



Steven James Elledge

September 3, 1953 - July 9, 2025

Lafayette -

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, August 10, 2025 from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM at Le Barn Rouge in Lafayette for Steven James Elledge, age 71, who passed away on Wednesday, July 9, 2025 in Lafayette.

Steven was born on September 3, 1953 in Prescott, Arizona, and he was a longtime resident of Lafayette. He was a true craftsman and adventurer at heart. Steven was a skilled draftsman and project manager in the construction world who could build anything from cozy homes to towering hotels, serene pavilions to secure prisons. According to legend, his father's bar in his hometown of Prescott still serves patrons to this day.

Steven carried a rugged, pioneering spirit with him wherever he went. He had a deep love for Harley Davidsons and spent many summers riding down to Key West, where he fished for lobster with his bare hands and spearfished as a skilled free diver. Hunting was his passion, especially when shared with his two sons, and he found peace camping and canoeing the Whisky Chitto River. Steven was a man who worked best with his hands, carved walking sticks wrapped in snake skins, decorated cow skulls, and filled his world with the wild and the wonderful. An animal lover through and through, his home was a living zoo filled with dogs, birds, iguanas, chickens, rabbits, guanine pigs,

snakes, owls, and just about anything he could catch.

His life was a blend of grit and creativity, strength and tenderness, and he leaves behind a legacy built as much from wood and stone as from love and memories.

Steven is survived by his children, Brannon Zachary Elledge, Benjamin Matthew Elledge, Heather Jewel Richard (Mitchel), Sage Angela Ray (Chris); his grandchildren, Kaylie, Ashley, Grant, Sterling, and Magnolia; his beloved dog, Spot; as well as an abundance of friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie; his parents, Rupert Elledge and Mary Bordelon; as well as his brother, Jay.

The family wishes to offer a special thank you to Brenda Benjamin, his amazing caregiver, as well as the staff of Heart of Hospice, for the care that they had offered to Steven and his family in their time of need.

“It’s been quite a party ain’t it?” -Gus McCrae, Lonesome Dove

Arrangements have been entrusted to Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory, 206 W. Lafayette St., Maurice, LA 70555.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **10**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Le Barn Rouge
831 Rue du Belier
Lafayette, LA 70506