



Jack Edwin Steele

May 14, 2025

Jack Edwin Steele, 91, of Columbia, VA passed away on May 14, 2025, in Blacksburg, VA. He was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years Carmen Miles Steele, his parents James Steele and Bessie Enoch, and his siblings, Charlie, Sam, and Peggy. He is survived by his sons, Mark (Joyce) Steele and Kevin (Theresa) Steele. He is also survived by grandchildren Amie (Sean) Lesser, Emily (Colin) Walthall, Kristen Steele, Ethan Steele and Bailey Steele; and his great grandchildren, Charles Lesser, Lucy Lesser, Maxwell Walthall, and Lane Walthall.

Jack served in the US Navy during the Korean Conflict, after which he worked as a barber for nearly six decades in Richmond, VA. His barbershop wasn't just a place to get a haircut — it was where friends gathered and bits of wisdom were freely shared. With a comb in one hand and a story in the other, he had a way of making everyone feel at home in his chair.

Off the clock, Jack was just as dedicated — he volunteered for the local rescue squad and coached little league football for close to 20 seasons, helping young athletes not only improve their game but grow into good people. He also had a knack for small engines — lawnmowers, weed eaters, you name it. If it had a sputter or a stall, Jack could bring it back to life. He saw fixing things not as a chore but as a puzzle, a challenge he always welcomed with a spark in his eye.

Whether he was recalling a tale from his younger days or sharing an odd fact that left you both puzzled and grinning, Jack was never at a loss for words. The family is especially grateful to his hospice caregivers: Ireland, Vicky, and Brian. A private service will be held for family at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jack Edwin Steele.

May 17, 2025 at 09:30 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jack Edwin Steele.



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“ Jack exemplified Honor, Integrity, Loyalty, Compassion, Courage and Sincerity. In the 30 years I was fortunate enough to know him he had no vice, never waned in his beliefs nor displayed a lack of concern or generosity towards his fellow man. He was a good man and I will miss him terribly. I was proud to call him my friend and I am certain he made a positive difference while he was here. My heart goes out to his Sons and his extended family whom he was extremely proud of, adored and spoke so fondly of throughout the years.

Paul Boxey - May 16, 2025 at 03:17 PM



“ Mr Steele will be missed. So sorry for your families loss.... Stanley & Debbie

Debbie Leistra - May 15, 2025 at 08:04 PM

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“ We were so very lucky to have the time with Jack that we did. ❤️
We loved him with all of our hearts! Thank you all for allowing us to
care for him.



Ireland Whited - May 15, 2025 at 07:24 PM

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“ Turner and Victoria Altman purchased the Simply
Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jack
Edwin Steele.



Turner and Victoria Altman - May 15, 2025 at 04:52 PM