

CELEBRATING

— THE LIFE OF —



Earthly Arrival
NOVEMBER 27, 1954



Heavenly Departure
AUGUST 29, 2026



*"The Lord is close
to the brokenhearted
and saves those who
are crushed in spirit."*

PSALM 34:18

Reginald *"Homer"* Steele

— H O M E G O I N G S E R V I C E —

"I wanna go where the thunder don't roar"

Rev. Eddie Hinton
Officiating

Min. Robert Bohannon
Master of Ceremony

Saturday September 12, 2026 - 11:00 A.M.

Jerusalem Temple Church

414 Ivy Street
Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350

Order of Celebration

Processional.....Ministers and Family

Scripture.....Rev. Lindsey Kidd

Prayer of Consolation.....Rev. Lindsey Kidd

Solo.....Min. Robert Bohannon

Special Reflections.....Sis. Chastic Steele

Tributes and Remarks.....Bro. Obbie Riley & Bro. Willie James Steele

Obituary.....Read Silently

Acknowledgements.....Min. Robert Bohannon

Solo Selection.....Min. Robert Bohannon

Eulogy.....Rev. Eddie Hinton

Beck Funeral Home Directors in Charge

Recessional.....

*Interment.....Historic Mt. Zion Cemetery
Philadelphia, MS*

*Repast.....Burnside Park
Highway 15, Philadelphia, MS*

The life story & obituary of our beloved

Reginald H. Steele

“Well done, good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of the Lord.” - Matthew 25:23

Reginald “Homer” Steele, a beloved individual known for his kind, loving, caring, and humorous personality, passed away on August 29, 2026, a few months before his 72nd birthday. Homer’s life was a testament to his immense passion and unwavering commitment to serving others.

Born on November 27, 1954, in Philadelphia, Mississippi, Homer was a cherished father, brother, nephew, cousin, uncle, and friend. His profound sense of humor, warmth, creativity, curiosity, and gregarious, outgoing nature touched the lives of many. Homer was a generous friend with an uncanny ability to connect with almost anyone. He possessed remarkable endurance, a disarming wit, and an empathetic heart. His rare gift was building a community wherever he found himself, often visiting with family and friends.

Homer retired after an impressive 30-plus years of service at Ingalls Shipbuilding, the largest supplier of U.S. Navy surface combatants. Ingalls Shipbuilding has been instrumental in simultaneously building four classes of ships and pioneering the development and production of technologically advanced, highly capable ships for the surface Navy fleet for decades.

Homer dedicated his service as a welder, responsible for building and welding critical piping systems that power America’s most advanced naval vessels in Pascagoula, Mississippi. A notable fact about Homer is that he worked and traveled on the USS Cole, a ship that was bombed on October 12, 2000, while it was being refueled in Yemen’s Aden harbor. This attack resulted in the deaths of seventeen (17) U.S. Navy sailors and injured thirty-seven (37) others, making it the deadliest attack on a United States naval vessel since the USS Stark incident in 1987.

While Homer was strong-willed and stubborn at times, he also possessed an enormous heart and a wonderful sense of humor. He was generous, loyal, and brave. He was clever and brimming with knowledge gained through all his life experiences as a father, brother, uncle, friend, and employee.

Homer, a man of profound love and devotion, leaves behind a legacy that will forever be cherished. He is survived by his two children, Reginald N. Steele and Deangelo J. Steele, and his ten siblings: Margaret Steele Allen, Adolphus Steele (Denise), Arlena Steele Moore, Linda Steele Kidd, Jacqueline Steele Garcia, Walter Steele, Jr., Larry Steele (D’Annette), Cedric Steele (all of Philadelphia, MS), Chastic Steele (of Sacramento, CA).

He also leaves behind two uncles and one aunt, George W. Vaughn and Francis Vaughn (Jean), both of Chicago, IL; and Diane Vaughn Palmer (of Willingboro, NJ), as well as a large number of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and friends, including the Historic Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Family.

Homer was predeceased by his father, Walter M. Steele, Sr.; his mother, Arcia V. Steele; his sister, Cecilia Steele; and his brother, Vaughn F. Steele, who is now with Homer on his heavenly journey.

Reginald “Homer” Steele, a beacon of kindness and love, will forever reside in our hearts. His legacy, exemplified by his compassion, will continue to inspire and guide us. As we grapple with the loss of his physical presence, we find solace in knowing that his spirit lives on through the love he instilled in us.

How Grateful I Would Be To Have Just One More Day

*If I could have just one more day and
wishes did come true,
I'd spend every glorious moment
side by side with you.
Recalling all the years we shared
and memories we made,
how grateful I would be
to have just one more day.
Where the tears I've shed are
not in vain and only fall in bliss,
so many things I'd let you know
about the days you've missed.
I wouldn't have to make pretend
you never went away,
how grateful I would be to
have just one more day.*



*When that day came to a close
and the sun began to set,
a million times I'd let you know
I never will forget.
The heart of gold you left behind
when you entered Heaven's gate,
how grateful I would be to
have just one more day.*

*Written By
Kathy J Parenteau*

To my sons

*I taught you how to walk the line,
To use your hands, to build and mend.
But more than all the tools of mine,
I hoped to leave you strength, my men.
The path is yours to walk alone,
Yet in your stride, my step remains.
A father's love is never gone;
It lives inside your steady veins.*



Forever in our hearts

Little did we know that morning God was going to call your name.

In life, we loved you dearly; in death, we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you; you did not go alone;

For part of us went with you the day God called you home.

You left us precious memories; your love is still our guide;

And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side.

Once again, our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same;

But as God calls us one by one, the CHAIN will link again.



*Love,
Your siblings*

*“I wanna go where the thunder don’t roar,
There where trouble winds don’t blow.
I wanna go where the rain don’t pour,
When I leave this world to return no more.”*

A life well lived.....





.....And a legacy to remember

Flower Bearers

Family & Friends

Pallbearers

Ronnie Steele

Michael Griffin

Reginald Steele

Kelly Steele

Lindsay Kidd

Jermaine Simmons

Acknowledgments

The family of the late Reginald "Homer" Steele wishes to express our sincere appreciation for every act of kindness shown to us during this time of bereavement.

Your prayers, calls, visits, cards, flowers, words of encouragement, and every expression of love and support have been a source of comfort and strength to our family. We are truly grateful for each of you who has shared in our sorrow and helped us celebrate the life and legacy of our beloved Homer.

The family would also like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to Beck Funeral Home Inc. for their professionalism, compassion, and assistance during this difficult time. Your care and service to our family are deeply appreciated.

Though our hearts are heavy with his absence, we find comfort in knowing that his life touched so many others.

We ask that you continue to keep our family in your prayers as we journey through the days ahead.

May God bless each of you richly for your kindness, love, and support.

With heartfelt gratitude,

The Family of Reginald "Homer" Steele

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