



## Steven Douglas Russell

May 18, 1962 - July 13, 2022

Steven "Steve" Douglas Russell, 60, of Kannapolis and formerly of Mooresville NC, was set free from his earthly pain, and went home to be with the Lord Wednesday July 13th, 2022.

He was born May 18th, 1962. He loved history and taught at Gaston College and Covenant Classical School early in his career and later worked as a consultant for ETA Global for many years, and spent much of his free time reading and writing about church history. Steve completed his undergraduate degree from Pfeiffer University in US History and Computer Science. He then received his Master's degree from UNC Charlotte in US History. All who knew him knew his love for the Lord and his desire to further the Kingdom. Steve was always willing and ready to talk about the bible, history, economics, and political science. He was an avid Formula1 fan and a member of Sports Car Club of America. Steve loved AutoCross, white water rafting, and adventure driving especially in the mountains. His generosity and compassion for helping those in need was felt throughout every area of his life. He loved music, laughing loudly, telling stories, and sitting around the fire.

Steve is survived by his wife of 27 years Tonia Flynt Russell; his daughter Elizabeth (Marcus) of Landis; his son Joseph (Leah) of Kannapolis; and his "little buddy" (grandson) Ryder; his parents Horace Douglas "Doug" and Patricia "Pat" Ann Russell of Concord; his sister and brother-in-law Karen and

Scott Hester; his niece Lauren Walker (Marshall) and their children Patterson and Hays; his nephews Scott Hester (Jessica) and Lee Hester (Kelly); and his aunt and uncle Joan and Dean Earle; and many cousins, relatives, and close friends.

Per Steve's request the family will have a private Home Coming Service with just family. The family would like to extend their sincere appreciation to everyone who has reached out with condolences and offered a helping hand, and also to all the hospice nurses and all the medical staff who have cared for Steve over the years.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to Kerygma Ventures for the Leadership Expedition Scholarships. Donations can be mailed or given online. Mail to: Kerygma Ventures P.O. Box 2022, Colleyville, TX 76034 or <https://kerygmaventures.com/give/>

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Russell family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory**

494 E. Plaza Drive  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall

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“*Doug and Pat you both are special folks to Mary and I. You have been in our prayers and we are saddened for you as this must be so hard yet we know you grieve as those who have hope in Jesus Christ. Knowing Steve is with the Lord free from pain brings comfort. I will continue to pray for y'all in the days ahead. Love and Prayers, Rev. Timothy and Mary Walters*

Timothy Walters - July 17, 2022 at 01:18 AM



“*Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Steven Douglas Russell.*



July 15, 2022 at 12:09 PM

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“*Joan and all concerned,  
I am so sorry, May God loving arms surround all of you giving you a comforting peace.  
Much love and many prayers* ❤️ 🙏

Linda G. Long - July 15, 2022 at 07:07 AM

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“*Doug & Pat, I am so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. I know you are grieving for yourselves but you know he is in heaven healed & rejoicing with his Lord. You will be in my prayers. Brenda Alexander, Crosspointe Baptist Church*

Brenda Alexander - July 14, 2022 at 07:50 PM