Jimmy, Lora and Beth - March 07, 2024 at 11:02 AM

JB

“ *Jimmy, Lora and Beth purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James Henry Steenson.*



Jimmy, Lora and Beth - March 07, 2024 at 11:02 AM

JS

“ *1 file added to the album James Steenson*



Jim Steenson - March 06, 2024 at 10:48 AM

DM

“ *Nora and family, my prayers are with you at this time of Jim's passing. I will cherish those precious memories of our lives together forever. Rest in peace Jim.*

Dottie McElroy - March 06, 2024 at 10:39 AM

LH

Thanks so much Dot! It means a lot to hear your kind words at this sad time. -Lora

Lora (Stenson) Hyman - March 06, 2024 at 11:56 AM