



Mr. Steve Amburn

August 16, 1952 - June 30, 2020

Michael Steven “Steve” Amburn passed away quietly and peacefully on Tuesday, June 30, 2020, at home with family. He was 67.

Steve Amburn was born on August 16, 1952, to Billy Wayne and Barbara Amburn in Henderson, TX. In his early years, Steve was an avid Boy Scout and outdoorsman and spent his summers riding horses and swimming in ponds with his siblings and cousins at his grandparents’ rural home in Minden. He obtained a commercial radio license at the age of 18 and worked as a radio DJ, first at KRBE in Houston as “Steve Michaels” and then at KGRI in Henderson. Steve was said to have a great “radio voice”, and people would drive in from around the region, as far as Louisiana, to connect and listen to the “alternative” 70s Rock music he played.

On January 23, 1972, Steve married his high school sweetheart, Debbie Durham, and they made their home in Henderson. The young family had a baby girl, Debra Michelle, who died of SIDS at the age of seven months, followed by a baby boy, Michael Shane, twelve months later. Steve shifted his career to telecommunications with GTE (later acquired by Verizon), where he was a loyal, perfect attendance employee until his retirement 33 years later.

Steve was a prankster. He would wait patiently in the dark to scare family and friends and constructed special devices and artificial bugs that would fly out

when someone opened a magazine or envelope. Some of the “fondest” memories shared by his family were the result of one of his tricks.

Steve was also creative. He drew pastel paintings and cartoons as a kid and young adult. He could make an exceptional kite out of newspaper and string, fashion a knot to hold anything, and was never without a pocket knife. He loved owls and rescued a number of them throughout his lifetime that he found injured, nursing them back to health and releasing them back to the wild. He also loved photography, experimenting with double exposures and effects decades before digital photography and filters. He was devoted to his only granddaughter, who called him “Poppy”, loved by all who knew him, and will be missed.

Steve was a private, humble man and requested no funeral service. Instead, friends and family are encouraged to celebrate his life and memory in whatever way would bring them joy. He is survived by his son, Michael Amburn Dixon of Raleigh, NC; granddaughter, Jameson Dixon of Raleigh, NC; former wife, Debbie Amburn of Glenfawn, TX; three sisters: Kim Dean of Henderson, TX; Debbie Glenn of Gilmer, TX; and Joy Stephens of Princeton, TX; brother, Dusty Brooks of Fort Worth, TX; aunt, Peggy Gaston of Henderson, TX; former brother- and sister-in-law, Jimmy and Susan Wansley of Livingston, TX; and his best friend, Hubbard Roquemore of Henderson, TX.

Condolences may be made at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Tribute Wall

RC

“ Rhonda Courson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Amburn



Rhonda Courson - July 08, 2020 at 08:41 AM

RG

“ Rebecca Glass lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Amburn



Rebecca Glass - July 07, 2020 at 04:23 PM

PC

“ Paula Crim lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Amburn



Paula Crim - July 06, 2020 at 02:55 PM

MR

“ Mark/Judy Rushton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Amburn



Mark/Judy Rushton - July 06, 2020 at 10:42 AM

MW

“ Mike Wade lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Amburn



Mike Wade - July 05, 2020 at 09:40 PM

DC

“ Debbi Corley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Amburn



Debbi Corley - July 05, 2020 at 02:32 AM

BT

“ Rest in Piece old friend.



Ben Taylor - July 04, 2020 at 05:04 PM

DO

“ Debi Brooks Oliver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Amburn



Debi Brooks Oliver - July 04, 2020 at 04:17 PM

ML

“ *Mary Lowe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Amburn*



Mary Lowe - July 03, 2020 at 07:49 PM

PP

“ *Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Amburn*



pud patterson - July 03, 2020 at 07:44 AM

CG

“ *Prayers for the family and friends of Mr Steve. I know I sure will miss visiting with you and you waving at me while I was on E Main.*

Cheryl Graham - July 03, 2020 at 12:57 AM

DA

“ *Donna J Aaron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Amburn*



Donna J Aaron - July 02, 2020 at 08:16 PM

DC

“ *David And Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Amburn*



David and Jan Crow - July 02, 2020 at 01:04 PM

CN

“ *Clay Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Amburn*



Clay Newcomb - July 02, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ *Buford Woolverton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Amburn*



Buford Woolverton - July 02, 2020 at 12:16 PM

BG

“ *Bonnie Geddie*



Bonnie Geddie - July 02, 2020 at 10:41 AM

CW

“ God's comfort to all the family at this sad time.

Cyndi Walker - July 02, 2020 at 10:35 AM

JT

“ Many fond memories of Steve & Debbie & Michael from "back in the day." Love to all of you.

Jill Dulany Turner - July 02, 2020 at 09:55 AM

JL

“ My prayers for the family. Bless you, Debbie, You were a valiant caregiver

Jean Luddwig - July 02, 2020 at 09:14 AM

ST

“ Skip And Patty Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Amburn



Skip and Patty Turner - July 01, 2020 at 08:20 PM

MG

“ Mark Amd Nancy Gibson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Steve Amburn



Mark amd Nancy Gibson - July 01, 2020 at 08:10 PM

CB

“ *Cindy Belcher lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Amburn*



Cindy Belcher - July 01, 2020 at 06:41 PM

DK

“ *David And Peggy Keeling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Amburn*



David and Peggy Keeling - July 01, 2020 at 06:41 PM

CT

“ *Charlotte Thrasher lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Amburn*



Charlotte Thrasher - July 01, 2020 at 06:05 PM

SM

“ *Shannon Marsh McKey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Steve Amburn*



Shannon Marsh McKey - July 01, 2020 at 06:05 PM

DC

“ Steve,

I just want to thank you for being there for me throughout my entire life. You taught me so much. You helped me to learn & grow. You were there with me even when the world turned dark & helped me make it through, to find my way, even though you didn't even know this, even now you are still with me deep inside my soul, & I want to thank you for this. Thank you for being there, I will miss but know this part of you lives on inside of me. Just a quote that I heard so many times in my life, " You can;t make this stuff up!"

I will miss you Cuz.

May the Great Spirit be with you on your journey

Doug St Clair

Doug St Clair - July 01, 2020 at 05:46 PM