



Steve Russell

June 21, 1950 - July 24, 2025

Steve LeRoy Russell, age 75, of McCalla, Alabama passed away on Thursday, July 24, 2025 in Birmingham, Alabama. He was born in Gary, Indiana on June 21, 1950 to Marcus Lafayette Russell and Jewel Brittain.

Steve was a combat Marine who proudly served in Vietnam. While there, he was wounded and awarded a Purple Heart. Steve worked as a Police Officer and Investigator, retiring from Department of Veterans Affairs. He was a family man and was loved by many.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Melinda Waller Russell, his devoted son Robert Marcus Russell, grandchildren Austin Jacob Russell, Kennedy Gail Russell, and Brooklyn Raine Russell, brother Phillip Patton Russell (Pamela Ann) and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son Jeremy Scott Russell, two brothers and two sisters.

The service and burial will be Thursday July 31, 2025 at 11:00 at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, Alabama. Visitation will be from 9:00-10:00 at the funeral home. lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Cemetery Details

Alabama National Cemetery

3133 Alabama 119
Montevallo, AL 35115

Previous Events

A Time of Remembrance for Friends and Family

JUL 31. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

McCalla Memorial Funeral Home
4780 Letson Farms Parkway
P.O. Box 629
McCalla, AL 35111
(205) 477-4888
info@mccallamemorialfuneralhome.com
<https://www.mccallamemorialfuneralhome.com>

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Tribute Wall



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Steve Russell.



July 30, 2025 at 02:01 PM



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

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“ Vineland Park Baptist Church purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Steve Russell.



Vineland Park Baptist Church - July 30, 2025 at 01:02 PM



“ Vineland Park Baptist Church planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steve Russell.

Vineland Park Baptist Church - July 30, 2025 at 01:02 PM

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“ Steve and his siblings took our family straight into their hearts! He and Philip and Desma traveled to be at every major event in our adult life for as long as they were able. When my dad went through the toughest struggle of his life, Steve was there to sit with him, encourage him and empathize with him in a way that none of the rest of us could. Steve loved deeply with genuineness that few people do. I cherish our times. and talks together!

Renée Carlson (née Russell) - July 29, 2025 at 01:36 PM

JM

“ Although I haven't seen Steve in many years, I have known and loved him since I was 20 and married his big brother Mark (60 years ago). Steve was gentle and kind and so dear to me always. I can't wait to meet him again in heaven!! Jean McElroy

jean Fullton McElroy - July 29, 2025 at 10:47 AM

SH

Jean, won't heaven be a wonderful reunion day!

Suzann Hembree - July 29, 2025 at 12:53 PM

KC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kellee Christian - July 29, 2025 at 10:16 AM

KC

So thankful to call this man "Uncle". What a blessing he has been all of my life. He always had a word of wisdom and a encouraging seed to plant. I will miss you until I see you again in Heaven! Love you Uncle Steve!

Kellee Christian - July 29, 2025 at 10:19 AM

SH

Yall were such a light in his life and he spoke of you girls often. What a reunion we have to look forward to!

Suzann Hembree - July 29, 2025 at 12:55 PM

KR

“ Thankful God chose me to be apart of his life❤️



Kennedy Russell - July 29, 2025 at 09:26 AM

SH

He loved you girls so much and I'm thankful yall had special time with him recently.

Suzann Hembree - July 29, 2025 at 12:54 PM

SH

“ A man of integrity, honor, kindness and who always aimed to do “the next right thing”. If you knew him you know what I'm talking about. I'm grateful for the way he lived and even more thankful for the legacy he leaves behind. He ran a straight race and fought a good fight. And Heaven must have felt like going home.

Suzann Hembree - July 28, 2025 at 08:13 PM