



Gordon Walter Steele

August 18, 1934 - March 9, 2024

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It is with profound sadness that I announce the passing of my beloved Father, Gordon W. Steele. My dear Father entered eternal rest on Saturday, March 9, 2024 at the age of 89 years after a courageous and valiant 4 year battle with anemia and Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia.

Born the son of the late Walter H. and Leona P. Steele. Gordon called Sparta, WI his home for 18 years. He had many fond memories of working with his father on the family dairy farm, enjoying the traditions of his Norwegian heritage with his many relatives and his academic years with friends in Sparta.

In 1952 Dad was recruited from the La Crosse, WI unemployment office by the Caterpillar Tractor Co. in Joliet and he made his way to Illinois. He began his career with Caterpillar Tractor Co. as a Laborer and through hard work and fortitude he rose to the position of Electrician and later retired as Power Plant Operator.

In 1955 he met his beloved Patricia at Caterpillar. They married and settled in Channahon where he built a home for his bride and they started their family. He continued his career at Caterpillar until he retired in 1988 after 35 years of dedicated service and continued to reside in Channahon in the home he built with love, hard work and skill.

It was important that he continue to learn and maintain a strong work ethic. Gordon was self taught and capable of building or repairing just about anything. This endeared him to many neighbors and friends that were the recipients of his generous help and kindness.

Preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife, Patricia (nee Peters) and two daughters, Theresa Sluis and Christine A. More.

Left to mourn his passing and cherish his memory, his daughter, Kathleen Lake; grandchildren, Crystal Jordan, Shannon Lake-Sigmon, Brandon More, Emily More and Lisa Hayducak; great grandchildren, Carly, Jeremiah and Abigail Jennings and Lucy and Lillian More; dear sister, Clarice Oswald; fond uncle of Dennis, Daryl, Pat and the late Mike. A community of friends also mourn his passing.

Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one the chain will link again. May you rest in peace.

Funeral Service for Gordon W. Steele will be held on Friday, March 15, 2024 at 10:00 AM at The Maple Funeral Home located at 24300 S. Ford Rd, Channahon with Pastor Eun Bae Doh officiating. Interment Willard Grove Cemetery, Channahon. For those wishing to leave lasting memorials the Steele family asks that you please consider gifts to Lightways Hospice, Joliet or Channahon United Methodist Church. Visitation Thursday, March 14, 2024 from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. For more information please phone 815. 467-1234 or visit www.themaplefuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Willard Grove Cemetery

Channahon , IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **14**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

The Maple Funeral Home
24300 West Ford Road
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Funeral Service Friday, March 15, 2024 10:00 AM The Maple Funeral Home

Tribute Wall

JM

“ *My condolence Brandon, Emily, and Donnie. I remember Geordie from gardening and drinking beer.* ”

James More - May 27, 2024 at 09:49 PM

FF

“ *The Steele Family have always been great neighbors. We can still remember when Gordy finished building their basement, before starting the house above. There were so many times he and our Dad, Ray, worked together on projects, including building our kitchen cabinets. Gordy was our Dad's best friend and will be missed by all.* ”

Frederick family - March 14, 2024 at 01:28 PM

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“ *The Adams Family (neighbors next door) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gordon Walter Steele.* ”



The Adams Family (neighbors next door) - March 14, 2024 at 12:58 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gordon Walter Steele.* ”



March 13, 2024 at 12:35 PM

TK

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the entire family. It is a terribly difficult loss for you. Sending our love and prayers during this difficult time.

Teresa Knotts - March 13, 2024 at 11:44 AM



“ Gordon taught me to never give up and blessed me with his faith in our Lord Jesus. He made a life long impression on me and instilled the importance of putting the Lord first in life. May the Holy Spirit rest upon him and his family, in Jesus Name, Amen



James Mucci - March 12, 2024 at 11:05 AM

DO

“ Dennis and Linda Oswald purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gordon Walter Steele.



Dennis and Linda Oswald - March 11, 2024 at 09:47 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Gordon Walter Steele.



March 11, 2024 at 06:32 PM

TK

“ *Teresa K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gordon Walter Steele.*

Teresa K. - March 11, 2024 at 03:54 PM