

Memorial Service For

Steven Hammond

May 17, 1962 ~ February 01, 2022

February 12, 2022

10:00 A.M.



After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen." Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes

-Revelation 7:9-17

Quoting from one of Steven's favorite stories, "I will not say 'Do not weep', for not all tears are an evil." Yet, despite our tears, we celebrate his life and what he meant to us.

Steven Ray Hammond was born May 17th, 1962, in Houston, Texas. He was the first child of Raymond Truett Hammond and Wanda Joyce (Solomon) Cain. Steven graduated from Saltillo High School in Saltillo, Texas in 1980 and received a Bachelor of Science from East Texas State University in Commerce, Texas in 1983. He also received his Master of Divinity from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, California, in 2001. Steven began his first full-time pastorate at Springfield Baptist Chapel in Springfield, Colorado in 1994, then moved to Estes Park, Colorado, in 1997 with his family to pastor Estes Park Baptist Church. In 2002, he took a sabbatical and moved to Cleburne, Texas, where he became the IT Manager at Technical Chemical Company and remained there until his passing.

In 1982, Steven met Michelle Ann Tomb on a blind date. They were married July 1st, 1983. Eventually they had three children: Stephanie Rae (Hammond) Florentino was born on her dad's birthday on May 17th, 1987. Andrea Gail Hammond was born on Steven's dad's birthday on October 21st, 1993, and Christina Marie Hammond chose her own birthday on October 2nd, 1994. Steven was also considered a second father to many. Last year, Steven and Michelle celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary. Steven leaves behind not only a wife and three daughters, but also his mother Wanda, his brother Ron and sister Cynthia, his step-sister Rhonda and step-brother Kenneth, as well as many other relatives.

Steven was very passionate about his family, his church and amateur radio. He was a member at Heritage Baptist Church in Mansfield, Texas for the past twenty years and was also a member of the Johnson County Amateur Radio Club with the call sign KY5M and is now Silent Key. He was well-known for his unique sense of humor, his love for God and his family, and his dedication to studying the Bible. Above all, his greatest desire was the sharing of the Gospel and for others to know the Lord.

On the evening of February 1st, 2022, Steven passed from this life surrounded by family and one of his pastors. His family and friends are grateful for the honor of having him in their lives, and rejoice in the fact that he has ascended into glory and is now in the presence of his Lord.

Order Of Service

Prelude: "As the Deer"
"In Christ Alone"
"Be Thou My Vision"

Welcome: Jonathan Florentino

Opening Prayer: Pastor Price Jones

Scripture Reading: Revelation 21:1-4
(Paul Hodson)

Eulogy: Jim Richardson

Hymn: # 192- "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"
https://opc.org/hymn.html?hymn_id=663

Scripture Reading: Psalm 121
(Clifton Collins)

Sermon: "Our Only Comfort"
Pastor Jarrett Downs

Hymn: # 453- "O, The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"
https://opc.org/hymn.html?hymn_id=563

Closing Prayer: Pastor Price Jones

Postlude: "Let It Be Said of Us"
"When Peace, Like a River"
"Amazing Grace"

Interment location:
Weaver Cemetery, 8743 US-67, Saltillo, TX 75478

From the Heidelberg Catechism:

QUESTION 1:
What is your only comfort in life and death?

ANSWER:
That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.