



John O. Steele

October 27, 1949 - July 16, 2025

John Offutt Steele, age 75, of Berkley, passed away on July 16, 2025. He was born on October 27, 1949, in Sharon, Pennsylvania, to the late James Steele and Betty Jane Offutt.

A 1969 graduate of Groves High School in Birmingham, John married the love of his life, Marcia Butka, on November 9, 1974, at Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church in Berkley. Together, they made their home in Berkley, where they shared a life of love and devotion for over 50 years.

He was the beloved husband of Marcia Steele; loving father of Jonathan Steele (Aiden Jacob); and dear brother of Tina (Tom) Dunn and the late Tom Steele. Also the proud uncle of his nephews Tad (Amy) Dunn, Justin (Sarah) Steele; and great nephews and niece Andy Dunn, Liam and Olivia Steele.

John worked for 33 years in janitorial services at Roebuck Maintenance and later served as a local security guard until his retirement in 2023. He had a passion for classic cars and was an avid fan of the Woodward Dream Cruise. He also enjoyed watching WWE with Jonathan and was known for his kind and caring heart, often lending a helping hand to those in need, especially the homeless.

The memorial service will be private.

Memorial contributions in John's name may be made to the Capuchin Ministries, 1820 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, MI 48207, www.thecapuchins.org/donate.

To share a memory or express condolences, please visit www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of John O. Steele.*



August 19, 2025 at 11:32 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John O. Steele.

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“ *On behalf of the Capuchin friars, I offer heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of John Steele. I pray that John may rest in peace, and that God's mercy console all those who mourn his death. The friars are humbled by memorial donations made in his memory to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. The Lord give you peace.*



Br. Brenton Ertel OFM, Capuchin - July 24, 2025 at 09:13 AM



John was also faithful in attendance at Church of Our Savior Presbyterian Church. He was kind to all.

Dorothy Warren - August 06, 2025 at 06:48 PM