



Stephen Charles Hustead

January 6, 1941 - July 12, 2023

Stephen Charles Hustead, age 82, beloved father and husband, a resident of Springdale, Arkansas, passed away peacefully in his sleep on July 12, 2023. He was born January 6, 1941, in Mayfield, Oklahoma, the son of George Hustead and Annie (Smith) Hustead.

Steve lived a life of great adventure and service. He was raised in a tight-knit loving military family who lived all over the world, including post war West Germany and Japan. At the age of 18, he left home to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point. Four years later, (all in the same week) he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, he married the love of his life and high-school sweetheart, Ruth Lynn, and the newlyweds immediately moved to Anchorage, Alaska to begin their life together. Over the next 60 years, Steve and Lynn remained deeply in love, bringing love and laughter around the globe, to everyone they encountered.

Steve spent 28 years in the U.S. Army, rising to the rank of Full Colonel. Throughout his career he was a dynamic leader, always admired and beloved by his men. He served 2 tours in Vietnam, where he bravely led soldiers into combat. Upon returning stateside, he attended The Ohio State University where he earned a Graduate Degree in nuclear physics. The latter years of his career were spent at The Pentagon, where he helped develop America's most vital national security strategies.

Through his work, Steve did so much to shape our world but the roles that brought him the most joy and satisfaction were those of Daddy and Granddaddy. His family meant absolutely everything to him. From the day they were born, he was deeply involved in the lives of both his children (Bill and Lynda) and each of his treasured grandchildren (Brett, Quinn, Abbie, River, and Annie). With his own hands, he designed and built the baby beds each of his grandkids would sleep in. Later, he helped each grandchild buy (and take care of) their first cars. Perhaps most important, however, he taught them how to love, catch fish, and laugh (especially at themselves!). He was intensely proud of each of his kids and grandkids, and never missed an opportunity to be with them, cheer them on, and create a memory.

Steve was a highly educated, important, and refined man who traveled the world. He was a master craftsman who could build or repair anything. But the place he was happiest was on the family pontoon boat, out on Beaver Lake, in a quiet cove, Ruth Lynn by his side, casting for fish, eating bean dip and Fritos, telling jokes and roaring with laughter, all while surrounded by his favorite people in the world: His kids, grandkids, brother, sister, nieces, nephews, and friends. He loved God, his family, and America. We were richly blessed to have him in our lives. He surely will be missed.

Steve Hustead was preceded in death by his parents George Lincoln Thomas Hustead and Annie Josephine Hustead (Smith), his Father-In-Law, William Worthy McCallister and his Mother-In-Law, Virginia (Bristow) McCallister of Columbus, OH, and his Brother-In-Law, Wesley Richard Jacobi, of Rogers, AR. Survivors include his beloved wife of over 60 years, Ruth Lynn Hustead (McCallister), one daughter Lynda Elizabeth Lee-Mature and husband, Anthony Mature, of New Waverly, Texas, one son William Thomas Hustead and wife, Janell Hustead (Hayes) of Winter Garden, Florida, five grandchildren including William Brett Hustead of Plano, Texas, Parker Hall "Quinn" Lee of

Houston, TX, Abigail Ruth Hustead of New York City, NY, River Stephen Lee of Temple, TX, and Annie Elizabeth Hustead of Tallahassee, FL, one sister, Carolyn Jacobi of Rogers, AR, one brother, Michael Wise Hustead and wife Nancy Hustead, of Manchester, New Hampshire. And numerous beloved nieces and nephews, all who touched his life, including Lori, Ben, Janet, Perry, Kim, Michael, Lisa, Tommy, Cheri, Laura, and Rob.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 AM, on July 20th, at Sisco Funeral Chapel in Springdale, Arkansas. A viewing will take place at 9:00 AM on the same day. Following the funeral service, burial with military honors will occur at 12:30 PM, at Fayetteville National Cemetery, in Fayetteville, Arkansas. In lieu of flowers the family requests you consider a gift to Folds Of Honor.

You can stream the funeral live at the following link: <https://fb.me/e/3dLfMCM3r>

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Fayetteville National Cemetery

700 Government Ave.
Fayetteville, AR
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/fayetteville.asp>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 20. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (cst)

Sisco Funeral Chapel
705 West Meadow
Springdale, AR 72764
(479) 751-4577
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

SJ

“ Col Hustead was my Battalion Commander at Ft. Sill, OK from 1980-1982. One of the finest Officers it has been my privilege to serve with. He taught me so very much. Many lessons I carried forward & passed along to other units I served with. I have wonderful memories of my time with him, especially when he gave me the FUBAR award at the first of what would become our annual Halloween Hail & Farewell.

"So.... like that...the world is a sadder place, the noblest of hearts is cracked. Good Night, sweet prince...may flights of angels sing thee to thy rest"

Major Stephen R. Jahrsdoerfer former S3, 6th 33rd FA

Stephen Jahrsdoerfer - March 13, 2024 at 09:09 PM

CM

“ Cindy M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen Charles Hustead.

Cindy M. - July 20, 2023 at 08:22 AM

DJ

“ *Uncle Steve will always hold a special place in my heart and memories as I spent many years growing up enjoying time in My Uncle Steves and Aunt Lynn’s pool and having my Uncle Steve teach me how to swim which is my favorite way to exercise to this day. I always took in the kindness and hospitality that he shared with his family and friends and how he always looked his best where ever he was. He truly just added to the amazing men I had the privilege of being able to grow up looking up to for what I should aspire to be as a man, and I will miss him dearly. Thank you for all the time we had together and all the times I am just a little bit better for having met you.*

Dylan Jacobi - July 19, 2023 at 03:40 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Stephen Charles Hustead.*



July 19, 2023 at 02:09 PM

CJ

“ A picture of Granny and I with Uncle Steve and Aunt Lynn at Cocoa Beach in Florida. We went to DisneyWorld as a fun trip with just the four of us. One of the trips we did was going to the Cocoa Beach to have a relaxing time. We had our own Thanksgiving dinner outside. While listening to the water waves, the seagulls and the winds blowing. We walked around the sand, put our feet in the water, talked about stuff and even collected seashells. It was a very nice day. I have lots of pictures of our trip, but this one is one of my favorite pictures. Thank you Uncle Steve for taking us on that special day! I love you and miss you 💕💕



Chelsea Jacobi - July 19, 2023 at 02:07 PM

KJ

“ I was blessed to gain this wonderful uncle when I married into the family. Uncle Steve welcomed me as if I had been born his niece. He is a part of so many fond memories- mostly surrounding his and Aunt Lynn’s swimming pool, sitting on the pontoon boat , or enjoying AQ Chicken in the “Crow’s Nest”. We were included in countless family gatherings at their home indulging in the most delicious home cooked meals and delightful conversation. Uncle Steve had such an infectious laugh. When he got tickled at something, you couldn’t help but laugh with him. He led an extraordinary life yet he was so humble. There is so much I could say about him but if I had to choose one word to describe him it would be “kind”. He was the epitome of kindness. I will miss him very much. Sending love to the family and praying for peace and comfort for them. Kim

Kim Jacobi - July 19, 2023 at 01:46 PM

AC

“ Alden C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen Charles Husted.

Alden C. - July 18, 2023 at 02:20 PM

AC

“ Bill and all members of the Husted family,

Steve was a great classmate, member of Company G-1, Army officer and leader. I wish I had more of a chance to know him better, but our paths after graduation did not cross as far as I can remember.

I did not attend recent Company G-1 reunions in the southwest, so I missed a last opportunity to see him then. That is my loss, which I regret.

Please accept my condolences on the loss of this exceptional man.

With respect,

Alden Cunningham
COL, USA, Retired

Alden Cunningham - July 18, 2023 at 02:11 PM

SF

“ Steudtner, Rother and Pack Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen Charles Husted.

Steudtner, Rother and Pack Families - July 18, 2023 at 10:48 AM

SF

“ *Steutner, Rother and Pack Families purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Stephen Charles Husted.*



Steutner, Rother and Pack Families - July 18, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen Charles Husted.*



July 18, 2023 at 10:36 AM



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

July 18, 2023 at 10:36 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen Charles Husted.*



July 17, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Stephen Charles Husted.



July 17, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ Hach GCI Industrial Team purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Stephen Charles Husted.



Hach GCI Industrial Team - July 17, 2023 at 09:16 AM



“ Hach GCI Industrial Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen Charles Husted.

Hach GCI Industrial Team - July 17, 2023 at 09:16 AM

MR

“ Steve and I were classmates at the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY, class of 1963. I knew Steve at West Point and thought very highly of him. Steve and I branched Field Artillery in the U.S. Army and did not serve together, but Steve was the type of man that I knew would be successful. We both retired in Northwest Arkansas and saw each other occasionally, several times at the VA Medical Center in Fayetteville. Steve was a rock-solid good man, and I am proud to have known him.

May it be said well done, Be thou at peace, Steve. ‘63 Quality.

Max Barron

COL, U.S.Army (retired)

Max R.Barron - July 16, 2023 at 02:51 PM

LM

“ I had the highest respect and love for Steve, I loved a story relayed by Carolyn that every night He and Lynn would share reading to each other at bedtime, all though he was an exception man he never made anyone feel less than him. Love Melda

I never experienced a moment with Steve that was not enjoyable as well as informative and will always be a treasure in my memories.

Always Ladin

Ladin and Thurmelda Moore - July 16, 2023 at 01:04 PM