



John Steel Jr.

September 24, 1943 - October 10, 2023

John Steel Jr., 80, of Oskaloosa and formerly Greeley, Colorado, passed away Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at his home in Oskaloosa.

John Pendleton Steel Jr., son of John Pendelton Sr. and Billie Merle (Hester) Steel, was born September 24, 1943, in Columbus, Georgia. The family lived in Texas until John was 12 and then moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado.

He was a 1961 graduate of Wausson High School and then earned his Business Administration Degree from Colorado State University. While in college, he served in ROTC; after graduating, he enlisted in the Army on October 25, 1966. He served in Panama and Nicaragua and was discharged as a Captain on December 25, 1969. While in the military, John married Cynthia Dianne McGregor, and three sons were born to this union.

Following his discharge, he and Cynthia made their home in Colorado Springs for a few years and then moved to Greeley, where the family lived for 35 years. For most of his career, John served as CFO of Salud Family Health Center in Greeley. He retired in 2014. John moved to Oskaloosa in 2020 to be close to his son Scott and his family.

John enjoyed researching his genealogy and avidly followed the Denver Broncos and the Colorado Rockies. He dearly loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; spending time with them was precious. His family will remember him for his "One-liners."

His family includes his sons: Scott (Dayna) Steel of Oskaloosa, Steve (Michelle) Steel of Fairbanks, AK, and Dan Steel of Cripple Creek, CO; seven

grandchildren: Nic (Kilie) Steel of Seattle, WA, Cassi (Trevor) Fitzpatrick of Oskaloosa, Taylor (Abbi) Steel of Pella, Karli Steel of Fairbanks, AK, Kami Steel of Fairbanks, AK, Enoch Steel of Cripple Creek, CO, and Truett Steel of Cripple Creek, CO; and seven great-grandchildren: Rory, Ollie, Ember, Theo, Tully, Leo, and Elli.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by a brother, Charlie. As was his wish, John's body has been cremated. Graveside memorial services will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, October 14, 2023, at Old White Cemetery in Oskaloosa. The Oskaloosa Honor Guard will provide military honors. Memorial contributions can be made to the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House. Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory has been entrusted with his arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Old White Cemetery

Oskaloosa, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *In Our Sight Tribute Blanket was purchased for the family of John Steel Jr..* ”



October 17, 2023 at 05:50 PM

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“ Memories of John Steel

John and I were classmates in junior high and high school. We met at church and were fully active in all of the youth activities there. I usually would bike to John's house in the morning before school and his mom would insist that I have a blueberry muffin before we left.

When John and I got our drivers licenses, he had his father's Mercury and I had a lame Pontiac. Once when I was following him, we stopped at a stop sign and I was gawking at a girl in her yard who was clad in shorts. I thought John had pulled out onto the next street, so I pulled up to the stop sign, but he hadn't left. The damage was minimal to his car, but my radiator suffered.

We were engaged to do some preliminary work on what was to become the Ponderosa Baptist Assembly. Our first task was to remove about a mile of barbed wire fence. The other task was to assemble about 200 opera seats in the old barn. They were to use the barn as a meeting place until the rest of the assembly was built.

John was my best man at my wedding. I had no other best friend than him. We enjoyed our times together, and it seemed that the connection was current no matter how long between our contacts were.

I miss John, but I look forward to meeting him in Heaven. His faith was constant through his life. He was a man of integrity and grace.

Richard (Dick) Cherry

Richard Cherry - October 12, 2023 at 04:25 PM

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“ *Becke Arnold lit a candle in memory of John Steel Jr.*



Becke Arnold - October 12, 2023 at 03:17 PM

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“ *So sorry for your loss, Scott, Dayna and family. God bless and keep you through this journey of loss and grief.*

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“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John Steel Jr..*



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“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Steel Jr..*

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“ *My condolences to the family. I've known Scott since elementary school . My memory of Mr. Steel is that he was upbeat ! RIP Mr. Steel!*

jim graham - October 11, 2023 at 08:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *John Steel Jr.*”



October 11, 2023 at 08:04 PM