



Stephen L. Palmer

September 8, 1950 - January 19, 2025

Stephen Leslie “Steve” Palmer, 74, of Gays, IL, passed away at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, January 19, 2025, at his residence, surrounded by family.

A visitation will be held from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 23, 2025, in Howe and Yockey Funeral Home, Shelbyville, IL. A second visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. – noon on Saturday, January 25, 2025, in Glendale United Methodist Church, Simpson, IL. Funeral services will be held at noon on Saturday in the church. Pastor Mike Morris will officiate. Burial will follow in Glendale Cemetery. Memorials may be given to Glendale Cemetery, c/o Charlotte Benard, 45 Cedar Grove Road, Simpson, Illinois 62985.

Stephen was born on September 8, 1950, at home in Glendale, IL, the son of John and Mildred (Rushing) Palmer. Steve loved his upbringing on the farm, and proudly shared “Pope County” stories with those he encountered. He graduated from Pope County High School in the Class of 1968. Steve earned his bachelor’s degree in sociology and a minor in math from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. He went on to earn his Master of Divinity from Asbury Seminary. While in seminary, he met his future wife, Linda, and they were married on April 27, 1974. Steve loved his wife for 50 years, and for that she is thankful. Steve loved worshipping Jesus and preaching about him. He accepted God’s call into the ministry through the United Methodist Church and faithfully served the Mount Erie Charge, Carrier Mills Charge, Kinmundy and

Wesley United Methodist Churches, Carterville First United Methodist Church, and Pana First United Methodist Church. He loved the congregations entrusted to him throughout the years, and especially enjoyed visiting and talking with the older folks until suddenly, he became one. Steve found comfort in the trustworthiness of the Word of God and God's faithfulness to his people.

Steve is survived by his wife, Linda; twin sons, Jeremy Palmer (Kim Jackson) of Hillsboro, IL, and Jason Palmer (Joy) of Shelbyville, IL; daughter Jenny Orrick (Ryan) of Gays, IL; sister, Charlotte Palmer of Simpson, IL; brother, Donald Boaz (Betty) of LaFollette, TN; grandchildren, Tyler Palmer, James Palmer, Jake Palmer, Jackson Palmer, Madi Orrick and Sam Orrick. Steve loved his entire family, especially his grandchildren, and considered them gifts from God.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, John David Palmer (Lana).

Arrangements have been entrusted to Howe and Yockey Funeral Home in Shelbyville and Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Cemetery Details

Glendale Cemetery

IL State Route 145
Simpson, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Howe and Yockey Funeral Home
415 North Broadway
Shelbyville, IL 62565

Visitation

JAN 25. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Glendale United Methodist Church
464 Illinois State Route 145 North
Simpson, IL 62995

Service

JAN 25. 12:00 PM (CT)

Glendale United Methodist Church
464 Illinois State Route 145 North
Simpson, IL 62995

Tribute Wall

PE

“ So very sorry to hear of Rev. Palmer's passing. He was my mother's minister for many yrs. She looked forward to the visits from him when she was no longer able to attend services. He will always be remembered in our family.

Patricia Edwards - January 27, 2025 at 08:59 AM

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“ My family lived in Robb's, II. In 1957 and 58. That's where I started school in the first grade and Steve was in my sister's class in the third grade. I still have a picture of the entire school taken in 1958. Steve is in that pic. When Steve moved to Carrier Mills we became reacquainted and he was good friends with my dad he also officiated my dad's funeral in 1982. I do have fond memories of him so sorry for your loss. Praying for your family at this time. Terry Sharp and sister Brenda

Terry Sharp - January 25, 2025 at 10:36 AM

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“ Lisa, Troy, Renae, Tyler, Tarah & Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Stephen L. Palmer.



Lisa, Troy, Renae, Tyler, Tarah & Family - January 23, 2025 at 10:53 AM

DM

“ Dear Charlotte, sending our thoughts and prayers to you and your family at this time of sorrow. We remember Steve as he and the Morris brothers were good friends growing up. We are glad to hear of his dedication to the Gospel ministry through the years. Our sympathy---Donnie and Jolene Morris

Donnie and Jolene Morris - January 22, 2025 at 08:34 PM