



Jack Steele

January 22, 1942 - February 1, 2026

Jack Steele passed away at Pruitt Health and Rehab in Albany, GA on Sunday, February 1, 2026.

Born on January 22, 1942 in Indianapolis, Indiana, to Dr. Dick J. Steele and Dorothy Grossman Steele, Jack graduated from Culver Military Academy and attended DePauw University, where he earned a degree in chemistry in 1964. He continued his studies at the University of Kentucky, where he received a PhD in inorganic chemistry in 1968. Jack completed his postdoctoral research as a teaching intern at Washington State University from 1968 until 1970.

Dr. Steele was a professor at Albany State College and (from July 1996) Albany State University, serving successively as Assistant Professor of Chemistry (1970-1975), Associate Professor of Chemistry (1975-1980), chairman of the Department of Chemistry and Physics (1981-1985), and coordinator of Chemistry and Physics from 1985 until his retirement in 2003.

Dr. Steele was a reviewer for the Journal of Chemical Education from 1985 until his retirement and authored numerous papers which appeared in scientific journals. He held membership in the American Chemical Society, the Research Society of America, and the American Association of Clinical Chemistry, and was a co-founder and served as chairman of the Southwest Georgia Section of the American Chemical Society.

Jack married Carolyn Botts on May 18, 1968. The couple had three children, and were members of St. Teresa's Catholic Church.

Dr. Steele was preceded in death by his wife and his son Craig. He is survived by his daughter Rebecca Blackshear (Danny), Santa Rosa Beach, FL; son Jeffrey, Albany, GA; and granddaughter, Julia Long, Santa Rosa Beach, FL.

Dr. Steele was taken to Forest Hill Cemetery in Greencastle, IN for burial. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

Greencastle, IN 46135

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ Jack was a dear sweet friend of mine for the past 40 years as I met him while I was working with his wife Carolyn in 1986. He was the sweetest loving husband to my friend as well as a patient father to their three children. I always looked forward to his hand written letters he tucked into their annual Christmas cards. I still have several of these and will enjoy reflecting on my friendship with you and your family. Rest now in heaven, Jack.

Cindy C. Craft - February 20 at 08:31 AM

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I spent the past few weeks with Jack.As his roommate at pruit , palmyra health center. He was a man a few words but his words meant something, he was kind and considerate.I'm sure his family will miss him

Dennis Fenton - February 22 at 08:49 AM