



## James Stephen "Steve" Hardin

September 17, 1953 - October 4, 2024

Steve Hardin, 71, formerly of Albany, died Friday, October 4, 2024 at his home in Acworth, GA.

Steve's funeral service will be at 1 PM at the graveside at Floral Memory Gardens. The Rev. Andy Hardin will officiate. The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern prior to the service beginning at 12:00 PM. There will be a funeral procession from the funeral home to the cemetery for the service.

Steve was born in Albany and graduated from Albany High School in 1972. Steve excelled in football and baseball. He earned a football scholarship to the University of Southwest Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns, now known as the University of Louisiana Lafayette. After earning his degree, he passed the CPA exam and began his public accounting career with Mauldin and Jenkins. He moved to Destin, FL in 1988 and opened his own accounting practice. He sold his firm in 1998 and moved to Acworth, GA. Steve was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He was a member of Crosspoint City Church in Cartersville, GA. Steve was preceded in death by his parents, William Walton Hardin and Doris Sizemore Hardin, his siblings, Billy Hardin, Bob Hardin, and Kay Hardin Lehmann.

Steve is survived by his wife: Trisha Lynch Hardin, Acworth; 2 daughters: Heather Hardin Braden (Dana), Dallas, GA, Hope Hardin, Acworth; 3

grandchildren: Hunter Braden, Noah Braden (Jordan), Brittany Braden; 1  
great grandchild: Elliot Braden; siblings: Anne Hardin Cook (Pete), Panama  
City, FL, Dottie Hardin Conyers (Todd), Dothan, AL, John Dudley Hardin  
(Dana), Acworth, GA; numerous nieces and nephews.

Those desiring may send memorials to: UF Health Office of Development,  
Attn: UF Health Norman Fixel Institute for Neurological Diseases, P.O. Box  
100386, Gainesville, FL 32610.

# Cemetery Details

## Floral Memory Gardens

120 Old Pretoria Rd.  
Albany, GA 31721

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 8. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors  
1503 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

## Graveside Service

OCT 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

Floral Memory Gardens  
120 Old Pretoria Rd.  
Albany, GA 31721

# Tribute Wall

BG

“ I just received the sad news of Steve’s passing and would like to express my deepest of condolences to the family. Steve was such a great guy and a super athlete like I have never witnessed before!! He was like a machine on the football field and could play offense and defense in the same game and never seemed to get the least bit winded which was incredible!! Not only did Steve have GQ good looks but was such a class act of a person. Steve not only excelled in the athletic world, but was outstanding in academics! Those of us who were lucky enough to know Steve, and even luckier to play sports with him, always held him in the highest regards. Coincidentally Steve and I were born the same day and year. To my brother, Steve, you will always remain in my heart and may you rest in eternal peace. 🙏  
Bob Gilmore...Ft Lauderdale

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**Bob Gilmore** - December 25, 2024 at 11:42 AM

RB

“ Such sad news! Steve was one of those men that you just admired and respected. He carried himself with such class! So athletic, popular, smart, caring and kind. Loved watching him play for the Indians in football and beside him on the basketball team. He was elite in so many ways and will be dearly missed! God bless you Trisha and Hardin family during this difficult time! 🙏🙏🙏

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**Rusty Barto** - October 08, 2024 at 03:10 PM

JS

“ Great competitor and team mate. My condolences to his family in this time of loss....Jimmy Sims, Greensboro, NC

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**Jimmy Sims** - October 07, 2024 at 05:27 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of James Stephen "Steve" Hardin.



October 07, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ Trisha I am so sorry to hear about your husband, I pray that God gives you the peace that surpasses all understanding. Julie Taylor

Julie Taylor - October 07, 2024 at 12:05 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Stephen "Steve" Hardin.



October 06, 2024 at 08:10 PM



“ Tom Giddens planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Stephen "Steve" Hardin.

Tom Giddens - October 06, 2024 at 08:10 PM

NB

“ Since I am of the older generation I remember Bill & Doris. And Anne, Dottie & Todd at Albany High & of course Dud & Dottie who I helped with some banking 🤝 at the old Citizens & Southern. It is always sweet to connect with all of you. But sadly I just have to say I will keep you in my prayers & memories. I believe your big brother was a football star when we moved to Albany (1965)!  
Sincerely , Nell Blaylock

Nell Blaylock - October 06, 2024 at 07:58 PM

MW

“ Mary Jane Wojcik lit a candle in memory of James Stephen "Steve" Hardin



Mary Jane Wojcik - October 06, 2024 at 06:22 PM

RS

“ Ann, please accept my condolences on Steve's passing. In high school he was someone I looked up to. Ricky Spence

Ricky Spence - October 06, 2024 at 12:43 PM

PR

“ Peggy (Gatlin) and Tom Rice purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of James Stephen "Steve" Hardin.



Peggy (Gatlin) and Tom Rice - October 06, 2024 at 08:22 AM

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**Peggy (Gatlin) and Tom Rice** - October 06, 2024 at 08:22 AM