



Elizabeth Steger

July 7, 1933 - February 11, 2025

Elizabeth Sutton Steger was born on July 7, 1933, in Molena, Georgia. She was the fourth of five children born to Frank Benjamin Sutton, Sr. and Hattie Knight Sutton. In 1941, the family moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee, where she completed her formal education within the public school system. After her graduation from Howard High School, she attended Edward Waters University, where she received her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. She pursued her education at the Gammon Theological Seminary, where she earned a Master of Arts Degree. Subsequently, she had a distinguished career as a public-school teacher in Florida and North Carolina before retiring to dedicate herself to a life of service. While living in Chattanooga, she met the person who would become her life partner. On June 1, 1956, she married Clarence Donald Steger. They raised a daughter, Lisa Monique Steger and were together for sixty-five years. Throughout their years of marriage, they resided in Georgia, Florida, and North Carolina, where he served as the inaugural First Lady of Reeder Memorial Baptist Church, where her husband was the pastor until his retirement. She actively participated in the North Carolina Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows (Interdenominational) and spoke at numerous events throughout her career. On Tuesday, February 11th, she peacefully passed away in her sleep and departed her earthly body and took her flight to be with the Lord in Glory. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Donald Steger; parents; brother; John Benjamin Sutton, who passed away

before her birth; sisters, Julia Mae Hollins and Charmie Ree Brewer; youngest brother, Frank Benjamin Sutton; nephews, Robert L. Hollins, Gregory N. Hollins, Anthony N. Hollins, and Ralph J. Hollins. Leaving to cherish her precious memory is her daughter, Lisa M. Steger; grandson; granddaughter, Josuah L. Steger and Jordan M. Drakeford; great-grandsons, Josiah and Roman Steger both of North Carolina; six nephews, Artis (Patricia) Hollins, Alonzo (Charlesia) Brewer, Dexter Brewer, Spencer (Kimberly) Brewer, Reginald (Maria) Brewer, Derek Brewer; nieces, Charmie A. Scott, Elizabeth (Michael) Lawings, Kimberly Bulter, Vivian (Jeff) Smith; a special loving sister-in-law, Fannie Bone; a treasured friend, MaePaul Boone; a host of great nieces and nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. She will lie-in-state on Saturday, February 22, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 10:00 a.m. in the chapel. Burial on Monday, February 24, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in Highland Memorial Gardens.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

FEB 22. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Service

FEB 22. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

FEB 24. 10:00 AM (ET)

Highland Memorial Gardens Cemetery
2116-2124 Shepherd Rd
Chattanooga, TN 37421
(423) 499-9740

Tribute Wall

TN

“ *The Alexandria neighborhood purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Elizabeth Steger.*



The Alexandria neighborhood - February 20, 2025 at 02:02 PM

JB

“ *May God bless Elizabeth, Lisa and Joshua in this time of loss. Liz, as she was known, was a constant in my life along with her husband and extended family. Words seem insufficient to convey what this family has meant to me as a young person growing up. I visited Liz over Thanksgiving 2024 and will cherish the time we spent talking and reliving our lives.*

Dear Lord, we lift the soul of our departed loved one, Elizabeth S. Steger. Grant them eternal rest and let perpetual light shine upon them. Embrace their soul with Your loving arms and guide them to Your heavenly kingdom. May they find peace and joy in Your presence, free from all pain and suffering. Comfort us, their loved ones, with Your grace and help us trust in Your divine plan.

John 14:1-3

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” Amen.

James Bone - February 20, 2025 at 11:41 AM

CH

“ My prayers are with The Steger/Sutton families in your time of bereavement. Sister Steger as I called her was a quiet, determined, and poise woman of faith. She was a lady of strong strength & character. I pray God's love surround you'll & you have memories of good times forever.

Chomeka Mac

Chomeka - February 19, 2025 at 07:15 PM

CS

My wonderful and smiling aunt as I knew her was always willing to give a smile. Her face always lit up when she saw a child. I will forever miss our many talks and your guiding hand on my life. If someone needed advice, you were there to give it from the heart. I will miss your megawatt smile and comforting words!

Anita

Charmie Anita Scott - February 26, 2025 at 09:33 PM

PJ

“ *To the Family of the Late Mrs. Elizabeth Steger,*

Grace and peace to you in this time of loss. On behalf of Reeder Memorial Baptist Church, I want to extend our deepest condolences as we mourn the passing of a beloved woman of faith, Mrs. Elizabeth Steger.

Mrs. Steger was more than a member of our church—she was a presence, a pillar, and a quiet but steady source of love and encouragement. As the wife of our former pastor, she understood the weight of ministry, yet she carried it with grace. Even after her husband’s tenure ended, she remained committed to Reeder, continuing to worship, serve, and support our church family. Her faithfulness was unwavering, and her kindness left a lasting imprint on so many of us.

We know that in this past year, as she transitioned to Tennessee to be closer to family, her heart was still with us, just as our hearts remained with her. And though we grieve, we grieve as those who have hope—hope in the promises of God, hope in the resurrection, and hope in the day when we will see her again.

Please know that we are praying for your strength and comfort in these days. As a church, we will miss Mrs. Steger dearly, but we are grateful for the love, wisdom, and faith she shared with us. May you find peace in knowing that her legacy of faithfulness continues to bear fruit in the lives of those she touched.

With love and prayers,

*Rev. Thomas R. Farrow, Jr.
Pastor, Reeder Memorial Baptist Church*

Pastor Thomas Farrow, Jr. - February 18, 2025 at 11:04 AM

CF

“ *Cliff & Brenda Steger and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elizabeth Steger.*



Cliff & Brenda Steger and Family - February 15, 2025 at 04:17 PM

CF

“ *Cliff & Brenda Steger and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth Steger.*

Cliff & Brenda Steger and Family - February 15, 2025 at 04:17 PM