



## Steve Adams

May 27, 1960 - June 21, 2025

North Augusta, SC – Celebration of Life Services for Steve Adams, 65, who entered into rest on June 21, 2025, will be held in Lancaster, SC Thursday, June 26th at Elgin Baptist Church, 2303 Belmont Street, Lancaster, SC 29729. The family will receive friends from 1pm-2pm with the service immediately following.

Born May 27, 1960, in Lancaster, SC to David and Linda Adams, Steve was a true pioneer. Leaving his roots behind to explore the world, his journey began at North Greenville Junior College, where his charisma and leadership earned him the title of class president, all the while his creativity shined as a photographer on the newspaper staff. After graduation, Steve served as the student activities director where he coordinated adventures for the student body.

Steve's early career as a promoter and tour manager for a Christian comedian gave him a unique window into the country and shaped his expansive outlook on life. Later, with two young children in tow, he moved from Danville, Kentucky back to Columbia, SC, where he joined the faculty at the University of South Carolina. Over 27 years, Steve rose from a media arts professional to the Director of Distance Education and Instructional Support, helping lead the university through a transformative era of online learning. He also earned several secondary degrees during his time there—always a believer that

education should never stop.

After meeting his wife, Michelle, they made their home in North Augusta, SC, where he was a member of Sweetwater Baptist Church and a devoted Christian. Steve enjoyed photography, camping, music, and spending time with his family and beloved dog, Kenzie. Known for his big heart, adventurous spirit, and Renaissance-man mindset, Steve was a lifelong learner who valued education at every stage of life. He instilled these values in those around him, and this legacy will continue on in future generations.

Steve is preceded in death by his father, David Adams.

He is survived by his loving wife of 15 years, Michelle Adams; his son, Caleb (Cyndi) Adams; daughter, Bethany Calabrese; nine grandchildren; his mother, Linda Hallman Adams; brothers, Jeff (Kim) Adams and Joey (Beverly) Adams; and sister, Jennifer (Bobby) Funderburk.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **26**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM.

2303 Belmont Street  
Lancaster , SC 29729.

## Celebration of Life

JUN **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Elgin Baptist Church  
2303 Belmont Street  
Lancaster , SC 29729

# Tribute Wall



“ I attended North Greenville Jr College with Steve and we were great friends. My fondest memory of him was once we had a big snow there and at the time he served on the lunch room staff. We had just got new lunch room trays but still had the old trays and he went to get them and we used them to slide down the hill by the student center.

Even though I haven't seen him since North Greenville I'll always remember our time there. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. I wish I could be at the service but I'm presently on Alaskan cruise and can't be there.

I know I will see him again in Heaven with Jesus.

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**Johnny Johnson** - June 27, 2025 at 04:03 PM



“ Office of Distributed Learning -USC purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Steve Adams.



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**Office of Distributed Learning -USC** - June 26, 2025 at 09:42 AM

SJ

“ Steve's life touched many people in many ways. He had a good heart and a compassion for others no matter what their struggles. He always looked for the good in each and every person he met. There is much good to see in Steve as well. He always had a story to tell and I would often wonder "where do you come up with this stuff?". His stories were true. Steve was a spiritual man. His spirit is now free from this earthen body with all its earthly ills. His spirit is with his Creator, his God, his Higher Power. Godspeed Steve. You will be missed. Your life story will live on. It will prove to be a witness and service to others who long for hope and healing. And they will find it. I love you brother. Thank you for your friendship.  
Stephen Jones Aiken, SC

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**Stephen A Jones** - June 26, 2025 at 06:11 AM

AL

“ Praying for all Steve's family and friends.  
Love,  
April Lowry

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**April Lowry** - June 25, 2025 at 07:28 PM

AC

“ David was a good man. He always showed his love for others. I will always cherish the memories I have of him. We had some things in common that we talked about on several occasions. He helped to me see certain things through a different lens. You'll be missed my friend.  
Andy C.

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**Andy C** - June 25, 2025 at 02:23 PM

SC

“ *Stacey Catoe lit a candle in memory of Steve Adams*



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**Stacey Catoe** - June 24, 2025 at 01:11 PM

JC

“ *I am sorry to hear this about Steve Adams. I meet Steve at North Greenville Junior College. He was the first person I meet. This guy was a good friend and we have kept in touch for all these years. I will miss you buddy and one day we will meet again in Heaven. Your friend Jeff Crosby*

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**JEFFREY CROSBY** - June 24, 2025 at 12:21 PM

BG

“ *Bill and Sandra Graham purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Steve Adams.*



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**Bill and Sandra Graham** - June 24, 2025 at 11:32 AM

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“ *Bill and Sandra Graham planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steve Adams.*

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**Bill and Sandra Graham** - June 24, 2025 at 11:32 AM

DD

“ I had only known David for a short time but instantly witnessed that he was a kind, gentle giant with a huge heart. I loved to hear his stories about childhood memories, smiling as he told of them. It was obvious he was a man who loved so deeply and was so deeply loved in return. I'll never forget a quote he recently gave me to lift my spirits ... "We are sure God wants us to be happy, joyous, and free" BB May he now know the same 🙏 I'll miss you my friend ~Debbie D.

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**Debbie Dirker** - June 23, 2025 at 08:25 PM

MF

“ David was such an encouragement to me. I was having a rough morning one day and he slips me a note w a beautiful scripture on it. He just cared about all of us deeply. Just as we did for him. He will be missed and I am very sorry for your loss. Michelle F

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**Michelle Freitas** - June 23, 2025 at 05:03 PM