



Stephen Douglas Yates

September 6, 1942 - September 13, 2024

Steve D. Yates Sr., beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed peacefully on September 13, 2024, in Merriam, Kansas, surrounded by his loving family. Born on September 6, 1942, in Kansas City, Missouri, he lived a life rich in love, adventure, and service to others.

Steve is survived by his devoted wife, Joanne, whom he married in June 1964. Together, they raised two children: son Steve Jr. (Michelle) of Kingston, Missouri, and daughter Polly of Blue Mound, Kansas. He also leaves behind six cherished grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren, along with many nieces and nephews who will forever hold him in their hearts. He was preceded in death by his parents, Earnest and Lula Yates, and both of his brothers.

A proud graduate of Turner High School in 1964, Steve dedicated over 60 years to the Pipefitters Union Local 533. His passion for travel, particularly during the winter months, allowed him to explore new places, but his greatest joy came from capturing those moments through photography. His lens lovingly documented the beauty of the greater Kansas City area and the special moments with his family. He worked with the March of Dimes' Bikers for Babies and rode for the City Union Mission for 11 years. He cherished his time with the R.O.M.E.O.S., where he shared countless breakfasts and laughter with friends.

Known for his warm personality and infectious smile, Steve never met a stranger. He had a unique ability to connect with everyone he encountered, often forgetting names but affectionately referring to people as “Guy” or “Gal.” His legacy of kindness, love, and laughter will undoubtedly live on through his family and the many memories they hold dear.

A visitation will be held from 6-8:00 PM Thursday, September 26, 2024 at Maple Hill Funeral Home. Funeral Services will begin at 10:00 AM, Friday, September 27, 2024 at Maple Hill Funeral Home. A luncheon will follow at Bristol Hill Methodist Church, 4826 County Line Rd., Kansas City, KS 66106

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 262-6610
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home
3300 Shawnee Dr
Kansas City, KS 66106
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Funeral Service

SEP **27**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

SEP **27** (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Stephen Douglas Yates.



September 26, 2024 at 02:25 PM



“ Bill Peterson, Cindy, Fred Larson Erma Jones planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen Douglas Yates.

Bill Peterson, Cindy, Fred Larson Erma Jones - September 26, 2024 at 02:25 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Douglas Yates.



September 26, 2024 at 10:12 AM



“ THE JOHNNY DARE MORNING SHOW planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen Douglas Yates.

THE JOHNNY DARE MORNING SHOW - September 26, 2024 at 10:12 AM

AS

“ He was a great husband, father, and friend to our family! He helped with our HVAC system many times. Also, took great pictures of my nephew when he would perform at certain events! He was the first person to take me on a motorcycle ride! I'm so sorry for your loss! Such a good man!

Ashlee - September 25, 2024 at 08:27 PM

GB

“ I was an apprentice pipefitter around Steve in the early 1970s at Temperature Engineering. Will always remember learning from him and being grateful for his patience with a green apprentice. His patience & expertise were a benefit to many.

Gary Brenner - September 25, 2024 at 07:21 PM

MW

“ I first met Steve after I was hired at Lippert Mechanical had the privilege of working with him on several calls, he left for CMI he tried for a year to get me to leave and come work for him as he was starting to grow the service department. I can honestly say, don't believe I ever saw him mad always a smile. I did get to ride with Steve multiple times when I had my SuperGlide. I had to call on him to race to my house as my water line on frig. Broke flooding my kitchen my daughter called in a panic Steve showed up and shut water off. I regret not stopping by his house to let him know that I finally retired LU 533 going on 3 years. May your soul reach the Gates of Heaven many blessings my friend.

Michael Wallis - September 23, 2024 at 01:55 PM

AQ

“ Angie Quickel lit a candle in memory of Stephen Yates



Angie Quickel - September 22, 2024 at 04:24 AM

JK

“ Steve was one of a kind. Loved to go on bike rides with him. Fun a Sun n Surf. RIP dear man.

judy t kennedy - September 21, 2024 at 12:43 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Douglas Yates.



September 21, 2024 at 11:32 AM

PY

“ Story time:
Dads love of travel came about one cold wintering January day.he was on a roof with the cold wind and snow. When he got home he asked mom about her friends travel agency. They called and we're on their way to Mexico by the following week..

PollyAnn Yates - September 20, 2024 at 09:04 PM

SR

“ *Steve and Tracy Roberson purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Stephen Douglas Yates.*



Steve and Tracy Roberson - September 18, 2024 at 04:50 PM