



Steven C. Waite

January 11, 1942 - October 12, 2025

Steven Carlton Waite, 83, of Louisiana, Missouri, passed away peacefully at home with his loving wife by his side after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on January 11, 1942, in Louisiana, MO to Leonard Carlton “Bud” Waite and Eileen Starr Waite. Steve spent most of his life in Louisiana. During his early years, he attended Wyler School for Boys Military Academy in Evansville Wisconsin. Upon returning home, he graduated from Louisiana High School in 1960. He went on to attend Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, where he earned his degree in Printing Management in 1965. While in college, Steve participated in ROTC and was a member of the Air Force Honor Precision Drill Unit.

On August 20, 1988, Steve married the love of his life, Kathy Sloan Trower, who survives him. He is also survived by his sister, Susan (Wayman) Owen of Liberty, South Carolina; children: John K. (Mary) Waite and Tommy (Rachele) Waite of Hannibal, MO, Richard (Kandy) Waite and Crystal Raby of Bowling Green, MO, Tammy Moss, Michael (Tammy) Trower, and Stephanie Price, all of Louisiana, MO. Additionally, he is survived by many beloved grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and sisters-in-law: Patricia Capps of Louisiana, MO, and Bertie Hartjes of Center Point, Iowa.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Thomas Kirkbride Waite; his grandson, Matthew Thomas Waite; and nephews Joseph Daniel Odom and Ryan Douglas Brown.

Steve lived a rich and fulfilling life. He had a lifelong love of farming and an

uncanny ability to identify nearly every tractor, vehicle make, model, and year ever made. His work life included several careers: over-the-road truck driver with the CB handle "Always Lost," owner and operator of Midland Graphic Arts after his parents' retirement, Shift Supervisor at Louisiana Plastics, and Sergeant at the Northeast Missouri Correctional Facility in Bowling Green. Later, he owned and operated Clean Sweep Custodial Services, and in "retirement," he and his wife continued serving their community by mowing lawns until his health declined.

Steve was deeply devoted to his God, his Country, his Community, his Church, and his family and friends. He served faithfully in many roles throughout his life. He served on the BONCL School Board, Secretary of the Lions Club, Treasurer of Perseverance Lodge #92 A.F. & A.M., Worthy Patron of Nightingale Chapter #117 Order of the Eastern Star, and President of the Rotary Club. A committed volunteer, he gave his time to the Buffalo Fire Department, was a leader of Celebrate Recovery for 10 years, and delivered food for the Louisiana Food Pantry. He enjoyed visiting with friends at the Trimble House, where he found fellowship and joy. He was a devoted member of First Baptist Church, serving as a Deacon and later being honored as Deacon Emeritus. At the time of his passing, he was affiliated with numerous Masonic and fraternal organizations, including Perseverance Lodge #92 A.F. & A.M., Excalibar Commandery No. 5 Knights Templar in Hannibal, MO, Hannibal Chapter No. 7 Royal Arch Masons, Trinity Council No. 47 Cryptic Masons, Troy Chapter #10 Order of the Eastern Star, and the National Rifle Association. He will be remembered for his warm heart, sharp wit, deep faith, and unwavering love for his family, friends, church, and community.

Serving as Honorary Pallbearers are John Waite, Richard Waite, Tom Waite, Michael Trower, Austin Hill, and Kase Raby.

A Memorial visitation will be held from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at the First Baptist Church in Louisiana, MO. The Memorial service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, October 24th at the church with Greg Darnell officiating. Burial of his urn to follow at the Fairview Cemetery

near Louisiana, MO.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Baptist Church, The Trimble House, Celebrate Recovery, Louisiana Food Pantry, and Pike County Home Health and Hospice.

Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, MO is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

Hwy YY at Hwy 79
Louisiana, MO

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

OCT **23**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
608 S Carolina St
Louisiana, MO 63353-1960
(573) 754-6905

Memorial Service

OCT **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Leon Mannahan lit a candle in memory of Steven C. Waite*



Leon Mannahan - October 24, 2025 at 07:59 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Steven C. Waite.*



October 23, 2025 at 09:09 AM



“ *I am very sorry for the family's loss. --Renee Sevier*



Renee Sevier - October 16, 2025 at 02:40 PM



“ *Cynthia Poyser Osborne lit a candle in memory of Steven C. Waite*



Cynthia Poyser Osborne - October 16, 2025 at 12:43 PM

DM

“ *Delores M Martin lit a candle in memory of Steven C. Waite*



delores m martin - October 16, 2025 at 07:13 AM



“ *Gale Knight lit a candle in memory of Steven C. Waite*



Gale Knight - October 16, 2025 at 12:49 AM

WF

“ *Wayman, Susie and family purchased the Treasu red Lilies Spray for the family of Steven C. Waite.*



Wayman, Susie and family - October 15, 2025 at 09:43 PM

TF

“ *The Ralph and Helen “Starr” Family purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Steven C. Waite.*



The Ralph and Helen “Starr” Family - October 15, 2025 at 07:14 PM

TL

“ *The Lilleys lit a candle in memory of Steven C. Waite*



The Lilleys - October 15, 2025 at 03:43 PM

DM

“ *Dorothy Mcdaniel lit a candle in memory of Steven C. Waite*



Dorothy Mcdaniel - October 15, 2025 at 02:17 PM

ZE

“ *I remember when Steve would pick up printing jobs at Stark Bros many years ago. Then when we moved back always enjoyed seeing Steve and Kathy out and about. Prayers for comfort from God and many wonderful memories he left for you.*

Zella Eliason - October 15, 2025 at 02:01 PM

RE

“ *Rita Elder lit a candle in memory of Steven C. Waite*



Rita Elder - October 15, 2025 at 01:59 PM

RE

Kathy I'm so sorry for your loss.

Rita Elder - October 15, 2025 at 01:59 PM

MK

“ *Kathy and family. So sorry for your loss! Met Steve many years ago when he was in the printing business. I know he will be missed by so many! Prayers for all of you.*



Marian Kuntz - October 15, 2025 at 10:53 AM

RF

“ *Rachele & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven C. Waite.*

Rachele & Family - October 15, 2025 at 10:25 AM

RF

“ *Rachele & Family purchased the Divine Light for the family of Steven C. Waite.*



Rachele & Family - October 15, 2025 at 10:25 AM

GT

“ *Golda Turner lit a candle in memory of Steven C. Waite*



Golda Turner - October 15, 2025 at 08:33 AM

SM

Sorry for your family's loss

Sammy meyers - October 15, 2025 at 11:25 AM

LW

As a fellow classmate I always enjoyed Steve I am so sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers. Lona Wallace

Lona Wallace - October 15, 2025 at 04:04 PM