



Paul Stephens "Steve" McElmurray

July 14, 1948 - August 25, 2025

Paul Stephens "Steve" McElmurray, 77, of North Augusta, South Carolina, passed away peacefully August 25, 2025 at Piedmont-Augusta. A Celebration of Life to honor him will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at First Baptist Church of North Augusta with Dr. Randy Cooper, Pastor Jim Tau and Rev. David Sons officiating. A visitation in Steve's honor will be held at Posey Funeral Directors Friday evening from 6:00-8:00. Steve loved bright colors and his favorite color was purple. For those attending the service, please consider wearing purple or something colorful. [The funeral services will be recorded and placed on the Posey Funeral Directors website at a later time.]

Steve was born in Augusta, Georgia and was the son of the late William Harold McElmurray and Laurie Elizabeth Stephens. He graduated from North Augusta High School in 1966. Following graduation, he attended the University of Georgia School of Pharmacy and began working at Langley Drug Company and Hyer's Drug Store. In 1979, he began working at Parks Pharmacy, which he purchased from George Parks in 1986. For decades, Steve faithfully served the North Augusta community as the owner and operator of Parks Pharmacy, a business that became far more than a place to fill prescriptions. Under his ownership, Parks Pharmacy grew into a trusted cornerstone of the community—a place where neighbors were cared for, friendships were formed, and compassion was always at the forefront of service. In 2019, North Augusta recognized and honored Steve with a ribbon

cutting celebration for his 40 Plus Years of Service at Parks Pharmacy.

Steve was a Vested Member of the South Carolina Pharmacy Association (SCPhA). He served as a Board Member of the SCPhA Foundation Board of Trustees, Midlands Region Director 2010-2012, President-Elect 2012-2013, President 2013-2014, Immediate Past President 2014-2015 and received the Bowl of Hygeia Award in 2004, which recognizes excellence in the pharmacy profession. He served on the Board of Directors as the District 5 Board Chairman at Aiken Center Substance Use Services. Steve was a devoted business owner, community leader, and unwavering friend, whose legacy embodies kindness, service, and love that touched countless lives.

He joined First Baptist Church of North Augusta in 1991 and was a member of the Christ in Us Connection Group, Sanctuary Choir and served on the Jerry Matthews Scholarship Committee.

Steve was known for his generosity with both his time and resources; he poured himself into helping others. He had an extraordinary ability to make every person feel valued, teaching all who knew him the importance of truly loving and serving others. His dynamic personality, listening ear, and steadfast presence made him a beloved figure among his friends, customers, and the broader community. There are countless individuals throughout the CSRA who experienced his love and generosity.

Though he will be deeply missed, Steve's spirit of love, kindness, and generosity will continue to live-on in the community he so dearly cherished. Steve will be remembered for his outstanding character, integrity, and steadfast faith in God.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Francis Harold McElmurray.

Survivors include his godson, Dewey Wilson (fiancé Ashleigh), sister-in-law, Janice M. McElmurray, two nieces Trina M. Craven (Don) and Lisa M. Thomas; a nephew, Todd McElmurray (Matt); several great-nieces; several great-great nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pallbearers will be Dr. Matthew Kornegay, Todd Carpenter, Jason Kulp, Dr. John W.L. Smith, Dewey Wilson, Pete Adams, Jeff Price and Rusty Anderson.

Honorary Pallbearers will be past and current employees of Parks Pharmacy.

Memorials may be made to Aiken Center Substance Use Services at: 1105 Gregg Highway, Aiken, SC 29801/ website at: <https://aikencenter.org/> (make checks payable to “Jake Miniard Fund) or to the Music Ministry at First Baptist Church of North Augusta, 625 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, SC 29841.

Cemetery Details

Pineview Memorial Gardens

450 West Five Notch Road
North Augusta, SC 29841

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors
1307 Georgia Ave
North Augusta, SC 29841
(803) 278-1181
admin@poseycares.com
<https://www.poseycares.com>

Service

AUG 30. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of North Augusta
625 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC 29841

Tribute Wall

AP

“ When Steve was a Senior at North Augusta HS his brother Harrell arranged, with my parent’s permission, to get me (sophomore) and Steve out of school and to fly in Harrell’s airplane to Miami, Florida to bring back a caddillac auto. Wow what a incredible adventure.

Arthur Pitman - September 23, 2025 at 07:29 PM

PG

“ Steve was the dearest of friends, always caring, always asking about my family, always there when we needed him. May he dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.

Patricia L. Goad - September 03, 2025 at 10:55 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Funeral Service



Posey Funeral Directors - August 31, 2025 at 10:18 AM

EH

“ I am so very sorry for the loss. Steve was a great person and helped the community. He was always friendly and would help those who needed medical help. This is a big loss for our community. Prayers for family, friends and those who shared Steve's life. May God give you peace, comfort you and give you strength

Erma Hiott-Ellis - August 29, 2025 at 03:44 PM

CC

Steve will be missed by so many of us. Always friendly, helpful, and fun. We had plans to do a project together. So sad it won't happen now. He always had creative ideas. Prayers for friends and family for this huge loss. 🙏❤️

Carol Craig - August 30, 2025 at 11:12 AM

HC

“*Hibbitts Drug Company purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Paul Stephens "Steve" McElmurray.*



Hibbitts Drug Company - August 29, 2025 at 10:46 AM

HC

“*Hibbitts Drug Company planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Stephens "Steve" McElmurray.*

Hibbitts Drug Company - August 29, 2025 at 10:46 AM



“*Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Stephens "Steve" McElmurray.*



August 29, 2025 at 07:52 AM

YL

“ Your friends in Campbell Towne Landing purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Paul Stephens "Steve" McElmurray.



Your friends in Campbell Towne Landing - August 28, 2025 at 10:47 PM

PL

“ Penny Jones Lanham lit a candle in memory of Paul Stephens "Steve" McElmurray



Penny Jones Lanham - August 28, 2025 at 06:32 PM

TF

“ The Steele and Broome Families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Paul Stephens "Steve" McElmurray.



The Steele and Broome Families - August 28, 2025 at 05:12 PM

TM

“ Steve was more than a pharmacist. He had a servant's heart and would always take special care of those that came into Park's. He always took time to help me with my elderly parents, my husband and me whenever I needed his advice. He made sure I had what I needed and set up a delivery time for me when he knew I couldn't come to North Augusta to pick up needed medications. Through the years he became a dear friend and will be missed by me and many, many others. -Thelma Mann and family

Thelma Mann - August 28, 2025 at 11:56 AM

RW

“ May God bless this family in this time of sorrow.

Robert and Mary Whatley - August 28, 2025 at 03:39 AM

TW

“ Betty and I send our deepest sympathy to the family. Tommy and Betty Williams

tommy Williams - August 27, 2025 at 08:57 PM

L.

“ Leslie . purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Paul Stephens "Steve" McElmurray.



Leslie . - August 27, 2025 at 03:35 PM

L.

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Leslie . - August 27, 2025 at 03:35 PM

FR

“ I've known Steve since his days working with my brother at Langley Drug, and from the start, he stood out as one of the most caring and genuine people you could ever meet. He had a quiet strength and a kindness that made you feel seen. My heart goes out to his family and to everyone at Parks Pharmacy who knew and loved him. We're holding you close in our thoughts and prayers. --Freddie Reames and Family

Freddie Reames - August 27, 2025 at 02:59 PM

SC

To his family and close associates, we cherished his friendship and willingness to help with pharmaceutical services and other local issues. We will miss him greatly and our thoughts and prayers are with those he left behind.
Fondly, Charlie and Sheila Connell

Sheila Connell - August 30, 2025 at 08:09 AM

DE

“ Diane Edwins lit a candle in memory of Paul Stephens "Steve" McElmurray



Diane Edwins - August 27, 2025 at 02:55 PM

MA

“ Barry & I are so very sad right now.
We met Steve on our honeymoon and remained very close friends with Steve for over 40 years.
He visited us in Waterloo this past March to celebrate our 40 year friendship.
Distance or time made no difference...when we got together it was just like it was only yesterday when we last talked.
So, we are going to gather the "Canadian contingent" on Saturday and raise a glass of bubbly to Steve...our wonderful friend.
Rest in peace Steve.

Marian Abelson - August 27, 2025 at 02:50 PM

BA

“ Barry & Marian Abelson purchased the Lavender Love Bouquet for the family of Paul Stephens "Steve" McElmurray.



Barry & Marian Abelson - August 27, 2025 at 02:43 PM



“ Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Stephens "Steve" McElmurray.



August 27, 2025 at 02:35 PM

MA

“ 3 files added to the album Heartfelt sympathy from Canada....Steve, you will be missed!!



Marian Abelson - August 27, 2025 at 02:29 PM

SC

Love the photos! Thanks for sharing!

Sheila Connell - August 30, 2025 at 08:15 AM

BJ

“ Becky Jones lit a candle in memory of Paul Stephens "Steve" McElmurray



Becky Jones - August 27, 2025 at 01:27 PM

DA

“ I am saddened to learn of the passing of Steve. He was always a great guy to talk with and he was a long time friend of mine. He will certainly be missed by his family and many friends.

Don Alexander - August 27, 2025 at 10:31 AM

TM

“ Great Customer and friend for many years of doing business with us here at TonerCharge. Steve was a good man. To the family and staff of Parks Pharmacy we are praying for each of you, may God comfort you all. With deepest sympathy. ~~~Bill, Teresa and Phillip. (your friends at TonerCharge)

Teresa Myers - August 27, 2025 at 08:46 AM

RM

“ When my son, Will Marshall, died. It was on a weekend. My doctor called Steve who went to the pharmacy and brought me some medication I needed. I was amazed that even though he did not know me, he cared enough to help me in my time of need. Since then he has been a wonderful friend and pharmacist.

Rose S Marshsll - August 27, 2025 at 03:01 AM

PK

“ Gone too soon...this sweet, kind and caring, beloved man. Sending my condolences bound by prayer.

Pat Knight

Pat Knight - August 26, 2025 at 10:50 PM

JM

“ My mom worked for the McElmurray's and Steve embraced her like she was family, they formed a special bond that lasted until she passed away. His kindness will never be forgotten.

Jeannette Murray - August 26, 2025 at 07:09 PM

NH

“ Nancy Hartzog lit a candle in memory of Paul Stephens "Steve" McElmurray



Nancy Hartzog - August 26, 2025 at 05:19 PM

NH

“ I remember. Steve I will tell good morning to staff too. And I remember He ask me have you and brother with to a baseball said no
Let know when all want to go.

Nancy Hartzog - August 26, 2025 at 05:19 PM

BC

“ Steve gave me my first real job at 16, driving the delivery truck for Parks Pharmacy. When I graduated high school and left for college in Charleston, he convinced one of his pharmacist friends, Mel Rauton, to give me a job at the Prescription Center in Charleston, where I worked (and got certified as a technician) until graduation. Steve was a fantastic first boss, and a caring friend. He cared for all of his employees, and for all of the people that came into Parks -- in those days Steve allowed customers to pick up their prescriptions on store credit, and pay at the end of the month (and sometimes never) when money was tight. I will always be grateful for Steve, for the experiences I had with the Parks family, and for the love he showed in the community. He will be missed.

Ben Comer - August 26, 2025 at 04:47 PM

WK

“ We've known Steve since our days in the Valley Jaycees when he worked next door to us at Langley Drug Co. He played an important part in my decision to serve on the Board of The Aiken Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse now for over 30 years. Steve loved his community and will be greatly missed. Rev. Dr. W. Lynn & Ann Kirkland

Wofford L Kirkland - August 26, 2025 at 02:20 PM

LM

Condolences, thoughts and prayers on the passing of my cousin Steve. He was a fine young man and loved by many. Herndon and Lebbby McElmurray

Lebbby Hay H McElmurray - August 30, 2025 at 11:14 AM