



Sergeant Robert Steele,

May 23, 1942 - May 14, 2010

STEELE, Sergeant Allen Robert Jr "Steele Man" - Age 67, passed away Friday, May 14, 2010 at his residence. Family hour 10:30AM Thursday, May 20, 2010 at St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church, 69 South Astor St., with funeral service commencing immediately at 11AM. Pastor Al James Terrell, officiating. Interment Perry Mount Park Cemetery, 878 N. Perry St. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30AM Thursday. Mr. Steele, Jr. will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 N. Perry St., and may be viewed from 1-7PM Wednesday.

Tribute Wall

SE

“ I MISS YOU SO MUCH.....

Sister Elaine - May 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Sergeant Steele was truly one of the most wonderful people I have ever had the privilege of knowing. It always made my day to see his bright smile and get a big bear hug.*

One of my fondest memories is how he always kept an eye on me when I was working at the Concours d'Elegance. He'd bring me water, take me anywhere I needed to go on his trusty golf cart, and just keep me company for a bit if I needed it. The show was never the same for me after he retired. This year, I'll have his memory with me on show day.

You were loved by all who knew you, and you will be missed tremendously.

Megan (Gilroy) Bovee - May 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *A man who quiet yet powerful ways. I will miss our laughs , or sharing, and his support. I will always cherish the memories of what seeds of wisdom he left in me. I look forward to the great reunion above. I can't really say good bye, but rather I'll see you later. i am sure it will be sooner than I mayu image.*

God bless the family, My prayer for comfort began when I heard of his transition and will always continue.

curtis Davenport - May 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ER

“Sergeant Steele started at the OU Police Dept. at the same time I entered Oakland as a freshman student. From the first time I met him, he was a kind and warm person. Tough when he needed to be but always fair and gentle. At that time in my life everyone called me "Ellie" including Officer Steele. I left Oakland to complete a graduate degree and returned in 1982 as Director of University Housing and Food Services. One of the first persons who warmly welcomed me back was Sergeant Steele still calling me "Ellie" in that special way that only a good friend can. It was good to see that he was still here and always a comfort to know that I could always call on him if I needed any help. God Bless You, my dear friend. I will miss you. "Ellie"

Eleanor Reynolds - May 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“There are so many wonderful things that can be said about Sergeant Steele. As a Hall Director in the Res. Halls at OU, it was always fun to watch the unruly people become quickly compliant by the sound of this gentle giant's voice. His presence alone always made every situation so calm and peaceful. I feel so humbled that our paths crossed. I am so deeply sorry to hear of his passing. He became an angel too soon. I am sending positive thoughts and many prayers to his family.

Laura Christensen Saims - May 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ As a student at the university during the early 1970's, I had the pleasure of knowing Sergeant Steele. He kept watch over us and our new found freedom... living on campus. Sergeant Steele kept us in line with a gentle hand; yet, he was always within reach if we needed him. Thanks Sergeant, you will be greatly missed by members of the OU Black Alumni; may your soul rest with God for eternity.

Stephanie Boothe - May 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I met Sgt. Steele when I first came to Oakland University as a student more than 30 years ago. I was from a small town and he kindly helped me make the transition to the "city." He was a great role model, intelligent, helpful, kind, and always looked out for me offering solid advice and counsel as well as friendship. Long after I graduated and left Oakland University, we kept in touch and he remained the kind, helpful man always. I am heartbroken that he has left us much too soon.

Sheryl Wragg - May 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I worked with Sgt. Steele (Steele, as I affectionately called him) for many years and was proud to call him a friend. He was a wonderful man, always ready with a smile and willingness to help. He was a great influence on my life, and a great friend and mentor. I know his family and many friends are grieving. God bless you, Steele. God has you in his hands. You will be missed.

Sheila MacDonald - May 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

UF

“ Trent,

Please know that during these difficult times that God has you in HIS hands. Blessed and my prayers are with you.

Undria L. Daniel & Family - May 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *I was sorry to hear about Sgt. Steele's passing. He was very kind to us in the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance when I was directing a play in 1995 called Getting Out. A number of students played police officers and security guards. Sgt. Steele came over to our rehearsal and trained our students in the proper approach for certain police procedures. He was patient and thorough with the students' questions and said if we ever needed their input on any projects, just to call. Sincere regrets to his family,*
Karen Sheridan
Professor of Theatre

Karen Sheridan - May 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *I met Sergeant Allen Steele on my first day on the job at Oakland University in 1983. I worked in the Telephone Department which was over seen by the the Police Department and Chief Dick Leonard. I was always treated in such a warm and friendly manner by Sgt. Steele. He was always willing to help whenever I had a business or personal matter I needed assistance with. I was happy to attend his retirement party and wish him a long and happy retirement. I was so sorry to hear of the passing of this fine gentle man.*

Barbara J. Line - May 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ I worked with Sgt. Steele for many years. In my experience with him, he was always objective and fair. And he always greeted me with a big smile. Sgt. Steele looked out for my summer kids at night in Fitzgerald House; and whenever one of them stepped out of line, I could always depend on him to instill an appropriate level of fear into them! Oakland University was a better place because of his presence.

Geri Graham - May 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

I also worked for Al. Great supervisor. I am sorry for his family loss.

Joseph Bucuren - June 15, 2023 at 11:41 AM