



# Rev. Dr. Stephen R. Montgomery

August 21, 1951 - July 31, 2020

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“ Patti, AJ, and Sumita

The whole Grier family is grieving this painful loss with you. As you know, our families have been close friends since Margaret and Mina were young adults in Texas - even before Margaret and Howard were married. Steve loved recounting his vivid recollection of the Senators game he and my brother Dixon went to in the early 60's with Howard and Gene, when he was 10 and Dixon was 5. Mom loves remembering being on the PNC that brought Steve to Northwoods Presbyterian Church, which became Church of the New Covenant. Steve officiated at Dixon's wedding to our Patti in 1986, and Rachel's wedding to Chris in 1991. I was so happy and proud to be able to assist in the adoptions of both AJ and Sumita.

Steve is a shining example of what it means to be a Christian, full of love and compassion for the stranger or outcast. We have all witnessed first hand that amazing sense of calling Steve had.

We hold you close in our hearts, and will keep you in our prayers for healing and comfort.

Please keep in touch.

Love always,

Mina, Ann, Dixon & Patti, John & Jules, Rachel & Chris

**Ann Grier** - August 21, 2020 at 09:43 AM

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“ Rev. Dr. Milton A. Hathaway (JMHS Class of 1969) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rev. Dr. Stephen R. Montgomery.



**Rev. Dr. Milton A. Hathaway (JMHS Class of 1969)** - August 05, 2020 at 08:04 PM

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“ Steve was a bright light when I met him in high school. He was caring, smart and genuine. We reconnected many years later when he and Patti came to Richmond and again, most recently at our 50th high school reunion. What a powerful voice for racial justice. He will be missed. Tamara Lucas Copeland



Tamara Copeland - August 04, 2020 at 10:22 PM

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“ It has been difficult coming to grips with Steve death. I have followed his ministry over the years and have been privileged to call him a friend for well over 50 years. We were both graduates of John Marshall High School, Class of 1969. Little would I have thought that our 50th Reunion would be our last time together.

What I appreciated most was that he never saw me as his black friend, we were simply friends. We were also colleagues in ministry. I was excited when he retired from pastoring last May, because I knew I would not be far behind. Well, Steve fought a good fight, kept the faith, and has now finished his course.

Family, remember that death is not the end of life, it is the transformation to eternal life. Steve now lives with Our Lord. I'm sure he will continue to watch over you and encourage you as you adjust to this next season without his physical presence.

My prayers and thoughts are with you!

Rev Dr Milton AHathaway - August 03, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ Steve and I were kindred spirits. We both were touched at an early age about civil rights and equal justice, and when we reunited through our High School class of 1969, we never stopped communicating over the events that were important to us. Where will I go without you, my brother? Your path and your inspiration have guided me. Your genuine happiness and love and esteem for your family inspired me, and I will pray for their strength as they grieve the loss of you. What a shock and what sadness came with the news of your passing. Rest in His arms, my friend. You good and faithful servant.

Eileen Long - August 04, 2020 at 12:59 AM



“ Another of Steve's classmates from high school, my wife and I are so very shocked and saddened by his sudden passing, But we know we'll see him again. May all his family members and loved ones take comfort in the countless lives he touched, knowing his legacy will be with us for many, many years. Please accept our deepest sympathy and thoughtful prayers.

Dan Rucker - August 04, 2020 at 02:15 PM