

“Well Done Thy Good And Faithful Servant”

*Celebrating The Life
of*



Vaughn Franklin Steele

*Earthly Arrival
April 1, 1956*

*Heavenly Departure
May 3, 2026*

Saturday, May 9, 2026 at 3:00 PM

*Poplar Springs M.B. Church
11230 Road 739
Philadelphia, MS 39350*

*Rev. Thurmond Brazzle, Pastor
Rev. Lindsey Kidd (Son/Nephew), Officiant
Beck Funeral Home, Inc., Directing*

Order of Service

Mistress of Ceremony.....Sis. Lamonica Calloway

Processional.....Ministers / Family

Scripture Reading.....Old Testament – Rev. Eddie Hinton
New Testament – Rev. Jermaine Simmons

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Thurmond Brazzle

Selection.....New Bethlehem Community Choir

Resolution.....Veterans Association
Bro. Ken Edwards and Sis. Fran Jefferson

Solo / Expressions.....Lt. Colonel Chastic Steele

Tributes.....Sis. Lamonica Calloway

Silent Reading of Obituary.....Soft Music

Expressions / Remarks.....2 minutes

Solo.....Rev. Robert Bohannon & Community Choir

Eulogy.....Rev. Lindsay Kidd

Beck Funeral Home Directors in Charge

Recessional.....

Vaughn Franklin Steele
(1956 - 2026)



Vaughn's Life, His Legacy, His Story

Vaughn Franklin Steele was born Sunday, April 1, 1956, to Mr. Walter Matthew Steele and Mrs. Arcia Vaughn Steele. Vaughn transitioned peacefully on Sunday, May 3, 2026, at his home in Philadelphia, Mississippi.

Vaughn attended and graduated from Neshoba Central High School in Neshoba County. He briefly lived in New York City. Vaughn later made the decision to join the United States Army, on September 24, 1980, and proudly served his country for 24 years. Vaughn was united in marriage to Ava G. Steele, on November 25, 1983. While in the military, Ava traveled with her husband Vaughn through several tours in various countries including Germany, Honduras, Korea, and Iraq.

After retiring from the military, Vaughn held various jobs. He was a chef at Neshoba County Hospital and Rush Hospital. He also worked as a mechanic at the Neshoba County Barn, drove 18-wheelers locally and out of town, and after 17 years of employment at Peco, he retired.

Vaughn was a member of Poplar Springs M.B. Church where he served as a deacon. He enjoyed devotion and singing in the church choir. He worked tirelessly for the church. His favorite two gospel songs were "I Can't Give Up Now" & "I Gotta Run" both by Lee Williams. He would wake up in the morning to read his Bible daily, and he would read it every night before going to bed. Vaughn was a man who stood upright, said what he meant, and meant what he said. The love he had for his family was phenomenal.

Vaughn's hobbies included cooking, catering meals, especially at family events all across the state, planting gardens, and singing military cadence, often while working in his garden. One of his most enjoyable hobbies was riding his prized Harley-Davidson Road King motorcycle then later his Harley-Davidson Trike. Vaughn also enjoyed fishing, spending time at The Man Cave, and spending time with his siblings.

Vaughn believed in keeping family together and spending as much time with them as possible. Although he and his wife Ava did not have any biological children of their own, Vaughn raised several children as his very own, including his special son/nephew, Rev. Lindsey Kidd, and his Goddaughter, Eryon "Munchkin" McBeath, who was his pride and joy.

Vaughn was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. Walter Matthew Steele and Mrs. Arcia Steele, and his sister, Janice Cecelia Steele.

Vaughn leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Ava G. Steele; his siblings, Margaret Steele Allen, Reginald Homer Steele, Adolphus (*Denise*) Steele, Arlena Steele (*Curtis*) Moore, Linda Steele Kidd, Jacqueline Steele Garcia, Walter Steele, Jr., Larry (*Dannette*) Steele, Cedric Steele, all of Philadelphia, Mississippi, and Chastic Steele of Sacramento, California. He also leaves to cherish his memory his special son/nephew, Rev. Lindsey Kidd; his Goddaughter, Eryon "Munchkin" McBeath; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends.

My Dearest Ava,

If you are reading this, it means I've had to go on ahead of you. Please, don't let your heart stay heavy for too long. My greatest wish for you has always been your happiness, and that doesn't change just because I'm not standing right beside you.

I want you to know that being your husband was the greatest honor of my life. Every morning I woke up next to you, I felt like the luckiest man alive. Thank you for the quiet moments, the loud laughs, and even the difficult days that made us stronger.

You were my home.

Do me a favor: Keep living. Drink your favorite coffee. When you feel a sudden breeze or hear a familiar melody, know that it's just me checking in, reminding you that I am still with you in spirit.

Our forty-two years of love doesn't end here; it just takes a different shape. Carry it with you as a light, not a burden. I will be waiting for you, but please, take your time getting here. There is still so much beauty left for you to see.

I love you, always and forever.

Your Husband,

Vaughn

In Loving Memory Of A Special Husband

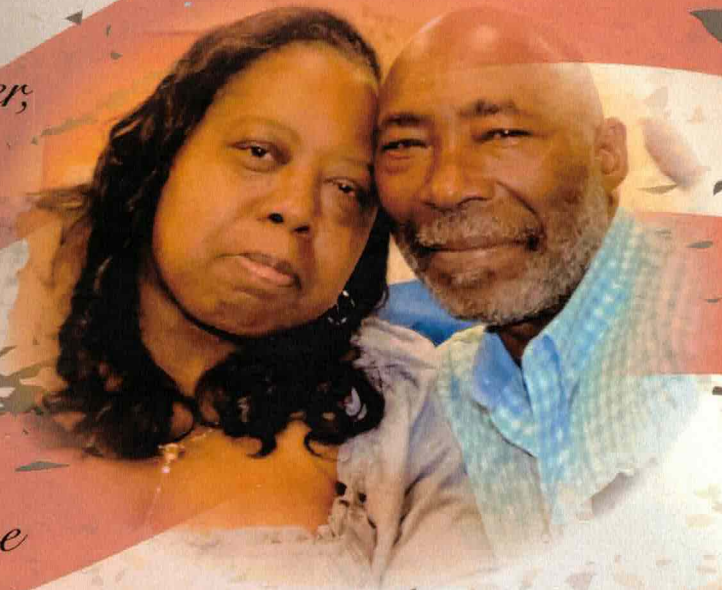
*My darling Husband of 42 years, my soul mate
I love you more than words can say
I think of you so often
You're in my heart always*

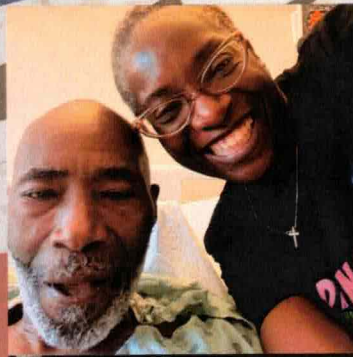
*I loved the life we had together,
sharing everything with you
Since you've gone, I'm all
alone
I can't help but feel so blue*

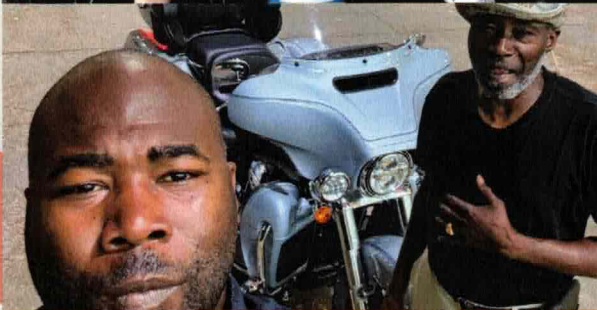
*Sometimes I feel you with me
even though we are apart
living on in precious memories
like keepsakes in my heart*

*Ours was an everlasting love,
You were cherished right to the end
So gentle and understanding
My Husband and best friend*

*Love your sweetheart,
Ava*







FLOWER BEARERS

Friends/Family

PALLBEARERS

Christopher Greer Stanley Greer
Willis Greer Eddie Hunt
Cedric Steele Reginald Steele

United States Army Honors Ceremony

Firing Of Three Volleys (21 Gun Salute)
Playing of "TAPS"
Flag Folding And Presentation To Mrs. Ava G. Steele

INTERMENT

W.C. Calloway Memorial Cemetery
11230 Road 739
Philadelphia, MS 39350

REPAST

Northside Park Senior Citizen Center
100 Burt Drive
Philadelphia, MS 39350

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Thank you for your kind words of support during this difficult time. Your thoughtfulness & presence have been a great comfort to our family. We deeply appreciate your compassion & friendship as we navigate through our grief. A special thank you to Neshoba County Hospital, St. Dominic Hospital, Accent Care Hospice, and Beck Funeral Home & staff.

The Family of Vaughn Franklin Steele

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