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Steele, James (1937-2023) was born in Akon, Ohio the son of Robert and Julia Pahlman Steele.



He served as pastor of Hickory Baptist Church, Lake City, 1973-1979 and Huntsville Baptist Church, Lake City for 44 years. He and his wife, Maedeen Pace Steele had four children.

Rev James J. "Jim" Steele

Birth 21 Jul 1937 Akron, Summit County, Ohio, USA

Death 11 Mar 2023 (aged 85) Florida, USA

Burial Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery Deep Creek, Columbia County, Florida, USA

Rev. James J. (Jim) Steele, also known as Bro. Jim, Dad, Grandpa, Pa and Papa went home to be with the Lord at 2:14 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, 2023. He was born on July 21, 1937, in Akron Ohio to Margaret Julia Pahlman Steele and Robert Steele. He moved to Florida in 1950 and married the love of his life, Maedeen Pace in 1956. For a short period, they lived in Hollywood, Florida, then moved to Lake City, Florida. They were married for 49 years until Maedeen passed in 2005.

Jim retired from Lake Shore Hospital where he worked in the Engineering department for over 30 years. Jim was also a bi-vocational pastor. In 1973, at age 36, he became pastor of Hickory Baptist Church in Lake City, Florida where he served until 1979.

On February 17, 1979, at age 41, Bro. Jim, along with 19 others held the first church meeting of Huntsville Baptist Church with Jim as pastor. He served the Lord and the members of Huntsville faithfully for 44 years. During his 50 years as a pastor, he led many to the Lord.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Margaret Pahlman Steele, his sisters Joanne Norris and Connie Arnold, a grandson, Bradley Skinner, and his precious wife Maedeen.

Jim is survived by one brother, Bob (Helen) Steele of South Carolina, his children James J. (Kathy) Steele, Jr., Mary (Wayne) Spurlock, Donnie Steele, and Brian (Ami) Steele. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Cheran (Jarrod) Burns, Joshua (Loren) Steele, Kyle Skinner, A.J. Skinner, Madison Skinner, Michael Skinner, Bre Paider, Lana (Wilson) Ulloa, and Parker Steele, as well as 15 great-grandchildren.

His greatest desire was for people to know the love of God and find a right relationship with his Savior, Jesus Christ.

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