



Stephen O Russell

June 15, 1950 - July 23, 2021

Stephen O. Russell, son of the late Robert O. Russell and Alma Lyons Russell, peacefully slipped away to be with his heavenly Father on July 23, 2021, at his home in Fort Washington, Maryland.

Steve was born on June 15, 1950, in Harlem, NY. From 1955 to 1968 he and his parents lived in Wyandanch, Long Island. In 1968, Steve graduated from Long Island Lutheran High School. He was determined to attend an HBCU and selected the best, Morgan State University in Baltimore Maryland. He graduated from Morgan in 1972 with a degree in Political Science. Continuing with his education Steve enrolled in Law School at North Carolina Central University. In his third year, he met and married Rose Annette Prince in 1975. Upon receiving his Juris Doctorate from North Carolina Central University, he and Rose moved to Maryland. There they started their family with the birth of their son Jamaal in 1978. Jamaal, like his father, also graduated from Morgan State University and went on to receive his Doctorate as well.

Stephen started his career in private practice working as a Public Defender for more than 25 years. He also served as Prosecutor for the State's Attorney's Office in Prince George's County for more than 10 years and served as Counsel to a private law firm in Washington DC until he retired in 2019. For more than 30 years Steve was an active part of the Morgan State University Class of 1972 Reunion Committee. As a member of the core group, Steve was always ready to roll-up his sleeves and work on behalf of Morgan. Steve became a Class Agent and was the official recognized University

representative for the Class of 1972.

As an Alumni, Steve established the Class of 1972's Endowment Fund. He was very instrumental in helping to create the 4-year Morgan State University Class of 1972 Alumni Outreach/Mentoring Program (for the soon to be Class of 2022) and became a devoted Mentor. One of his responsibilities as a Mentor was to participate in Morgan's sponsored Career Development Workshops.

Steve was a real sports enthusiast. He loved basketball, football and playing in the Morgan State University Golf Tournament and traveling with friends to Myrtle Beach Golf Tournaments sponsored by the Tee-To Green Golf Club. He was a people person. Steve even coach a little league basketball team in the Fort Washington Community for many years. Whenever in Steve's presence you could always count on some good jokes, historical and political discussions, and great food. Steve enjoyed grilling and having family and friends over to shoot the breeze and debate the goings on in the world. Steve was a great host and every year he would host the NCAA Final Four tournament games at his home with his friends.

Steve was fondly called Mr. Morgan because you could always find him serving, promoting, and supporting anything Morgan related like Morgan's annual Crab Feast, Football games and funding for future students. He was the kind of man that would jump in and help to make things happen as a 1972 Class Alumni.

Steve joined Fort Foote Baptist Church in Fort Washington, Maryland in 1994. He served in the Legal Ministry and was on the Trusty Board.

He is survived by his loving wife and caregiver Rose Annette, his son Jamaal (Adrienne), three grandchildren that he adored, Jesaan, Jakiyah, and Journey, two sisters Gina Young (Graylian) and Cornelia Russell, and sisters-in-law/love, Claudia Prince, Wilma Holman (Larry), Constance Prince, Catherine Prince and Doris Clapp(deceased), along with a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. He will be dearly missed by his extended family, friends, and colleagues. Funeral service will be streamed live on Friday, July 30th starting

at 11:00AM

To view the service go to Home | Fort Foote Baptist Church (fortfootebc.org),
scroll down to "Live Stream on Sundays"
and select "Join Live."

Cemetery Details

Washington National Cemetery

4101 Suitland Road
Suitland, MD 20746

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Fort Foote Baptist Church
8310 Fort Foote Rd.
Ft. Washington, MD

Service

JUL 30. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen O Russell*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *I am an attorney in Washington, D.C. and Maryland. I know this is a little late, but I wanted to share my remembrance of Steve.*

I actually first knew Steve before he passed the bar exam and was working in the District as an investigator. He did investigations for me in a number of cases and always did exceptional work

I still remember when Steve passed the bar exam and how happy he was. Thereafter, I would periodically run into him usually at the court house and we would spend time catching up with everything that was going on in our respective lives.

Steven was truly a very nice and generous individual who was liked by all who came into contact with him. He was also a fine attorney who worked on both sides, working as a prosecutor and a defense attorney. As such, he had a special gift for being able to understand a case in an objective, rather than an adversarial manner.

My condolences to all in Steve's family, as I am sure that he is truly missed.

Peter Mann

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Peter Mann - November 19, 2021 at 10:39 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.
Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayers,
because he cares for you. Truly sorry for your loss.

Evans family - August 02, 2021 at 05:49 AM

MP

“ Steve and I were both Morgan grads. Oh, how he embraced the
Bears ! Blue and orange always worked for him ! Steve was my
son's energetic basketball coach. I'll never forget Steve's booming
voice as Mike ran across the court - " Go Zeke " ! Rest in Peace,
Steve.

You have rightfully earned your wings.

Shelley Powell-Larkin

Michele Powell-Larkin - July 29, 2021 at 01:12 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Stephen O Russell.



July 29, 2021 at 09:28 AM

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“ Reggie and Colette Taylor purchased the Beautiful
Dreams for the family of Stephen O Russell.



Reggie and Colette Taylor - July 29, 2021 at 06:43 AM

LD

“ *Les and Marsha Dickinson purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Stephen O Russell.*



Les and Marsha Dickinson - July 28, 2021 at 06:50 PM

WH

“ *I always enjoyed talking with Steve because his memory was so good he could remember things that I had forgotten along with everything that ever happened. And most times he was right about what ever he was speaking of. He was a statistician with all the facts he could recall. Loved him and will really miss him.*



Wilma Holman (Pinkey)

Wilma Holman - July 28, 2021 at 12:06 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen O Russell.*



July 27, 2021 at 08:20 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen O Russell.*



July 27, 2021 at 06:29 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Stephen O Russell.*



July 27, 2021 at 12:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Stephen O Russell.*



July 27, 2021 at 10:34 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Stephen O Russell.*



July 26, 2021 at 07:20 PM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - July 26, 2021 at 10:28 AM