

Gone Hunting

*Remember the smiles and not the tears
For all the hunts throughout the years
Don't dwell on things left unsaid
Cherish the memories we had instead*

*Like the crisp mornings and dusky nights
A trophy buck within our sights
Deer camp with friends and family
These moments meant so much to me*

*When peace from nature all around
Was shattered by a sudden sound
I always hoped your aim was true
And smiled with pride for all of you*

*So don't cry for me because life is done
Stalking the fields has just begun
Come fall may smiles adorn your face
Knowing I've gone hunting...*

In a better place

~ David Ritter



R REA FUNERAL
CHAPEL &
CREMATION SERVICES

James Edward Steele II

April 11, 1951

February 10, 2026



James Edward Steele II

James Edward Steele II, 74, of Sedalia, passed away Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at Fair View Nursing Home in Sedalia, Missouri. He was born April 11, 1951, in Sedalia, the son of James Edward Steele I and Stella (Young) Steele, who preceded him in death.

James was a proud graduate of Smith-Cotton High School, Class of 1970. He dedicated many years of work as a forklift driver, first with Rival Manufacturing in Sedalia. After the plant's closing, he continued with Rival in Clinton, Missouri. Later, he worked for Ditzfeld Transfer, where he was known for being dependable and hardworking.

Outside of work, James enjoyed the simple things he loved most, bowling, fast-pitch softball, fishing, and deer hunting. He also enjoyed cheering on State Fair Community College Lady Roadrunners basketball and spending time with friends.

James is survived by many cousins, including Shirley Laramie; and his good friends, Roy Poynter, Calvin Dillon, and Albert Emerson, all of Sedalia.

Celebration of Life Service

11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Rea Funeral Chapel

Sedalia, MO

Officiant

John White

Special Music

"The Old Rugged Cross"

"How Great Thou Art"

Inurnment

Crown Hill Cemetery

Sedalia, MO

Memorial Contributions

Sedalia Parks Department