



## Jack Steele

May 19, 1923 - October 5, 2019

Jack Steele, 96, of Havana, passed away on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at home surrounded by loved ones. Jack was born May 19, 1923, the 13th child and son of Mary and Mont Steele. He was preceded in death by his wife, Edna Faye of 74 years, parents, and twelve siblings.

He is survived by: son, Max of Minneapolis; daughters, Lynda of Watseka and Karen (Steve) of Minneapolis; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Jack graduated from Havana High School, married his high school sweetheart, and joined the Marine Corps where he trained to be a bomber pilot during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He became a flight instructor stateside achieving the rank of Major. Jack was decorated with the American Defense Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Ribbon, Victory Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, six Air Medals, and the distinguished Flying Cross.

Jack and his wife were business partners for over 50 years in the Du-Rite Laundry, Sycamore Motor Lodge, and various real estate. Jack was the initiator and risk taker, driven to follow the American dream of being an entrepreneur. He was a futurist, dreamer, problem solver, fixer of anything, and generous in helping others start their own businesses.

Jack was an animal lover. He would be willing to take in almost any stray and treated them with love and compassion.

Visitation will be held at the Central Christian Church in Havana from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9, 2019. A memorial service will follow at 2:00 p.m.

Memorials can be made to Central Christian Church in Havana. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com)  
Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Central Christian Church  
215 South Broadway  
Havana, IL 62644

## Service

OCT 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jack Steele*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Jack's passing. I enjoyed knowing him and Edna Faye.*

**DENNIS A STECKLEY** - October 12, 2019 at 12:56 AM



“ *Went to a reunion every summer was always good to see Jack and his wife; he was so mannerly to my grandmother to my mother to me. He will be missed. Love and prayers to the family*

**Judy Schafer** - October 10, 2019 at 08:08 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you all.*



**Elva Stigall** - October 08, 2019 at 04:55 PM



“ *Larry And Mary Hundt lit a candle in memory of Jack Steele*



**Larry and Mary Hundt** - October 08, 2019 at 09:36 AM

DW

“ *Dan And Chris Wilson lit a candle in memory of Jack Steele*



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**Dan and Chris Wilson** - October 08, 2019 at 08:53 AM

KC

“ *Kristy, Erin and Cielo purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jack Steele.*



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**Kristy, Erin and Cielo** - October 08, 2019 at 01:01 AM

JS

“ *Jed, Michelle, Lincoln, Mia and Lenna Steele purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jack Steele.*



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**Jed, Michelle, Lincoln, Mia and Lenna Steele** - October 08, 2019 at 12:29 AM

SB

“ *Sorry to hear of Jack's passing. My thoughts are with the family.*

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**Sandy Budyn** - October 07, 2019 at 07:49 PM

SB

“ *Sandy & Carrie Budyn lit a candle in memory of Jack Steele*



Sandy & Carrie Budyn - October 07, 2019 at 07:44 PM

DJ

“ *Douglas Jones purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jack Steele.*



Douglas Jones - October 07, 2019 at 06:15 PM

MW

“ *Jack was a great guy. He will be missed. My sympathies to the whole Steele family.*

Michael Walker - October 07, 2019 at 05:51 PM

 Rob Pierson

“ *Rob Pierson lit a candle in memory of Jack Steele*



Rob Pierson - October 07, 2019 at 05:45 PM

NW

“ Jack was a nice person. I worked for him at the Laundry many years ago. So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family and friends.



Nancy Wilson - October 07, 2019 at 05:18 PM

KR

“ KIM RUSSELL lit a candle in memory of Jack Steele



KIM RUSSELL - October 07, 2019 at 04:49 PM

DW

“ Sorry for your loss Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family 🙏



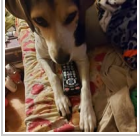
Dan and Chris Wilson - October 07, 2019 at 04:48 PM

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“ Pam And Charles Glaser lit a candle in memory of Jack Steele



Pam and Charles Glaser - October 07, 2019 at 04:46 PM



“ *Nancy Elliott lit a candle in memory of Jack Steele*



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**Nancy Elliott** - October 07, 2019 at 04:09 PM