

Steve is preceded in death by his parents, Wayne and Ruth Blackshare, and older brother, Gary Lee Bookout. He is survived by his wife Drucilla Christian Bookout, son Stephen Caulder Bookout (Kieu Vo) daughter Sarah Ruth Hurlbert (Jeff), grandchildren Conner, Tanner, and Tate Bookout and JP and Caroline Hurlbert. He is survived by his brothers Simon Bookout, Lynn Bookout, and multitudes of loving cousins, nieces, and nephews.

There will be a second celebration of Steve's life in Rector, Arkansas on Sunday, September 1st, at 1pm at the Rector Community Museum. In lieu of flowers, be kind. Steve loved all charitable organizations, Heifer International being one of his favorites.



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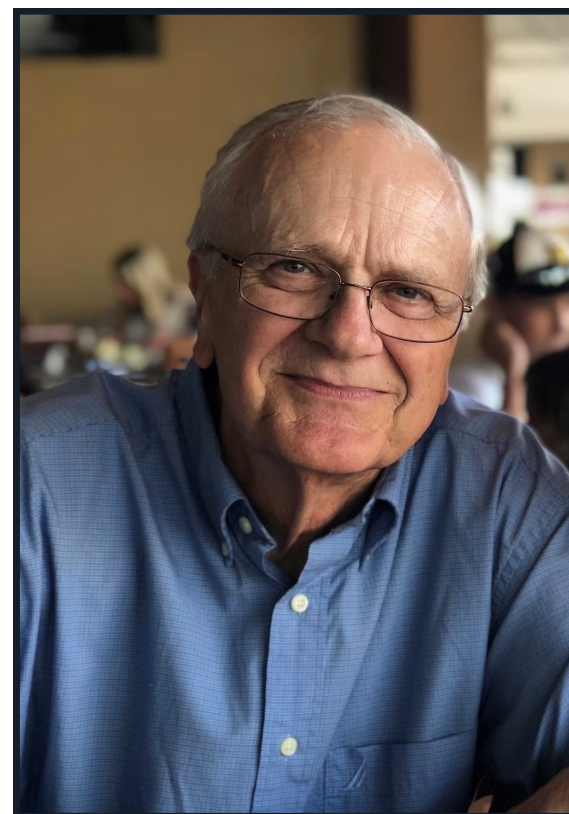
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A Celebration Honoring the Life of Stephen Marvin Bookout

April 5, 1946 – August 20, 2024



August 21, 2024 ~ 10:00 am

First United Methodist Church

315 N Church Street
McKinney, TX 75069

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE

* SEATING OF THE FAMILY

GREETING

* HYMN No. 378 "Amazing Grace"

WITNESS OF SCRIPTURE Psalm 23; 1 Corinthians 13:13; John 14

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

* HYMN No. 322 "Up from the Grave He Arose"

WITNESS OF THE FAMILY

WITNESS OF THE GOSPEL

* HYMN No. 2282 (in **Faith We Sing** - black hymnal) "I'll Fly Away"

* BENEDICTION

**May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
Amen.**

POSTLUDE "Cups ('When I'm Gone') Anna Kendrick

All are welcome to join the celebration and partake in one of Steve's favorite activities (eating) at a reception following the service in Dyer Hall.

OBITUARY

Stephen Marvin Bookout passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, at his home in Fairview, Texas on August 20, 2024. Steve was a one-of-a-kind gentleman, who loved and adored his family, and led and lived the most wonderful life.

Steve was born on April 5, 1946, in Flint, Michigan to Naomi Pinkston Bookout and Marvin Elbert Bookout. He was lovingly raised by his "Unk and Auntie", Wayne and Ruth Bookout Blackshare on their farm in Boydsville, Arkansas.

Steve was a man of many talents. In high school he was a star player on the Blackcats basketball team, played a starring role in the senior play, Hillbilly Courtship, and proudly played the trombone in the high school band. Quite the charismatic prankster, Steve was named "Mr. Personality" at Rector High School.

Steve attended Hendrix college in Conway, Arkansas where he met and maintained lifelong friendships with a wild gang: Jim & Suzie Dunn and Guy & Judy Lessenberry.

Steve proudly served as an officer in the navy from 1968-1971. A career highlight was being a part of the USS Iwo Jima that picked up the crew of Apollo 13. Steve had the honor of dining with the astronauts at the Captain's table. Every Veteran's Day, Steve, fondly known as Papa, joined his grandchildren at their respective elementary schools so they could proudly honor his service.

After his military service, Steve, like Easy Rider, rode his motorcycle cross country from San Diego, CA to Arkansas. During a stop in Austin, he happened to meet his future wife and love of his life, Dru. They were married September 30, 1972.

Steve worked for Traveler's Insurance Company and Hobb's Group before starting up his own at home business to take care of his aging parents. He was an active, lifelong Member of the United Methodist Church. He was passionate about supporting Heifer International and had the pleasure of traveling to Haiti to see this organization at work.

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