



# Howard Edward Stevens

August 23, 1933 - January 1, 2021

Howard E. Stevens was the fifth of eight children, born to the late James and Gertrude Standing Stevens. Fondly known as “Steve,” he was a life-long resident of Baltimore, Maryland.

Steve grew up in northwest Baltimore. He attended Carver Vocational High School, where he trained as a custom tailor. Drafted into the Army during his senior year, Steve served in Hawaii between 1952 and 1955. Upon his return, Steve finished high school. He completed a year of college at Hampton Institute, in Virginia, but put his studies on hold to accept a full-time position with the State of Maryland. Steve’s desire for career advancement led him to take evening classes at Coppin State University. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology and a Master of Education Degree in Correctional Justice. He later earned a Master of Business Administration Degree from Morgan State University.

Steve’s 27-year career with the State was in Juvenile Services. He was dedicated to helping troubled youths get their lives back on track. His warmth and keen insight into youth offenders helped him establish trust and instill confidence. Highly regarded for his successful approach, Steve was promoted first to supervisor, then to department head. He was constantly looking for better ways to help young people. Under his leadership, the counseling staff was transformed into a diverse, multi-racial team to better match the backgrounds of their clients.

After taking early retirement in 1984, Steve continued to positively impact the lives of others. He ran a community re-entry program for released prisoners and serving as director of a group home for disabled persons. This experience led him to open a successful group home, which resulted in a lasting relationship with a client who became like a second son.

Steve married the apple of his eye, Hattie M. Davis in 1971. Their union was blessed with a son, Martin Luther Stevens. Martin blessed them with a granddaughter, Trinity

Galentino, of whom they are very proud.

Steve will always be remembered for the time he spent with family and friends. Supportive and understanding, he was the “wind beneath her wings” as Hattie presided for 16 years over the annual tradition of the Corbett-Graves Family Reunion. All who knew him will fondly recall his hearty laugh and zest for living.

Steve was a faithful member of First Church of the Brethren where he served for many years. He was on the Church Board, choir, men’s choir, Chair of the men’s fellowship and more recently as Church Board Chair and on the Mid-Atlantic District Leadership Team.

Steve was preceded in death by his son, Martin, brothers James and John, and sisters Annie Mae, Catherine, Sarah and Elizabeth.

Steve leaves to cherish his memory, his beloved wife, Hattie D. Stevens; brother, Charles Edwin Steven(Betty Joyce), granddaughter, Trinity Galentino, dear cousin, Delilah Holmes, many nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends. He will be sorely missed by his dear and long time family friends Pernell and Lonzella Brice, Ruth Carter and his loving First Church family.

The Family of Mr. Howard Steven requests that in lieu of flowers contributions be made to Habitat for Humanity and/or Coppin State University

# Cemetery

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## King Memorial Park Cemetery- Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.

Baltimore, MD, 21244

# Events

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**JAN 13** **Viewing** 03:00PM - 06:00PM

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March Life Tribute Center -  
Randallstown

5616 Old Court Rd, Windsor  
Mill, MD, US, 21244

**JAN 14** **Wake** 10:00AM - 10:30AM

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**JAN 14** **Service** 10:30AM

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# Comments

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“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Howard Edward Stevens, Please Click the Link below.



**March Life Tribute Centers** - January 06 at 08:32 PM

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“ Dear Aunt Hattie,

We were deeply saddened to hear of Uncle Steve's passing. He was our last surviving uncle and gave us years of precious memories during visits and family reunions. You are in our thoughts and prayers and our love for you is something you can always count on.

Uncle Steve's service was beautiful. These strange times kept us from attending in person but we were with you in spirit!

We love you!

Your family,

John and Andrea and the Thompson Clan

**John Thompson II** - January 15 at 09:37 AM

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“ Thinking Of You May God Grant You Peace And Comfort In The Loss Of Your Love One, Steve Love Dianne & Barbara.

**Barbara Crawford Graves** - January 13 at 11:25 PM

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“ We were deeply saddened when we learned of Howard's "Steve" passing. We will always remember him for his sense of humor, his infectious laugh, his friendliness and his kindness to others. May your heart and soul find peace and comfort through your many memories of him; and may God's presence help to sustain you during your period of bereavement.

Mary Williams and Family  
Burlington, NC

mary williams - January 13 at 09:40 PM

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“ A very special man , who shared his God-Given talent with all. it was a pleasure serving with him and I will forever remember his presence. God rest his soul.

Lawrence Gillis and Family

Lawrence Gillis - January 13 at 06:56 PM

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“ To Hattie and the Stevens:  
It is with deep sadness to learn of the passing of Howard. We and the members of the Baltimore Alumni Chapter of Winston-Salem State University want you to know that we grieve with you. Howard was such a wonderful caring man, a devoted husband, and friend to many. We know he was a man of faith in the Lord and therefore we know he is in the loving arms of our savior Jesus Christ; may he rest in peace and rise in glory; until that great day when we all shall meet again, we stand on the promises of God. Amen. Alleluia.

Prince and Nancy Jernigan - Severna Park, MD  
and the members of the Baltimore Alumni Chapter of WSSU

Prince and Nancy Jernigan - Severna Park - January 11 at 10:35 PM

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“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Life Tribute Center (Randallstown) - January 11 at 11:21 AM



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**March Life Tribute Center (Randallstown)** - January 11 at 11:19 AM

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“ William F. Wiley Jr. lit a candle in memory of Howard Edward Stevens



**William F. Wiley Jr.** - January 10 at 12:39 PM

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“ Enda Mack lit a candle in memory of Howard Edward Stevens



**Enda Mack** - January 09 at 09:28 PM

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“ Paula Foote lit a candle in memory of Howard Edward Stevens



**Paula Foote** - January 09 at 06:11 PM