



## Russell E. Steadele

December 30, 1951 - February 24, 2022

It is with great sadness that we announce that Russell E. Steadele, 70, formerly of Dallas, Pennsylvania, passed away Thursday, at the Virtua Memorial Hospital, in Mt Holly New Jersey, surrounded by his family.

Born Dec. 30, 1951 in Mountain Top, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Leo Steadele and Irene (Carpenetti) Steadele. He was a graduate of Crestwood High School and Northwestern University. He was preceded in death by his wife of 27 years, Tina (Monka) Steadele, and found love again in Ginger Kananis for the past 12 years.

Surviving are his children, Russ, his wife of 16 years - Amy (Brown) and granddaughter Caylin Marie (9), Chrissie and her husband of 21 years Jason Usher, and Wendy, her husband of 6 years Bill Abels, and daughter Mira Rayne (12), whose hearts are completely broken by this unexpected loss.

Professionally, Russ owned and operated Mountain City Prosthetics based in Hazleton Pennsylvania, touching the lives of local veterans and families, often providing medical care and resources without taking financial compensation, or frequently reducing costs to create affordable healthcare for those in need. Outside of his professional work, Russ enjoyed life in countless ways, and his generosity extended beyond his professional endeavors. One of his favorite things in the fall was to hunt or fish with (son) Russell, brothers Art (Mountain Top) and Albert (preceded in death) and nephews Danny and Leo. Some of his favorite hunting experiences were shared with his identical twin brother Stephen (preceded in death) out west – where they laughed with Stephen's family about coming home empty-handed more often than not. In addition to the great outdoors, Russ could be found playing cards and board games with his family and friends, gardening, walking his dog, and lending a hand, car, tool or wisdom and counsel wherever he could.

The most important thing to Russ, more than anything else, was that he wanted everyone to know how important they were to Jesus, and how a real relationship with Him was truly a life-changing experience. Russ rooted his family in a deep faith, ensuring that the most

valuable lesson they learned was how to grow their own faith in Christ. Russ exhibited the love of Jesus in so many ways. Russ lived a life of transformed grace. Every person that knew him from his life before salvation was witness to the transformative power of Jesus Christ. He lived a servant's life and modeled a servant's heart. He loved on people with hugs and kisses and smiles. He called them and had long conversations. He fed into their lives. He pointed them all to Jesus.

Selflessly, he made the meals, drove the miles, opened his house, and dropped everything to attend to those who were in need and could not help themselves. More than once, he lovingly and patiently sat with people and prayed over them and with them through the most difficult times in their lives. He laughed and cried and supported and encouraged and prayed generously, passionately and without ceasing. He truly loved the way Christ loves.

And for some, he was the closest example of Christ's unconditional love for us all.

Russ passed away peacefully, holding the hands of his family, surrounded by the love he so fiercely gave freely away and without expectation.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers and cards, we think of others in true Russ Steadele style, and give where something is needed to be given. If you are looking to give to something Russ was passionate about, donations can be made in Russ and Tina Steadele's names to the Lupus Foundation at <https://www.lupus.org/give/ways-to-give>.