

Steven Allan Hedquist

April 20, 1940 ~ May 31, 2025

Steven Allan Hedquist passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 31, 2025, in Layton, Utah, surrounded by his four sons. His passing was due to advanced age and complications from kidney disease.

Steven was born on April 20, 1940, in Provo, Utah, to Ralph Alexander Hedquist and Helen Beck Hedquist. Steven attended Salt Lake City public schools and graduated from East High School. He attended LDS Business College where he was elected student body Vice President. Steven served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Frankfurt West German, Düsseldorf Central German, and Munich Bavarian Missions. Steven attended Brigham Young University (BYU) and received a B.A. degree in English and a Master of Religious Education degree in ancient scripture and LDS Church history and doctrine. Steven served in the United States Army Reserve and the Utah National Guard from 1958 to 1966.

While attending BYU, Steven met his wife, Elizabeth Ann Gammell. They were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple on September 1, 1966. Steven and Elizabeth lived in Salt Lake City, Utah, until 1987, when they moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan. They lived in Ann Arbor for 32 years before returning to Utah in 2019. They were blessed with four sons: Christopher (Jill), Paul (Keri), Shaun (Lori), and Matthew (Mary); seventeen grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Steven was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Helen, and his older brother Francis Jene Hedquist. His wife Elizabeth passed away on July 21, 2019, due to complications from Alzheimer’s dementia.

Steven was employed by the LDS Church Education System (CES) for thirty-five years. He was a full-time seminary teacher and principal in four Salt Lake Valley high school released-time seminary programs: Cyprus, Brighton, Skyline, and Granite High Schools. He was an instructor at the Salt Lake Institute of Religion (University of Utah campus) and part-time instructor in the Department of Religious Education at the BYU Salt Lake Center for Continuing Education. Steven had a unique gift for sharing gospel truths in a way that his students could easily understand. He served as the Director of the Ann Arbor Institute of Religion (University of Michigan campus) and as CES Coordinator for southeastern Michigan. He served as Administrative Assistant to the Area Director of CES in the Northeast United States and Canada East areas. After retirement in September 2002, he taught religious education classes at the Ann Arbor Institute of Religion until 2013. Steven was a founding member of the Interfaith Roundtable of Washtenaw County, Michigan. He served as the Interfaith Outreach Specialist for the Ann Arbor Michigan Stake Public Affairs Committee.

Steven served in various church positions including ward and stake Young Men (MIA) presidencies and boards, Elders Quorum President, High Priests Group Leader, Bishopric Counselor, Branch President, and Sunday School Teacher. He worked for the Church Instructional Development Department and served on the Church Aaronic Priesthood writing committee. In 1985, he was called as Chairman of the Melchizedek Priesthood Curriculum

Committee for the Church. On March 2, 1994, Steven was ordained as the Patriarch of the Ann Arbor Michigan Stake. In 1999, Steven was set apart as a sealer in the Detroit Michigan Temple. On October 29, 2000, Steven was set apart as the fourth President of the Ann Arbor Michigan Stake. Steven also served as the Detroit regional welfare committee chairman. In 2010, Steven was recalled as Sealer in the Detroit Michigan Temple.

Steven and Elizabeth were called to serve as the President and Matron of the Detroit Michigan Temple where they served from November 2013 to November 2016. After returning to Utah in 2019, Steven was again called as a temple sealer in the Bountiful Utah Temple. Above all, Steven was a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ in the truest sense.

Steven was a devoted fan of BYU and Michigan football and took his sons to many games over the years. Despite his numerous responsibilities, Steven never missed his son’s football, basketball, or soccer games. Steven spent countless hours shooting hoops and throwing the football with his sons. Steven was an avid golfer and took his sons golfing every chance he had. Steven loved his family with pure love, especially his sweetheart Elizabeth. Elizabeth’s death in 2019 caused a void in his life that was never filled. His family rejoices in the surety of their sweet and long-awaited reunion. Dad, we are eternally grateful to you for your perfect love, example, lifetime of service, and your courageous endurance to the end.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to the staff at Fairfield Village of Layton and Inspiration Hospice Care for their compassion and dedicated care.

Visitation held on Monday, June 16, 2025, from 6-8pm, at Larkin Mortuary (260 E. South Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah). Visitation on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, from 9:30-10:30am, at Larkin Sunset Gardens (1950 East Dimple Dell Road, Sandy, Utah), followed by the funeral service at 11:00am in the Larkin Sunset Gardens chapel at the same location. Interment to follow at Larkin Sunset Gardens.

Those wishing to view the service via Zoom can click "Watch Service" or follow the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/SqKGDTxcLiS0LxgB83Z_4dLhjq-O0eH6e0qzc_73IUrDnOKi11Bpq6TGJ_dZu_I.FouDz