



## Gerald Steven "Steve" Parish

August 18, 1960 - October 23, 2023

Gerald Steven "Steve" Parish, 63, of Cabot passed away on October 23, 2023 at Baptist Health Hospital in Little Rock. He was born on August 18, 1960 to Gerald and Wanda (Elliott) Parish. He attended college at the University of Arkansas – Fayetteville and earned a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. He worked as a Professional Land Surveyor for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. An entrepreneur, he also owned and operated his own private venture, Parish Development.

Steve met Sherri, the love of his life, in 1986. He always said he was so lucky to have her, but we all know they were both lucky to have each other. They were married on June 10, 1989, and were blessed with two sons: Gerald Zachary "Zach" Parish and Andrew Steven "Drew" Parish.

A devoted father, Steve took immense pride in his children. With Drew, he explored America on the back of a motorcycle, creating cherished memories from Montana to North Carolina. He was equally invested in Zach's projects on his hobby farm, always eager to lend a hand to raise a barn or build a fence.

Steve was known for his great heart, and was a friend to all of God's creatures. He held a special place for all the dogs he and Sherri collected over the years, each of which arrived at their doorstep in need and were never

turned away. From Will, the black labrador that Steve had found injured, to Bear, who will miss him dearly, Steve's gentle soul compelled him to show kindness to the most innocent amongst us.

And let us not forget the others: Petey, Winston, Deano, Sammy, Harley, Snowball, and Buddy. In Heaven, Steve will know no shortage of four-legged friends, all of which are surely excited to see him again.

Steve, who never met a stranger, made friends everywhere he went. And, to him, a friendship was lifelong – whether you liked it or not! In places as far-flung as Iowa, he'd meet long-lost friends in parking lots and gas stations. It was truly rare that he went anywhere without recognizing someone. Steve loved all his friends dearly, and made a genuine effort to stay in touch with them all.

Steve will always be remembered for the love he held for his family, and his affinity towards anything with an engine. An avid biker, he loved riding his Harley-Davidson, and spent his free time showcasing his two antique Corvettes at car shows alongside his wife.

And, of course, Steve will always be remembered for his love of ice cream.

We couldn't have asked for a better husband, son, brother, father, and friend. He was a great man and he will be missed by many. His memory will live on in the hearts of those who loved him and whom he loved.

Those left to remember him are his wife Sherri (Paul) Parish, his sons Gerald Zachary "Zach" (Rebekah) Parish and Andrew Steven "Drew" (Emily) Parish, his mother Wanda (Elliott) Parish, his brother Bruce Parish, his nephew Gerald Ross Parish, and many more family and friends.

Steve was preceded in death by his father, Gerald Parish.

In memory of Steve's enormous love for dogs – and all animals – the family kindly requests that you donate to the Cabot Animal Shelter in his name.

Funeral Services will be conducted on Saturday, October 28th 2023 at 2:00 PM at Powell Funeral Home Chapel in Searcy. Visitation will precede the service, beginning at 12:00 PM. Thereafter, interment will follow at Mountain Springs Cemetery in Cabot.

Steve's funeral services will be live streamed via his Facebook page through Facebook Live, for those who are unable to attend. <https://www.facebook.com/steve.parish.562>

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net)

# Cemetery Details

## Mountain Springs Cemetery

Cabot, AR

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **28**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)  
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy  
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## Interment

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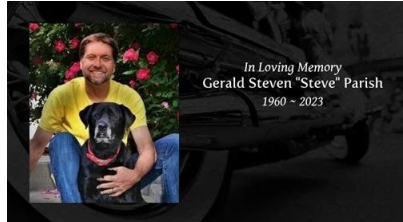
OCT 28.

Mountain Springs Cemetery  
Cabot, AR

# Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald Steven "Steve" Parish



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - October 27, 2023 at 05:10 PM

WA

Thank You Steve for the GREAT conversations thru the years. I love you

Wade - October 29, 2023 at 07:17 AM

LD

“ I knew Steve my entire life. We disagreed about politics but I loved his entire family  
I'm so terribly sorry to hear about this. He was a good man and a great friend  
Lana Duncan

Lana Duncan - January 05, 2024 at 11:42 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gerald Steven "Steve" Parish.



October 28, 2023 at 05:41 AM

PS

“ I worked with Steve for more than 20 years. I remember when he and Sherri married and when Zach and Drew were born. I loved his stories about Petey. His obituary says it all. He was one of a kind and a truly fine man! My heart breaks for his family and will be in my prayers.

*Pam Starks*

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**Pam Starks** - October 27, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Steven "Steve" Parish.



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October 27, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald Steven "Steve" Parish.

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October 27, 2023 at 01:21 PM

RA

“ I've known and worked with Steve for the better part of 22 years, I am honored to have known him. I'll miss his jovial smile and our conversations about his travels and family. When I was around Steve, it was a time filled with fun and laughter, it was always a good day even when the work or conditions were miserable. I'll miss him. Prayers for his family. "John 16:22" "Revelations 21:4"

*Rick Adkison*

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**Ricky Adkison** - October 27, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gerald Steven "Steve" Parish.*



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October 27, 2023 at 11:21 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald Steven "Steve" Parish.

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October 27, 2023 at 11:21 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald Steven "Steve" Parish.*



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October 27, 2023 at 11:05 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald Steven "Steve" Parish.

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October 27, 2023 at 11:05 AM

BL

“ Worked with Steve on many AGFC lakes and access areas. Hired Steve to establish pins on our new house lot. Steve worked on our old house property and on forested land my family owns where Steve reset survey pins originally set by Jim Hammons and William Davis (an old Corps of Engineers surveyor). Steve was a wealth of knowledge and my older brother enjoyed talking motorcycles with Steve and his car he was fixing up. Just an enjoyable, cheerful, helpful guy to be with. If I was wrong on where I thought the property line was Steve would correct me and show me where I may have missed something.

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**Bob Limbird** - October 26, 2023 at 11:26 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Gerald Steven "Steve" Parish.



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October 26, 2023 at 11:19 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald Steven "Steve" Parish.



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October 26, 2023 at 11:01 AM

EE

“ *No finer man than Steve. I worked with him for years, and we had lots of great talks. Steve was a family man, first and foremost. Most all his stories involved either his wife or sons (or motorcycles or his vet). It's so shocking he's no longer on this earth, but he'll never be forgotten. Prayers for peace for his family. Ride, Steve, ride. 💔*

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**Eva Edens** - October 26, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gerald Steven "Steve" Parish.*



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October 26, 2023 at 09:57 AM

CU

“ A great man! A man of exceptional talents, skills and abilities in many areas. The one time I recall Steve really needing help, happened not long after Steve and Sherri were married. I noticed one Monday morning Steve was not himself at work, so I asked him how things were going. He said he lost his wedding band while raking leaves in his front yard. I told him I think I could find it with my metal detector. Steve perked up and said, you think you can? I said I would be glad come over and try. I searched the entire yard, but no ring. I asked him where the leaves were and he replied that he had bagged them. I searched the leaves with my detector and it signaled strong (a precious metal). I said there it is, picked it up and handed it to him. He was so happy! Sherri was beyond herself and there was peace again in the Parish household. Steve was a great friend and helped me in many ways over the years. He will be deeply missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sherri and family.  
Craig and Sandra Uyeda

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**Craig Uyeda** - October 26, 2023 at 08:52 AM

JM

*I'm in shock, I just saw this!! So sad Steve was a good guy!!*

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**Joey Musick** - October 26, 2023 at 09:59 AM

MH

“ For the 30 plus years I have worked for the AGFC I had the great fortune to have worked with Steve (and Scott) on numerous occasions. Steve was always cheerful often in the face of surveying decisions that might be controversial. He conducted his work with the highest degree of professionalism and garnered the respect of not only AGFC field staff but professional surveyors within the private sector. Steve showed genuine concern for people he worked alongside. The loss of such a fine man will be felt by the many people he touched in his career with the AGFC.

*Mark Hooks*

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**Mark Hooks** - October 25, 2023 at 11:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Gerald Steven "Steve" Parish.



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October 25, 2023 at 10:12 PM

AR

“ *Steve was Always a golden, positive light at agfc and outside. He was truly a great person and was a friend of mine. I'm praying for all that he touched. He was a True gentleman.*

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**Andrea Russenberger** - October 25, 2023 at 08:54 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald Steven "Steve" Parish.*

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October 25, 2023 at 05:56 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald Steven "Steve" Parish.*



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“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald Steven "Steve" Parish.*



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October 25, 2023 at 03:25 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald Steven "Steve" Parish.*



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October 25, 2023 at 03:06 PM