



Steve Early

August 28, 1948 - July 18, 2023

Steve Early, age 74, died at his home in Myrtle Beach on Tuesday, July 18, 2023.

Steve was a long time radio announcer including the Early Morning Get Together Show on WCOG of Greensboro, NC, and many other stations in North Carolina. In his time in Myrtle Beach, Steve was an entertainer at the GTS Theater. Living at Pirateland Campground, he worked for Graham Golf Cars.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Susan Early; daughter Amy Cecil (Michael); grandchildren Shelby Grant (Logan), Luke Cecil, Tyler Cecil (Laurie); many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; several friends; and the family would like to give a special thanks to Russell Graham of Graham Golf Cars for his friendship and generosity to Steve.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, July 29, 2023 at North Pointe Church, 5525 High Point Road, High Point, NC 27265. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

A second Memorial Service will be held in Myrtle Beach at GTS Theatre at a later date.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is handling the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Susie I’m so sorry, what a shock to you, family, and Pirateland family. Steve was such a nice person. Always helpful when you needed him. Several times he towed my golf cart in, helped put my golf cart cover on winter and off in the summer. I paid him a little, but he didn’t want to take that, but I made him. He always smiled and waved. He will missed around here.

Juliana Flowe - July 22, 2023 at 12:03 PM

TR

“ Remember Steve singing at Pirate land when my Dad Oscar Phillips, his wife Kay lived there. He was such a great singer and it was nothing he couldn't sing. I'll hang on to the precious memories I have of him. My prayers going out to Suzie and the family. So sorry for the passing of Steve. I know he will surely be missed!

Teresa Royall - July 21, 2023 at 10:10 PM

LK

Yes

Louise kusaj - July 29, 2023 at 04:06 PM

LK

Sure will

Louise kusaj - July 29, 2023 at 04:07 PM

LK

Always enjoyed him when i lived over there

Louise kusaj - July 29, 2023 at 04:09 PM

DR

“ I had the unique honor to call Steve Early my brother in law. He was always kind to me. Steve will be missed b6 all who knew him.

donni reid - July 21, 2023 at 08:01 PM

SA

“ Steve was my best friend starting in the second grade. I will miss him and may he RIP. I send blessings with love to his family and loved ones. He was a blessed man.

sally - July 21, 2023 at 07:59 PM

LS

“ To all of the family members, I am so sorry for your loss. It was a shock to me and I immediately started remembering the occasions that Gerry and I had to spend with Steve and family over the years. Steve was always a favorite of mine and Gerry's. He was a “cool” guy, friendly, likable, nice, always had a kind word to say in conversation. He will be sorely missed by all that loved him and just knew him. I know that he and Gerry are “catching” up on all of the happenings that Gerry has missed over the last 7 years. May Steve rest in peace and keep playing that good ole music we all loved.
Lynn Smith, Greenville, SC

lynn smith - July 21, 2023 at 10:17 AM

RI

Steve and i were good friends at the Greensboro airport and stayed in touch i will miss him he was a character Susan just take one day at a time and remember the good times me and him had some good times together . Ricky P

RICKY - July 22, 2023 at 10:08 AM

VV

How do I write thee, let me count the ways.

Stephen Lynn Early came into my life when he was four and we were so young. He had the blessing of parents that not only treasured him, they gave him loving discipline and he passed that upbringing on to Shelby Lynn and Luke as I witnessed when visiting. Stephen picked up Luke after school and brought him back to give him snacks and spend time with him. I am so glad he had that opportunity. Stephen was a natural in that area of caring. I saw it again when our son was seven and visited. Stephen, at the studio he worked to broadcast music, had Matthew sitting on his lap while our son beamed wide-eyed at this moment in his childhood. Stephen's Daddy and Mother would be so proud to see how their love of their son continued to be demonstrated as a grandparent himself.

I am personally thankful for the times Stephen would call me long distance from various broadcast stations such as in Staunton, VA and another just inside NC on the border of NC/VA. He wanted to keep in touch and so grateful he did as I needed to know he was all right. You did not need to see him as his voice was such a gift. As teenagers we spent hours playing Rummy, Knock Rummy and 500 Rummy way into the early hours keeping score who got to 500 first so we could put the cards aside for another night of fun in our own little casino of friendship. We both won...lifelong friendship. I love him and always will. God bless you, Susan.

Virginia Gray Early Vilk - July 22, 2023 at 12:58 PM

VV

I recall when our grandfather, William Early, had died, and Stephen was only seven. Granny shared Grandpa's sentimental items. One was a gold watch and chain which went to Uncle Bud. After Stephen's dad died, he gave it to Uncle Clay who at the time years before and being the youngest of the three sons there wasn't anything to give him until Stephen passed along the watch.

Virginia Gray Early Vilk - July 22, 2023 at 08:17 PM

PF

Steve was one of my mentors at WJNC radio in Jacksonville, North Carolina in 1975 and he was so friendly and helpful. Just a sweet wonderful person. I'm so sad to read of his passing.

pat fisher - April 28, 2024 at 09:50 AM

SD

Steve was at WJNC in mid-1978, when I moved to Jacksonville and the job with WJNC/WRCM.

He was always a super-good guy. He left WJNC later and I saw bits and pieces where he been in radio across North Carolina.

Sorry to be so late in making a comment. Interesting how a name pops into mind and a web search gets information, even if as sad as an obituary.

Sheldon Daitch - March 28, 2025 at 11:28 PM