



Harold Stephen Baldwin

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Harold Stephen (Steve) Baldwin, age 76, died on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, from complications of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis. Steve was born in Charlotte on 12/25/42 to Harold and Ebbie Baldwin, formerly of Charlotte.

He attended CMC schools and graduated from West Mecklenburg High School in 1961. Following high school, he attended American Floral Art School in Chicago where he was awarded Top Designer of his class. Steve stayed involved with the florist industry and designed for Southern Retail Florist Association for several years and worked for several Charlotte florists before moving to Burlington with his parents in 1966 where he met & married his wife, Connie White Baldwin in 1968.

In 1969 they moved back to Charlotte where he attended CPCC majoring in Commercial Art & Advertising Design and also joined Coffey & Thompson Custom Framing. A gifted and talented artist, Steve's paintings are in both private and corporate collections. He was active in the arts for many years and served as president of the Charlotte Art League and had numerous one-man shows.

He won 1st place "Artist at Large" at the Festival in the Park for four consecutive years. After leaving Coffey & Thompson, he painted full-time and assumed the role of "Mr. Mom." During those years he spent time developing his garden. The Baldwin garden was a popular tour garden and was featured in both regional and national magazines.

Daylilies were his first love and he served as president of The Piedmont Daylily Club and as coordinator of regional flower shows. After his children were older, his love of gardening and plants led him to Kay & Randall Kincaid who owned Farm House Gardeners in Statesville. That connection was "meant to be" and his time at the nursery became the highlight of his career.

He loved the nursery and did floral designs for weddings, parties, and special events all over the region. His design seminars were always successful and informative. He retired from Farm House



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in December 2005. Steve was a true Renaissance man who was as comfortable with a chainsaw as he was stringing crystals for his handmade jewelry.

He was a woodworker, lover-of-plants man, cook, knitter, painter and handyman. His custom birdhouses were most popular and were known as "Birdabodes." He was a pigeon fancier and raised his beloved birds since childhood. His latest challenge was silk painting and he created lovely silk scarves.

He loved music, the arts, good wine, his companion with four legs, Bede, and spending time with family and good friends. He was also responsible for keeping his high school graduating class connected by planning and staging their reunions and their popular First Thursday luncheons. His classmates honored him with a garden bench which is permanently placed at UNCC's Van Landingham Garden.

Steve is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Connie; their beloved son Andrew Stephen Baldwin, PhD (Jana) of Gold Canyon, AZ; beloved daughter Anna Baldwin Cordes (Jeff) of Squaw Valley, CA; step-granddaughter Hannah Baldwin Ertl (Corey) and great-grandson Oliver Ertl of Dolores, CO; brother Alan Baldwin (Heather) of Burlington; sister-in-law Mary Ann Baldwin of Boone, NC; along with Connie's brother & sisters and their spouses; and many nieces and nephews, and best friend from childhood Elizabeth Bolick.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold & Ebbie Baldwin; brother, Ralph Baldwin, of Reidsville; and nephew Stephen Murphy Baldwin of Burlington. Steve always ended his seminars and design shows with a blessing, which he loved, "May the music of the meadow with its song of silver streams bring sunshine to the paths you walk and magic to your dreams."

The family will honor Steve's request to have no service. Steve asked that you remember him when you see a lovely garden, a sunset, or something of beauty. Special thanks to Kathryn B. Jones, NP, and Helena Brown, Hospice Nurse, for their love & support over the past three years and to Steve's brother, Alan, who made his life's journey much easier.

Also, thanks for the many cards and remembrances sent to Steve from his high school buddies and his many friends from Charlotte, Statesville & Salisbury. You all meant more to him that you will ever know. Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Charlotte, 2700 Toomey Ave, Charlotte, NC, 28203; Beds for Kids, 1800 Camden Rd., Suite 107-17, Charlotte, NC, 28203;



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Community Home Care & Hospice, 156 Corporate Blvd., Indian Trail, NC, 28079; or to a charity of your choice.

James Funeral Home, Huntersville, NC are assisting the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.jamesfuneralhomelkn.com



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JM

John Murray posted:

Connie and Family,I was so saddened to learn about your loss. Steve was a wonderful man who made a huge difference in the lives of an untold number of individuals. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.I do hope you are doing well Connie. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you.John Murray, BOA Plaza

March 4 at 1:07 PM

SI

Sia September 22 at 6:54 AM

Must read Hello viewers Check out, Dr George, who saved my mother's life from idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis with his Herbs medicine called MALVA-H. You can know more <https://livinghealthwithipf.godaddysites.com> or contact him on dr . georgetom @ gmail .com for similar illness. share this information to your friends and loved ones and save people from big pharma companies because you can find this anywhere.

CB

Connie Baldwin March 4 at 1:46 PM

Thank you, John, for taking the time to post a note. Yes, Steve did make a difference in SO many lives. We were blessed to have him as long as we did! I am doing okay; long ways to go before a new normal sets in though. Hope you are doing well too! Blessings! Connie

SP

Sandra F. Parker posted:

I am sorry to hear about your loss. My hope is that the peace and comfort from the Lord will minister to you all in your time of need and grief. Know you are in my prayers.Sandy Parker (Sandra Fagge Parker)

March 4 at 9:44 AM

CB

Connie Baldwin March 4 at 1:47 PM

Thank you, Sandy! I appreciate the prayers! Connie



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Amy Thomas posted:

Connie, What a rich life Steve had! I knew about the daylilies, but his love and talent with flowers was so much more. Peace be with you and Anna and Andrew during this time of sadness and remembrance. Also on a personal note, are you now a minister? I saw reference to this recently and thought that sounded like your pursuit post Bank of America/Lincoln Harris years. Amy Thomas (Bank of America teammate)

March 3 at 10:54 AM



Connie Baldwin March 3 at 3:40 PM

Thank you, Amy! It's been a long time since our paths have crossed! Yes, I became a metaphysical minister in 2009 and primarily officiate at weddings. It is definitely part-time, but I enjoy working with couples! Hope you are doing well. I'm sure the girls are grown up by now and I'm also sure they are beautiful like their mom! Love to you all! Connie



Beth lit a candle in honor of Harold.

Connie and family I am so sorry sorry to hear about Steve. Over the past few years the two of you have been such an encouragement and blessing to me. I am glad that Steve is no longer suffering but what a loss he is going to be. He had so many wonderful talents as well as his passion for his work and compassion for others and the strong ability to keep his High School group together. My heart ❤️ goes out to each of you. May God Bless you and give you comfort and peace in your loss. Love Beth Wilkes



March 3 at 10:30 AM



Connie Baldwin March 3 at 3:41 PM

Thank you, Beth, for your sweet comments. Steve loved you, as do I. This sweet man will surely be missed! Sending much love to you & Ava! Connie



Beth lit a candle in honor of Harold.



March 3 at 10:19 AM



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BB

Bob Blalock posted:

Connie, Anna and Andy, I am so sorry for your loss. Steve was a wonderful man and I still enjoy the seashell paintings that I got from him. Also his sketch of my cats miss behaving still brings a smile to my face. He will be missed but hopefully soon you can smile and realize how lucky you were to have him in your lives. Take care and know that I am thinking of you during this trying time. Bob Blalock

March 3 at 7:23 AM

CB

Connie Baldwin March 3 at 3:42 PM

Thank you, Bob, for your nice comments. I know you understand how hard it is to lose your spouse! Steve always thought so highly of you and enjoyed his visits when Anna came for horn lessons. The years pass too quickly! Take care! Blessings, Connie

LM

Linda Marshall posted:

John and I send sympathy to you Connie and the entire family on the loss of this precious man. Steve exhibited passion not only about art and flowers, but also about his wife and children. We got to know him through Farmhouse Gardeners and loved his art and picked his brain about flowers and plants. My husband purchased a painting of bromeliads and Steve told me that a lady from Salisbury had purchased it! I was surprised Christmas morning! We admire it daily and will forever remember the talented, loving Steve Baldwin. May you find comfort in memories of the love and kindnesses he shared with you. Linda and John Marshall Statesville

March 2 at 5:18 PM

CB

Connie Baldwin March 2 at 6:48 PM

Thank you for this beautiful memory! Steve was truly a wonderful man, loved by many and will surely be missed. Connie



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TM

Thomas B. Moore posted:

Connie , Andy, Anna, Steve and I went through 12 yrs. of school together and then didn't meet again for some 15 yrs. The Piedmont Club brought us together again, and we both had families. Steve was a leader of our club and we worked together on our shows and programs. (Lots of fun) We enjoyed eating out with Steve and Connie and loved the times we had. Good bye to an old friend until we meet again. Tom Moore - Saturday 11:46 AM

March 2 at 7:53 AM

CB

Connie Baldwin March 2 at 6:50 PM

Tom, you & Gail have been dear friends for many years! Thanks for your note! Connie

MK

Mary Neville Kempf posted:

Connie, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family!

March 2 at 2:55 AM

CB

Connie Baldwin March 3 at 4:21 PM

Thank you, Polly! Appreciate the prayers! Blessings, Connie

PO

Polly March 2 at 6:55 AM

Connie, I am so sorry to hear this; and I am saying prayers for you & your family. With love.
Polly Shoemaker Needham

MK

Mary Neville Kempf March 2 at 2:57 AM

Connie, this is Mary Neville, your Wachovia cohort.

DJ

David G Jones posted:

Sorry for your family's lost Steve was a very special Person and friend to my family for over 35 years His smiling face will be greatly missed The Jones Family

March 1 at 4:13 PM

CB

Connie Baldwin March 2 at 6:52 PM

David, you & your family meant a lot to Steve and he always enjoyed his times with you talking about aquariums. Thank you for your comment!



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JS

Jennean Smith posted:

What a friend! Love and blessings to the Baldwin Family. Dave and Jennean

February 28 at 10:21 AM

CB

Connie Baldwin March 2 at 6:53 PM

Thank you! Steve enjoyed knowing you & sharing our Andy with you. I will enjoy continuing that relationship! ❤️

SC

Sandy Coates posted:

My heart goes out to all of the Baldwin family for the loss of their husband, father, and brother. You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

February 28 at 10:04 AM

CB

Connie Baldwin March 2 at 6:55 PM

Sandy, thank you for your message. Andy speaks so highly of you & I am glad you will be there to support him when he gets back to MCC! Connie

EB

Elizabeth Bolick posted:

My best friend forever. How I was blessed to have him in my life. I will miss him everyday but I have a lifetime of memories to hold onto. How I love his family, who are my family too. Gods blessings and comfort to you in the days ahead. Elizabeth Bolick.

February 28 at 8:51 AM

PH

Peggy Howe February 28 at 1:37 PM

Through his beautiful flowers and art, Steve has left the world aMore beautiful place. I am pleased to have gotten to know him and to know Connie.

PM

Phyllis Monteith February 28 at 9:03 AM

Steve will be greatly missed. I treasure his art and Jewelry that I am fortunate enough to have. Loved Steve and his family as well. Phyllis



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Harold by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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