



Howard Kelsie Steves

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Howard was born August 11, 1936 in Needham, Massachusetts as the second child of Norman and Marjorie (Burr) Steves. As a child he enjoyed spending time outdoors with his sister Anne and participating in Boy Scouts, finishing as Eagle Scout. After graduating college as a mechanical engineer, he moved to the Washington DC suburbs and met his future wife, Angela (Steer), who had recently moved over from England. They would marry in 1963 and raise their sons Chris and Mark in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Howard's life was noted for his service – to his country, his community, and most of all to his family. After college he served his country in the US Army, and in his career served as an employee of the Department of the Navy, conducting research at the Navy's premier hydroballistic test facility. It was a bit more complicated than how we would describe it to others (“I shoot things into, out of, and through the water”), but he faithfully served with the government for 30+ years, eventually being placed in charge of the facility.

Although work kept him busy, he served his community as well, volunteering in church, being a Boy Scout leader when his boys enrolled in scouting (and encouraging both of them to also make Eagle Scout), and becoming a swim coach official when his sons participated in summer swim teams. If there was a need, he would often step up and volunteer, wanting to help where he could and using his talents to lift up others. When he retired and outfitted his “dream” woodworking workshop, he would spend hours making furniture and other items for his family as well as for his neighbors in the community where they lived.

Most of all, he was devoted to his wife and family. From crafting hand-made toys in his basement workshop for his sons, to planning wonderful family vacations, his love for his family was clear by how he put their needs above his own. Family trips in the “pop-up” camper and trips to Maine to stay in “primitive” cabins would be alternated with trips to the beach or longer vacations to England to visit with Angela's family there (especially Angela's sister Caroline and husband Reg with their daughter Emma). After retiring, these trips became ways that he and Angela could explore the world, and they enjoyed

wonderful cruises, trips to see their sons, and “stay-cations” where they would spoil their grandchildren (Samantha and Megan) for a week at a time. As Angela’s health declined, he devoted his time to being with her and reminding her of the many happy memories that they shared.

His work ethic and dedication to service has served as an inspiration to his family, and the legacy that he leaves can be seen through his sons Chris and Mark, their wives Jacquelynne and Hilary, and Chris and Jacquelynne’s children Samantha and Megan and his grandson-in-law Jeff. He especially loved seeing his grandchildren and making cookies and playing Legos with his great-grandchildren Kyra and Anthony, or spending time with his grand-dogs, Odin, Thor, Apollo, and Alfie.

He will be sorely missed, but his legacy and example will live on in the impact he had on his family, community, and country. His family is comforted by many many happy memories and by knowing that he is reunited with his love Angela.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Donations to Cure Alzheimer’s Fund (<https://curealz.org/>) can be made in the name of Angela Steves.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My earliest memories of my cousins, Howie and Annie go back to early visits with them at Grandma and grandpa Steve’s house in Needham, mass! Great memories*

Mary Ellen and Alan Scouten



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“ *So so many memories of Anglo/American family get togethers, holidays and adventures over the last 50 years. Uncle Howard’s meticulous planning, generosity, sense of humour (shared with my dad - the duo that was Reggie and Howie) and incredible energy (that man could walk at speed!) made every trip so much fun. He would always bring over some new game or puzzle to challenge us, some of which I still have and still have handwritten notes on them! A new gadget which would fascinate my dad. And that smile that lit up a room. It’s the end of an era for our family but I like to think the twins and their red headed husbands are now together again planning their next adventure. We will miss you Uncle H, I’m so glad my girls got to meet you so many times despite the miles. Lots of love Emma, Andy, Ella and Holly xxxx*

Emma Merrin - March 22, 2023 at 08:00 AM