



## John Steger

May 30, 1936 - January 1, 2021

John Steger, 84, resident of Prattville, Alabama took God's hand surrounded by family at home on January 1st. Born in Virginia, he was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers. He is survived by his sweetheart wife, Beverly, of 61 years; daughter Nancy Dicks (Edward) and their children Russell Dicks and Rachel McCarthy (Jared); daughter Diane Hicks (Andy) and their children Joshua Hicks and Sarah Bullock (Brandon); son John Steger Jr. (Renee) and their children Adele Hughes (William) and J.F. Steger III "Trey". In 2020, he was happy to be a Great Grandpa to Spencer Grace, Franklin Oliver, and Everly Mae. He also loved his grand-dogs who brought him joy. John began a lifetime of music with the clarinet and sax as a 5th grader when he was asked to play with the junior high band, and then high school. There he had his own dance band. He proudly spent 20 years in the Air Force Band and attended the Air Force School of Music. Throughout the years he taught many students who shared his love for music and was proud to have many of them become band directors and excel in the music field. He was proud to play for his church, First United Methodist, as well as numerous community ensembles. After retirement from the Air Force, he was a draftsman at Continental Eagle for 25 years. Our family is grateful for Brooke, Portia, and Maria from Home Helpers for their loving care and all the staff of Encompass Hospice as well as Dr. Hoy and Dr. Garapati. Graveside service will be held for family with son-in-law, The Reverend James Andrew Hicks presiding. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to First United Methodist

Church 100 East 4th Street, Prattville Alabama 36067 or the United Methodist  
Children's Home 3140 Zelda Court Montgomery, Alabama 36106.


# Tribute Wall

AS

“ *Mr. Steger taught me everything I know about music, he was beside me the first time I picked up a saxophone and fueled my lifelong passion for music. I owe my career to him and I will never forget that; I loved him so and I know that he touched so many lives. He lives in me and every student he taught every time we play our instruments. He will not be forgotten.*

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**Angelica Scotz** - January 21, 2021 at 01:05 AM

 Lauren Cole

“ *Uncle John will always have a special place in my heart. I always loved his passion he had with music! He loved each and every student he taught, he was very proud of them. He always used to joke with me and know how to make a rainy day better. He will be missed terribly and loved always. *

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**Lauren Cole** - January 10, 2021 at 03:57 PM

LH

“ *What a full life he lived and was written so beautifully. Much love and prayers to you all during this time.  
James and Lori Hughes*

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**Lori Hughes** - January 05, 2021 at 01:54 PM

BH

“ *Beverly we are so sorry for the loss of your beloved husband & our dear neighbor! Ya'll have always been as asset to Primrose Drive! John will be greatly missed! You & your family are in our thoughts and prayers!*



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**Barbara Hammett** - January 04, 2021 at 02:50 PM

PM

“ Mr. Steger was a fixture in my life from early childhood. Church, Girl Scouts, later Band. He was always helping, always smiling, always kind. I absolutely fell in love with him when we formed the 4th Street Swing Band. We had the best time practicing & performing. I loved it when John would "take it away" -- creating a musical feast on clarinet or sax. Over the years, I watched him teach music/performing to numerous young musicians. Whether in formal lessons or just gently guiding, Mr. Steger was always teaching. He was a great man.

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**Patty Macready** - January 03, 2021 at 05:29 PM

AK

*My deepest sympathy to you and your family Beverly. This is such a beautiful write up of his life. He really enjoyed his grand dogs. And so happy that he got to see and visit some with his great grandchildren. This is such a blessing to him. He will surely be missed by so many friends, neighbors and mostly his family and wonderful wife. Sending prayers and love to all of you.*

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**Anita Kasten** - January 06, 2021 at 03:01 PM

WJ

*Our sympathies to Beverly and his family. We were sorry to learn of John's passing. I first met John in the early 70's when Maxwell AFB had a Band and the IG team inspected the organization. Then we were together at 1st Methodist where I directed the choir. He was a good determined man who always maintained his military decorum. Johns word was his bond and could be counted on to accept responsibility. RIP John and thank you for your dedication to your country! I salute you!*

*William B & Marjorie Desmond*

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**William B & Marjorie Desmond Jr** - January 09, 2021 at 08:01 PM