



# Steven Curtis Ratliff Sr.

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**S**teven Curtis Ratliff SR- Lehigh Acres, Florida. Born at home in Canton, Ohio on February 10, 1947 passed away at home on September 26, 2025, with his family by his side at the age of 78.

Steve is survived and missed by his loving wife of 46 years Virginia Lynn Ratliff (nee McVicker), his loving children Steve Curtis Ratliff JR (Erin), Gary Wayne Lee Ratliff (Rachel), Courtney Renee McLeod (Maurice) Sean Ratliff, and Shane Ratliff. Forever cherished and remembered by his 11 Grandchildren- Stephany, Jillian, Jacob, Natalie, Noah, Hannah, Avery, Trevor, Mackenzie, Stevie-Lynn, and Owen. Cherished Siblings Billy Ratliff (Barb), Janie Beadnell (Ron), Lisa Caruthers (Chris), Nina Spohn (Danny) Lillie Rentz (Matt), Bernice Saez (Matt), Kelley Esquivel (Andres) As well as MANY nieces, Nephews and great Nieces and nephews.

He was Predeceased in Death by- His Mother Estella, his father Dorcey (Bill). His brother Gary, Wayne, and Tommy. As well as his beloved daughter Stephaine.

Steve's Love for his country was well known to all and something he never forgot even with his memory quickly disappearing due to Alzheimer's. He was a proud Marine from 1966-1972. One who never forgot his fellow combats who didn't return home. Steve was and has always been "Marine strong" even up to his final breath. Steve served our country in Viet Nam from 1966-1968 "Semper Fi"

Having Steve in your life was like having a true gem of a friend-one of the purest friendships you could ever imagine. His love for his family, friends, and Dixie Sons Brotherhood was always so evident and heartwarming. Besides Being a Marine, what really made him compassionate was his love for riding his motorcycle-it was his happy place. He lived for the weekends, hopping on his bike and feeling like it was just him and the open road. When he wasn't putting miles on his bike, you could find him casting a line! He'd rise with the sun, heading to the canal behind his house, dreaming of catching a massive one. Steve and his wife often spent weekends in Matlacha, Florida, fishing with their kids, creating memories they'll cherish forever. Steve was such a



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dedicated husband and father, always going above and beyond to make sure his family had everything they needed. For almost his entire life, he was a long-distance truck driver, and he always brought home little surprises and gifts for the family from his travels. Plus, he'd always rave about the amazing sights he saw on our country's roads.

"It has been said that time heals all wounds. I don't agree. The wounds remain. In time, the mind, protecting its sanity, covers them with scar tissue, and the pain lessens, but is never gone"- Rose Kennedy We will forever love and miss you.

Family and friends are invited to a visitation in his honor at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home on Monday, October 6, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. until Funeral Services beginning at 1:00 p.m. Burial and Military Honors to take place immediately after services at Memorial Gardens Cemetery.



# Events

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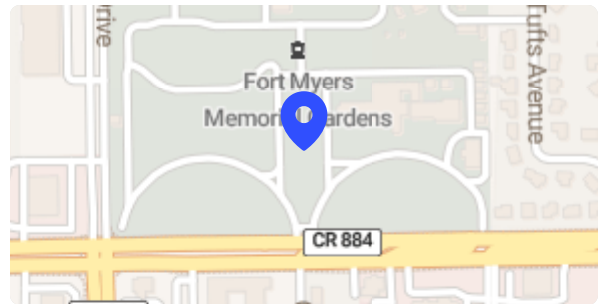
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## Visitation

**Monday**, October 6, 2025

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM ET

**Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home**  
1589 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers FL 33907

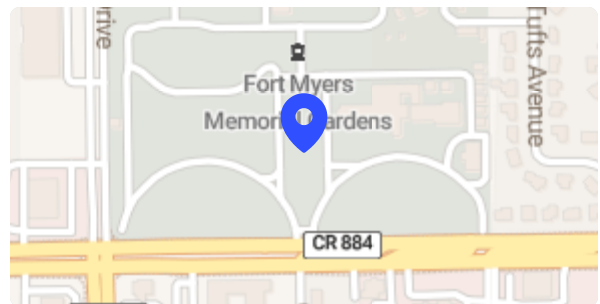


## Funeral Service

**Monday**, October 6, 2025

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

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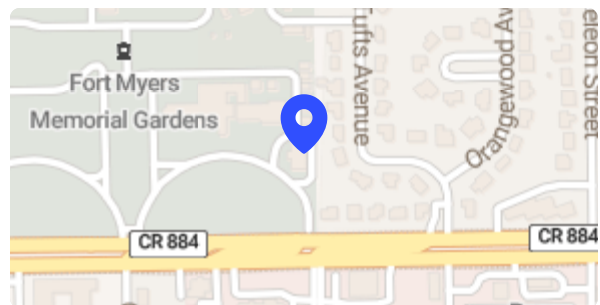


## Burial

**Monday**, October 6, 2025

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM ET

**Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery**  
1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers FL 33907





# Tribute Wall

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**Fort Myers Memorial Gardens** shared a **Webcast Video**.



October 6 at 8:12 AM



**Victoria Platt** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Steve you will be missed so much. I will always your wonderful smile and beautiful attitude ♥ rest easy my friend. All my love and prayers to the family 🙏



October 6 at 8:11 AM



**Terry B.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Steven.



October 5 at 10:28 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Ratliff family.



October 3 at 3:43 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Ratliff family.



October 3 at 11:32 AM



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**Anonymous** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Ratliff family.

October 2 at 9:38 PM



**Bevy & Geri** sent a Serene Retreat to the Ratliff family.

October 2 at 1:16 PM



**Virginia Ratliff** lit a candle in honor of Steven.

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October 1 at 2:43 PM



**Courtney Mcleod** lit a candle in honor of Steven.

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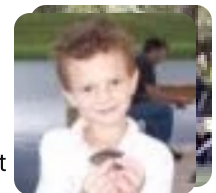
October 1 at 2:40 PM



**Noah Purslow** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Thank you for teaching me what it means to hold family close and make them a priority. Your love was a constant reminder that being there for your family is the greatest gift we can give one another. As Maya Angelou once said, 'People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.' I will never forget how deeply you made us feel loved. Ps: Thank you for letting me use your fishing poles to go fishing 🤝🙏

October 1 at 1:31 PM



**Courtney Mcleod** sent a virtual gift in honor of Steven.

Rest in peace daddy.

September 30 at 3:39 PM





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I love you daddy. Rest in peace.

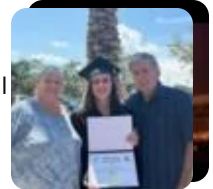
September 30 at 3:39 PM



**Jillian Ratliff** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

May the heavens cherish your presence as much as we did down here on earth. I will love and miss you forever Papa. "I thank my god upon every remembrance of you." - Philippians 1:3 -Your Granddaughter Jillian ❤️

September 30 at 3:36 PM



**Courtney Mcleod** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

The sorrow I feel is deeper than the ocean. I will spend the rest of my life missing you terribly. Love always, your little girl ❤️

September 30 at 3:33 PM





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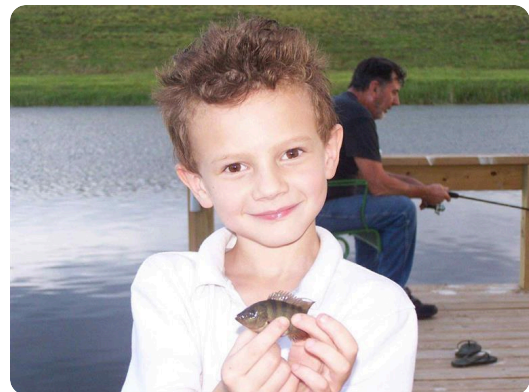
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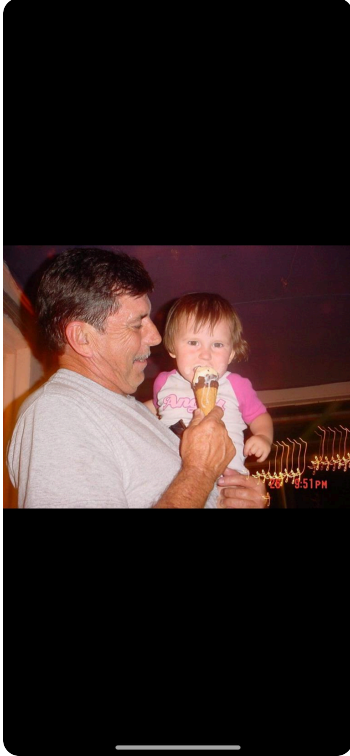
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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Steven by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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