

# The Family Tribute

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

**Mr. Claude Lee Steele**, son of the late Clinnie Steele and Sally Bet Dalton Steele, was born in Iredell County on February 14, 1942. He departed this life on Monday, July 20, 2020, following an extended illness.

He was a High School graduate and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Harmony where he served as the Chairman of the Deacon Board. He loved singing and sang with the Gospel Choir, Men's Choir, and Senior Choir, and also was an Usher, a Willing Worker and a member of the Brotherhood.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his siblings, Fred Lee Steele, James Edward Steele, Johnny Gus Steele and Robert Wayne Steele. At one time, he was united in marriage to JoAnn Nichols Steele.

He leaves to cherish the memory of his life, his children, Myron Stephon Nichols of Harmony, Lemuel Douglas (Jaime) Nichols of Mocksville, Todd (Rosa) Steele of the home and Sarah Jaini Leach of Salisbury; his brother, Joe Louis (Carlene) Steele of Statesville; his sisters-in-law, Edna Steele of Yadkinville and Lois Steele of Statesville; a brothers-in-law, Robert (Mary) Nichols and James Nichols; a special cousin, Wayne Campbell of Harmony; a friend, William (Dorothy) Summers of Harmony; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, the First Baptist Church Family, and friends.

## I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
 I'm following the path God laid for me.  
 I took his hand when I heard his call,  
 I turned my back and left it all.  
 I could not stay another day,  
 To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
 Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
 I've found that peace at the close of the day.  
 If my parting has left a void,  
 Then fill it with remembered joy.  
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
 Ah yes, these things I too will miss.  
 Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
 I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
 My Life's been full, I savoured much,  
 Good friends, good times,  
 a loved one's touch,  
 Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
 Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
 Lift up your heart and share with me,  
 God wanted me now, He set me free.



## The Celebration of Life for

*Mr. Claude Lee Steele*

Reverend Jeffrey Miller, Officiating

## The Order of Service

- Processional.....Clergy, Family, Directors  
Soft music
- Invocation.....Reverend Jeffrey Miller
- Scripture ..... Minister Kenneth Turner  
Old Testament  
New Testament
- Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Jeffrey Miller
- Selection .....Brother Patrick Stevenson
- Remarks: *(Limit two minutes please)*
- Church Resolution .....Sister Jennifer Johnson
- Acknowledgements and Commemorative Presentation..Funeral Director
- Solo
- Eulogy ..... Reverend Jeffrey Miller, Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Harmony, North Carolina
- Committal
- Selection.....Brother Jared Vaughters

## At The First Baptist Church Cemetery

Harmony, North Carolina  
 The Gathering of the Christian Community  
 The Placing of the Casket  
 The Final Departure

Casket Bearers  
 Todd Valentine  
 Patrick Stevenson  
 Mark Steele  
 Brendon Steele  
 Kenneth Nichols  
 Travis Lewis  
 Shelton Bell

Flower Bearers  
 Annittia Ruffin  
 JoAnna Nichols Sims  
 Charity Gibbs  
 Laverne Jackson  
 Jenifer Nichols  
 NaTiffany Hamilton



