



Wayne W. Steele

October 28, 1951 - March 17, 2025

Wayne W. Steele, born on October 28, 1951, passed away on March 17, 2025 at the age of 73.

Wayne was preceded in death by his brother Jeffrey Steele (deceased 2008).

Wayne is survived by his wife Christine Steele and their three children Summer LeMieux (Adam), Heidi Steele (Jacob Sage) and Joel Steele (Keli).

His grandchildren Amos LeMieux, Evelyn LeMieux and Wyatt Steele.

Wayne was born in Butte, Montana in 1951, moved to Washington State shortly after where he and his brother were adopted by his uncle and his wife. Starting at age 13 Wayne worked summers at his great uncle's ranch in Blue Creek Washington. Farm work helped form his strong work ethic and enabled him to provide for his family. Music was the most impactful activity during his school years. He played in the marching, stage and rock bands as well as orchestra until graduating Roosevelt High School in 1970.

He met his future wife Chris two years later in 1972. They had a whirlwind romance, marrying February 10, 1973. Shortly after Wayne got the opportunity to apprentice at Todd Shipyards

as a marine machinist and foreman for 14 years. Wayne moved onto the Boeing Company's defense division as a machine operator, eventually advancing into management. In 1999 when the defense division moved out of state he transferred into the commercial division working on the 747, 767 and 777 programs until his retirement in 2015 accumulating 30 years at Boeing.

Post retirement Wayne and Chris made the move from their home in

Edmonds of 42 years to Wenatchee Washington in 2017. Wayne found purpose in service as a board member of their HOA and as a board member of Wenatchee Valley Sunrise Rotary. He loved spending time with his wife of 53 years and fishing every moment he could get.

A celebration of life gathering will be held at 1PM on June 7th 2025 at Port of Everett's Blue Heron Room (2nd floor) 1205 Craftsman Way, Everett, WA 98201.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to Chelan-Douglas Community Action Council (CDCAC).

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUN 7. 1:00 PM (PT)

Port of Everett's Blue Heron Room - 2nd Floor
1205 Craftsman Way
Everett, WA 98201

Tribute Wall



“ I was able to get to know Wayne a little bit through volunteering at the Chelan-Douglas Community Action Food Pantry. Wayne was one of those guys that took pride and he was always a hard worker, very rarely saw him ever sit. He will be truly missed. It shocked me to find out about his passing. My thoughts are with the family. May Wayne Rest In Peace and I'm sure that he is enjoying the fishing up above.

Allison Syria - March 25, 2025 at 12:19 AM

VS

“ Vanda, Loretta, Sandra, and Lois Steele purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Wayne W. Steele.



Vanda, Loretta, Sandra, and Lois Steele - March 22, 2025 at 02:31 PM

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“ Vanda, Loretta, Sandra, and Lois Steele planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne W. Steele.

Vanda, Loretta, Sandra, and Lois Steele - March 22, 2025 at 02:31 PM

MH

“ Always a Gentleman of good spirit! Wayne will be MISSED
Milt with him in Sunrise Rotary

Milt Herman - March 20, 2025 at 10:42 PM