



Stephen Lee Betts

January 30, 1963 - January 22, 2026

Stephen Lee Betts, beloved husband, father, Poppa, son, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully on January 22, 2026, surrounded by love. He was 62 years old.

Steve was born on January 30, 1963, in Grove, Oklahoma, to Billy Don Betts and Mary Jane (Betts) Bowers. He was known for his deep faith, quiet strength, and devotion to his family.

Steve was an ordained minister and faithfully served in ministry for over 25 years. He had a genuine love for people, especially those who were hurting or in need. His faith was lived out through action, as he quietly and consistently helped others through many means, including regularly providing for the homeless. Serving others was not just something Steve did—it was who he was.

Steve was a loving husband to Jeanette Betts and a devoted father and Poppa who took great pride in his children and grandchildren. His life centered on caring for those he loved and showing up for them in meaningful ways.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanette Betts; his mother, Mary Jane Bowers (husband Coy) of Wyandotte, Oklahoma; his children: Jennifer Trease (husband Chad) of Commerce, Oklahoma; Cindy Pulido (husband Jesus) of

Wyandotte, Oklahoma; Kristen Roberts (husband Nathan) of Commerce, Oklahoma; Joseph Savage Jr. (wife Katy) of Gentry, Arkansas; and Bethany Betts of Neosho, Missouri; his brothers, Rob Betts, Jeff Betts, and Chris Betts; along with his cherished grandchildren and extended family.

Steve's life was marked by love, service, and faith. His legacy lives on through the family he loved so well and the countless lives he touched.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

— Matthew 25:40

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital for cancer research.

Steve will be deeply missed and forever loved.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 8. 3:00 PM (CT)

180 Church
7380 E 20th St
Joplin, MO 64801
<https://one80church.org/>

Tribute Wall

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“ *My favorite memory would have to be of him preaching about the lord at the church he use to preach at back when I was little.He really changed my life and my view of faith.*

Venesa Franks - January 24 at 12:16 PM