



Dr. Steven Dale Hammack

October 23, 1952 - August 31, 2022

Steven Dale Hammack started singing in Heaven on the 31st of August, 2022, just after he correctly and confidently spoke the password to walk the streets of gold, Steve's favorite saying, "Roll, Tide, Roll!"

Steve was born in Russellville on October 23, 1952, and was preceded in death by his son, Jason Hammack; his father, Harrol Hammack; brother-in-law, Joe Manley; nephews, Joey and Cale Manley; and niece, Tracye Manley.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife Marcia who for 49 years somehow managed not to kill him; his daughter, Laura (Slaven) Bozovic who is the only one who could tell him what to do; his granddaughter, Mila who adored her Papa; and his mother, Sue Hammack whose spankings had no effect. He also leaves behind sisters, Pam (Jimmy) Fretwell and Susan (Cam) DeArman; brother-in-law Jimmy (Bonnie) Manley; nephews, Mitch (Brandi) Moore and Cameron DeArman; niece, Ashlyn DeArman; great nieces, Hollie, Melody, Jenni, Karlie and Kara; and great nephew, Jon, as well as several special aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Dr. Steve was also survived by the loyal employees who worked side by side with him and became family themselves: Shannon, Wynoka, Kelly, Brenda, Megan, Cassidy, Melissa, and McKalan.

A native of Russellville, Alabama, Steve graduated in 1971 from Russellville High School where his glory days were spent playing football for the Golden Tigers. He attended the University of Alabama where he did so well he was accepted early into the University of Alabama Birmingham's School of Dentistry.

Steve was an avid supporter of the Alabama Crimson Tide and could always inform and entertain anyone who would listen about his favorite team. He was especially proud of the time he and Joe Namath washed their clothes together at the laundromat in Tuscaloosa. There was even a newspaper article to let you know all about it in case he had not already told you the story at least five times. He was a great teller of tales, and he never let the facts get in the way of a good story.

Family never had to wonder when opening day of hunting season was because he counted it down for a solid month ahead of time. He enjoyed all types of hunting, but once he tried turkey hunting with a bow, he fell in love because he considered it a real challenge. Steve loved to tell stories about his hunting adventures, and according to the king of tall tales, in 1985 he killed the second largest elk that had ever been killed in the state of Wyoming. Some even believe he built his log cabin with the elk head inside to make it possible to hang it over the fireplace. He would show off his elk to anybody visiting and loved Christmas, when he would adorn the beast with a gold ball and a festive red ribbon. In December of 2019, he accomplished his lifelong goal of catching a sailfish in the Gulf of Mexico.

Steve loved Marcia's cooking, claiming that she could make a rhinoceros taste good. He would brag to patients and his staff about her menu for each night's dinner, never leaving home without knowing what delicious food would be waiting.

Steve loved his daughter Laura even more than he loved Marcia's cooking and threatened only once to take her out of the will, when she decided to get her undergraduate degree at Alabama's rival university (which shall not be named in this obituary lest he haunt us forever). It was a great joy to him when she obtained her doctorate degree from the University of Alabama and began teaching there, but his greatest blessing and source of most joy was granddaughter Mila, who had her Papa tied around her little finger (and his hair often tied with clips and ribbons).

He enjoyed besting friends and family with his "superior" knowledge while watching his favorite game show, Jeopardy. Watch out if the categories included Biology because, according to Steve, he was "gonna know all of them." Steve's favorite Jeopardy episodes were the reruns (He knew all of those answers, too.), and we suspect if he could have a rerun of life, he would love to do it all again.

The family sincerely appreciates all your prayers, calls, texts, food, and funny stories and looks forward to the opportunity to hear more of those funny stories on Sunday, September 11, 2022. Visitation will begin at 2:00 at Calvary Baptist Church, with the service following at 3:00. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the charity of your choice.

Pinkard Funeral Home of Russellville assisted the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church
16241 Highway 43
Russellville, AL

Funeral Service

SEP 11. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SF

“ We grew up in church together at Southside Baptist Church and I remember when Brother Charlie Thorn congratulated him on getting his driver's license. I was only 12 and in Sunday School with his sister, Pam. We were so excited for him and it seems like yesterday. How time flies. More than anything, I'll miss my dentist singing while working.

Sandy Nichols Fortner - November 13, 2022 at 06:51 PM

AB

“ My my boys all went to see Dr hammock my youngest boy passed away in 2012 he was 8 years old he would not let anybody else work on his teeth now he had the lady that cleaned his teeth she was the only one that he would allowed to do that and he was not having any other person to do anything else with his teeth except for waynoka and Doctor hammock and we're so sorry for your loss it was a good man rest in peace doc and I'm pretty sure Aric will find you and go fishing and may even do a little bit of hunting cuz he always wanted to do that when you got older arrest in peace and for your family I'm so sorry for your loss



Annie Butler - September 20, 2022 at 08:50 AM

GW

“ Our family has known Steve & Marcy since our days at RHS. What a blessing that he returned to Russellville to be our family dentist. I'm so thankful that we got to see him again this past spring at our class of 1971 50th reunion. from Eldon Bearden & Grace Bearden Wells

Grace Bearden Wells - September 14, 2022 at 08:33 AM

TB

“ *The hunting stories just won't due to tell. There were many times and tales that just became bigger and longer every time told. God speed, your friend Tony Bishop.*

Tony Bishop - September 10, 2022 at 09:16 AM

PF

“ *Sorry for your loss prayers for his family my heart goes out to you all*



Patricia Franks - September 07, 2022 at 07:58 PM

AT

“ I knew Steve from RHS and also knew and love all his biological family. I left Russellville before meeting his wife or knowing his children and other descendants.



He was my dentist and he was very gentle to me as a young lady who had severe traumatic memories related to a brutal orthodontist as a teen. He explained everything, and our friendship made everything easy. I truly respected and admired him as a medical professional.

Love to his sisters, Pam and Susan, you are darling and your parents raised a beautiful group of Christian children I loved (and still love) dearly.

Sue, you were always one of the " super lovely mothers" of my friends, and I pray for your comfort and healing, along with that of the rest of Steve's sweet family.

God bless you all forever. The world has lost a very, very good and talented man but Heaven has gained the most special light of a new angel.

With loving prayers for your healing,
Amanda (Rooks) Turnock
Granbury, Texas

Amanda Turnock - September 07, 2022 at 04:01 AM

MH

“ I remembered him to check on my teeth when I was so little boy. He used his sign language to say "How are you?", "Hi" and etc. So sorry for your loss! He was great guy!



Matthew Hines - September 06, 2022 at 05:32 PM

RD

“ To the family of Dr. Steven Dale Hammock, my friend who loved him self some bar-bque-sauce from the brown bag in Tucaloosa, that i would bring back to him from my relatives buisness, going to miss you my friend dentist. Rev. Charles A. Dale.



Rev. Charles A. Dale - September 03, 2022 at 04:03 PM

RM

“ My prayers are with his family and friends. I worked for him for about 12 years. He was a fun boss and friend. He will surely be missed....Rita Morgan



Rita Morgan - September 02, 2022 at 11:48 PM

DD

“ I remember Steve as a young man when he was dating Marcie. I was about 13 years old. Then he was my dentist and my families dentist. Later on he became a friend. When Sunshine worked for him. I cherish the time I knew him. He will be missed greatly. R.I.P Dr. Steve

Donna Darby - September 01, 2022 at 06:12 PM