



Dr. Steven Thomas Petty

November 26, 1963 - May 22, 2023

Dr. Steven Thomas Petty, 59, of Tallahassee, FL unexpectedly passed away in his home on Monday May 22, 2023.

Memorial Services will be held at 2:00pm on June 2, 2023 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2641 Old Bainbridge Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32303 with Tim Cobey officiating.

Steve, known also to his loved ones as Stipo and Bubba, was born in St. Joseph, MO to Raymond and Margaret Petty on November 26, 1963. He was raised on their small family farm in Stewartsville, MO, where he discovered his great fondness for God's creation through tending to the garden and taking care of the animals. He explored his fondness and love of nature even further in his years as a Boy Scout, ascending to the highest rank of Eagle Scout.

Steve graduated from Central High School in St. Joseph, MO in 1982. Through his passion for learning he went on to earn degrees Missouri Western State University, Central Missouri State University and Oklahoma State University where he completed his doctoral candidacy and earned his Ph. D. in Economics in 2001.

While Steve was always extremely proud of his academic achievements, and loved being called Dr. Petty, his true passion and devotion was to his family.

He married his best friend and soulmate Donna on March 24, 1989 in St. Joseph, MO and became step-father to her son Travis. In 1991 they welcomed their daughter Rebecca into this world and in 1998 they welcomed their son Raymond. In addition to family, Steve's passion extended to good friends, good music, good food, sports, animals and helping others. Steve became acquainted with Jehovah's Witnesses by listening in on his wife Donna's Bible Study. His curiosity and commitment to being a lifelong learner led him to dedicate his life to Jehovah and he was baptized in 2007. Through his development of his relationship with God, he discovered a passion for understanding the Scriptures and found even greater joy and purpose in teaching and helping others. Steve's spirit of generosity and kindness will be remembered, as well as missed.

Steve is preceded in death by his father Raymond Petty and his oldest brother Benny Petty.

Steve is survived by his mother, Margaret Petty of St. Joseph, MO, wife Donna, step-son Travis, daughter Rebecca and son Raymond and 5 siblings along with numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

The family wishes to extend deep appreciation to all who have poured out their love, prayers, support and encouragement through this time.

The family is being assisted by Jackie Fulford and James Sircy of Young Fulford Funeral Home and Crematory, Tallahassee, Florida. 850.610.4444
YoungFulford.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
2641 Old Bainbridge Road
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Tribute Wall

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“ I offer a toast to Steve - To all of our adventures, to the fun we had and to the memories that we made. BSA, MOS, CHS '82, MWSC '86. Rest in peace, my friend.

Bruce Stephens - February 03, 2024 at 11:35 AM



“ Dr. Steven Thomas Petty

October 22, 2023 at 10:27 PM

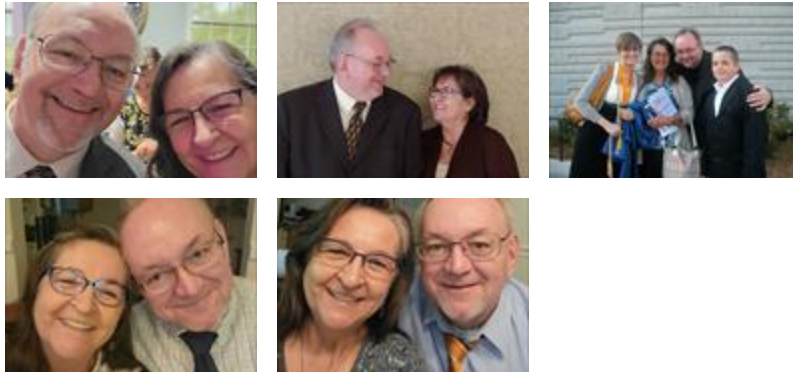


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October 09, 2023 at 11:25 AM



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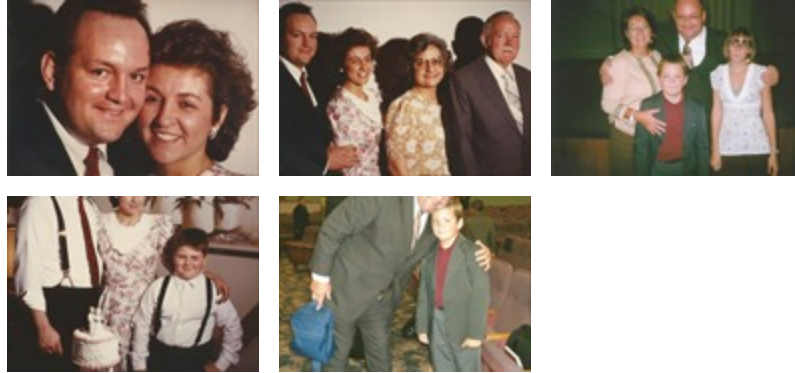
“ More Photos  these are more recent



Rebecca Petty - June 02, 2023 at 12:18 AM

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“ More Photos  I couldn't have asked for a better Father and im so grateful for parents who have always loved me  ”



Rebecca Petty - June 02, 2023 at 12:15 AM

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“ My brother Steven loved everyone. Always willing to lend a hand to anyone who needed it friend or stranger. Everything he did was with his wife and kids right there with him. It took guts for him to step out on his own and get it done and he was the epitome of a respectful person. ”

Terry Petty - June 01, 2023 at 11:59 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Steven Thomas Petty. ”



June 01, 2023 at 11:56 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Steven Thomas Petty.



May 31, 2023 at 06:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Steven Thomas Petty.

May 31, 2023 at 06:24 PM



“ Steve always loved his family and was the best husband and father. We were super happy together for 34 plus years. He hasn't left a hole in my heart but a cavern that will never be filled. He is the love of my life.
Donna

Donna Petty - May 31, 2023 at 03:11 PM



“ I was Steve's first cousin. His mother and my mother are sisters. I have so many fond memories with Steve as kids. We would get together for family dinners at the house in Stewartsville and all of us kids would play outside together. I remember playing a lot of cowboys and indians and cops and robbers. Seems like we all drifted apart through the years. Much sympathy to Steve's family. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Nancy (Smith) Triska - May 30, 2023 at 03:46 PM