



Daymon "Steve" Pritchard

Nov. 23, 1951 - Jan. 13, 2026

Daymon "Steve" Pritchard, of Morganton, went home to be with the Lord on January 13, 2026.

He was born in Avery County November 23, 1951 to Daymon and Edith Pritchard. He was the baby to three older brothers, Scotty, Marshall, and Doug, and he always made sure everyone knew it! He always had a story to tell about his time growing up with his brothers, and those Pritchard boys were always up to no good. He took pride in his family and took every chance he had to tell stories about his childhood or to brag about his granddaughters.

As a young man he taught himself how to operate a backhoe and went to work as a contractor for the railroads. Eventually, he started his own business, Pritchard's Backhoe and Dozer Service, and became a well-known operator in the community. Most people who knew Steve, knew him for his dump truck and backhoe work. Late in his career, Steve went to work for the City of Morganton, where he retired as a Supervisor of the Street Department after twelve years of service.

His retirement was well-spent at home with his loving wife Helen, of 50 years, his daughter, granddaughters, friends and neighbors. He was always quick to help and lend his expertise to anyone who asked. He could still often be found on the back of

a backhoe helping out family and friends or keeping up his family's home-place in Avery County. When he wasn't on the backhoe, he was "blowing the soot out" of one of his many mustangs. Steve loved his mustangs and passed that love on to his girls and their combined collection grew to what he called "Steve's Elite Fleet". Steve was a long-time member of Nowlings Chapel Freewill Baptist Church in Morganton where

he served as a trustee and could always be found surrounded by kids with their hands out for a piece of Juicy Fruit chewing gum.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife Helen of the home; his daughter, Amy Smith of Nebo; granddaughters, Hailey Peterson and husband, Erin, of Morganton, Hanna Smith of Nebo, and Anna Smith of Nebo, and great-granddaughter, Caroline Stevie Peterson, whom was named after Steve and was the light of his life. He was so proud and would tell anyone who would listen that Caroline carried his name. Also left to cherish his memory include his nephews, numerous cousins and family, special friends Bob and Wanda Mathis, Billy Ray and Linda Michaels, and Blake Chapman, his church family, and his neighbors, all whom were very special to him. A special mention to Melissa Black and Monica Davis, whom he loved just like granddaughters. There's no way to mention everyone who was special to Steve in some way.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents Daymon and Edith Pritchard; infant sister; brothers, Marshall, Scotty, and Doug Pritchard; infant daughter, Lisa Dawn; sons Ricky and Scottie Daniels; son-in-law, Don Smith; and other numerous family members.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, January 17, 2026 at Nowlings Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. in the church with Rev. Darvy Hensley officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Nowlings Chapel Freewill Baptist Church.

A special thank you to all of our family, friends, and neighbors who have helped us during this difficult time. Thank you for the excellent care and service received from Dr. McManus and Hopewell Family Medicine, the Cancer Center of Valdese, Atrium Home Health, and Amorem Palliative and Hospice Care.

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.
Isaiah 40:31 KJV

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



—Dennis Henson

Helen, so very sorry to hear about Steve. May God Bless and heal your heart. Lena

—Lena Patton Patrum



I know Steve is in a better place but Lord knows how he will be missed. He has left a wonderful legacy. A man that loved his family and community. Helen I am so sorry for your loss. God bless

—Shirley



We were very saddened to hear of Steve's passing. Our prayers are with Helen and all the Pritchard Family. We are praying for Almighty God's comfort, strength, and peace at this difficult time.

—Gabriel Stamey and the Stamey Family

I am sorry to hear of this. I am Hildred's Edith's sister grand daughter. I loved his

mother and father so much. I know he will be missed here on Earth but what a day he had when he walked into Heaven . Again sorry for your loss.

—Lala McKinney

He was one person who was so easy to be with. Though I met him not to long ago, he along with Helle, made you feel you could call him, or them, for help. I only wish I could have known him longer. He will be missed and no one will ever fill the place in our hearts.

—George Baily



—Silver



—Doris Smith Pritchard

Helen, and Amy and the entire family I am sorry for your loss you will be in my prayers. Love to all.

—Susan Daniels Earwood



My heart goes out to all family an friends .. praying you find comfort in the arms of Jesus an his angels sending love



and prayers

—Barbara Ollis Greene

Praying for comfort and peace for this sweet family during this difficult time!!

May God wrap his loving arms around each family member!!

—Carolyn Stamey



Steve you will greatly missed, Helen, Amy, and the girls you are all in my thoughts and prayers. God bless,

—Victoria Vance



The entire Toney family are heartbroken. We thought the world of Steve and will remember all his stories for our lifetimes. We will be praying for all of you.

—Mimi Toney-Johnson



—Roger and Angie Thompson



—Natalie Stamey

So sorry to see that Steve has passed away.

—Linda

With great sorrow in our hearts, we will be in prayer as your families go thru this most difficult time of loss. May God grant you comfort and peace & love and memories of all the great times we all remember of Steve. we were all blessed to know this special man.

—Cotton Baird and Vickie Leonhardt

Great person and will be missed sorry for your loss prayers for the family

—Bennett A Chapman



Sending love and prayers. Bros and Marcy

—Marcye Ollis

One of my favorite and good friends we were not in contact for short time it was good to spend time with him before his graduation to glory land and I know that I will see him again soon .

—Demry BURLESON

So sorry to hear of Steve's passing. Will always remember the good times we had canning green beans .

—Tracy B Johnson



—Sheila Kincaid



Paw paw Steve you wasnt my real grandpa but you was just like it ever time I saw you from the first time I helped with the offering at church to our last time seeing each other you treated me like you're grandson or like your own and no matter what happens I will always know that u loved me like your own grandson and every time I see Juciy fruit Chewing gum I will remember every sunday or wensday going to you and hugging you tight and getting my piece of gum and talking to you about ur ford or mustangs till it was time to leave to go into church and I remember you use to tell me you'd give me a car for my 16th birthday and I knew you was joking but I will miss u Steve more than anything in this world God bless buddy I love you more than anyone.

—Malachi



—Judy Peyronel



My deepest sympathy to you and your family. I am praying for all of you.

—Annie Norman



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—Janet Baird