



## Mr. Sonny Steadman

September 9, 1938 - January 8, 2021

On Friday, January 8, 2021, after an extended illness, Milledge Jesse Steadman, known by most as “Sonny,” passed away peacefully at his home in Tallapoosa, Georgia, at the age of 82 with his wife and son by his side.

Sonny was born in Rome, Georgia in 1938. He spent much of his younger years enjoying the great outdoors through camping, hunting, fishing, and trekking through the wooded areas around the Chulio Road area. These early pleasures extended into his adult life as Sonny enjoyed sharing these types of outdoor experiences with his wife and his son. Later in life, he also loved working in the yard and became an avid bird watcher.

Around the age of 19, Sonny began a long career in barbering. He would end up working for over forty years in the Rome and Floyd County area as a barber and made many wonderful, life-long friends. His years in this profession included working at The Forrest Barbershop, The Greystone Barbershop, and Sonny’s Barbershop on Chulio Road. He lived on Chulio Road in Floyd County for over 70 years, and because of his many years as a resident and barber on this road, Sonny was known by many friends and neighbors as the “Mayor” of Chulio Road.

Sonny was preceded in death by his father, Richard Jesse Steadman, mother, Selma Watkins Steadman, and sister, Carolyn Steadman Busby. He is survived by his wife of over 54 years, Charlotte Robinson Steadman of Tallapoosa, son, Walter Dean Steadman, of The Woodlands, Texas, niece, Billie Ann Busby Rhinehart, of Rome, Georgia, and several cousins.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Chapel of Rainwater Funeral Home in Bowdon, Georgia. Bro. Alton Stamey will officiate. Pallbearers will be James Hudson, Sr., Tommy Robinson, Alan Robinson, Barry Deese, Tracy Jarrell, Jody Stitcher, Mike Benefield, Phil Deese, and Charles Smith. Interment will follow the services at Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery in Waco, Georgia.

Prior to the services on Thursday, the family will receive friends at the funeral home from 12:00 p.m. till the funeral hour.

Due to the current health situation with Covid-19, we ask those planning on attending the visitation and services to please wear a mask and continue to practice social distancing.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the American Cancer Society in Sonny's memory.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 14. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Rainwater Funeral Home  
317 North Carroll Street  
Bowdon, GA 30108  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ 64 files added to the album LifeTributes



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**Rainwater Funeral Home** - January 14, 2021 at 09:02 AM



“ Mrs. Steadman and Walt,

*I am so sorry for your loss.*

*My girls and I remember "Mr. Steadman" most from the time he taught them to fish in the pond on Chulio Rd almost 20 years ago when they were just 3 and 4 years old. Sonny helped them bait the hooks, and they "caught" the catfish we later ate for dinner that evening. To this day, I still don't know if either of them actually caught any fish or if Sonny just snuck one on the line. It doesn't really matter. They were both so excited!!! What a kind soul he was.*

*The world is a better place because of Mr. Steadman.*

*Much love,  
Lori Harris*

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**Lori Harris** - January 13, 2021 at 10:15 PM

TA

“ So sorry to hear of Sonny’s passing. I always enjoyed talking with him. Y’all were mighty special to our dad .prayers for the family!!!!!!  
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**Tony Abercrombie** - January 13, 2021 at 08:29 PM

DA

“ Charlotte and Walter, We are so sorry to hear of Sonny's passing. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. We have a lot of good memories from our younger days. Please know that we will be thinking of you. With love, Doris and Dan Ayer

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**Doris Ayer** - January 12, 2021 at 11:30 AM

CM

“ Walt,  
I am so sorry to learn of your father's passing. My thoughts and prayers go to you, your mother and family.  
Craig Meredith

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**Craig Meredith** - January 12, 2021 at 10:49 AM

GA

“ Walt -  
I'm really sorry to hear about your father. I know that you're parents are very special to you. I've got you in my prayers.  
George Albritton

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**George W Albritton** - January 10, 2021 at 08:31 PM

RM

“ *Walt,  
We were so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. We'll be  
thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers.  
Rae and Debra Moses*

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**Rae Moses** - January 10, 2021 at 05:35 PM

AW

“ *Dear Walt,  
  
We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. This has been  
an especially hard year and our hearts go out to you and all the  
loved ones your dad left behind. Thinking of you and lighting a  
candle for your dad today.  
  
Love,  
The Estrada-Wiggins family*

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**Alexis Wiggins** - January 10, 2021 at 02:35 PM

RL

“ *Walt I am very sorry to hear about your father. Please convey my  
condolences to you and your family. If there is anything I can do  
please let me know.*

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**Rodney Lisembee** - January 10, 2021 at 11:52 AM

MS

“ *Mike And Jan Stitcher lit a candle in memory  
of Mr. Sonny Steadman*



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**Mike and Jan Stitcher** - January 09, 2021 at 05:47 PM

TK

“ *I know Mr. Steadman ! My mother, Esther Marie Hughes Garrett was raised in Tallapoosa. The name Steadman comes to my mind, but I just can't remember how I know him! So sorry for your loss! Praying for the family!*

*Teres Key*

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**Teresa Key** - January 09, 2021 at 04:23 PM