



# Mr. Stuart H. "Stu" Basore

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**L**egendary, award-winning steel guitarist, Stuart H. Basore “Stu” passed away on February 05, 2018, from Lewy Body Dementia complications.

Stu came to Nashville in 1963 to pursue his dream and passion of playing music. He began playing the steel guitar at the age of 11, and although he studied at the Honolulu Conservatory of Music in Denver, Colorado, he was essentially self-taught.

Stu was born to Floyd Campbell and Grace Eleanor Ulrich Basore on May 3, 1937 at Fort Monroe, Virginia. As the son of an officer in the U.S. Air Force, Stu considered himself a “military brat” and traveled throughout the United States and France. Along the way, he made life-long friends in the music business. His family settled in Aurora, Colorado, which he called home. Before coming to Nashville, Stu served his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1956 to 1960. In addition to mastering the steel guitar, Stu was an accomplished Dobro player. Stu’s other hobbies included fishing, golfing, and spending time with family and friends, especially “The Waking Crew” musicians and their families.

In addition to his parents, Stu is preceded in death by his sister, Ruth Wilson; brothers, Floyd L. and Terry K. Basore; and brother-in-law, Robert M. Stavinoga.

Stu is survived by his wife of 52 years, Marsha Gray Basore; daughters, Kelly B. Milam and Rebecca Michelle (Michael Wayne) Martin; and grand-daughter, Margaret K. Milam “Maggie”. Also, many nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law, and brothers-in-law.

Across the many decades of Stu’s professional music career, he performed with many great artists, such as Tex Ritter, Kitty Wells, Johnny Wright, George Hamilton IV, Connie Smith, and Marie Osmond. He performed on the Grand Ole Opry, the Porter Wagoner Show, the Afternoon Show, and the Waking Crew. As a session musician, he recorded on the albums of many country greats. Most notably, you can hear Stu’s steel guitar sound on Dolly’s hits “Jolene” and “I Will Always Love You.”. His stylings may be heard on several commercial “jingles”, and movie soundtracks such as C.W. Coop, W.W. & The Dixie Dance Kings, and Nashville. He also recorded the song “Jammin’ with Jimmy” that serves as the Grammy-award winning soundtrack for the animated short film For the Birds. Not limited to country music, Stu recorded with legendary jazz artist, Louis



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Armstrong on his solitary country and western album, and even toured with the alternative rock band, Ween.

Among Stu's other esteemed accomplishments were hitting not one, but two Holes-in-One, receiving the Reunion of Professional Entertainers (ROPE) Lifetime Achievement Award in Country Music in 2005, and surviving cancer for 20 years. Ultimately, his greatest accomplishments included being a loving, faithful husband to Marsha, an honest, steadfast father to Kelly and Michelle, and a dedicated and caring Grampster to Maggie. He was our Hero!

Spring Hill Memorial Funeral Home and Cemetery, located at 5110 Gallatin Rd., Nashville, TN 37116, will host Stu's celebration of life. Visitation with the family will be on Friday, February 9th from 11am-2pm and 5pm-8pm and one hour prior to service time. Pastor Mark Caulk of Stafford, VA, will perform the funeral service on Saturday, February 10th at 10am, followed by graveside burial.

The family respectfully requests that memorial contributions be made to either the American Federations of Musicians, Local 257, Musicians Relief Fund, P.O. Box 120399, Nashville, TN 37212 or Alive Hospice, 1718 Patterson St., Nashville, TN, 37203.






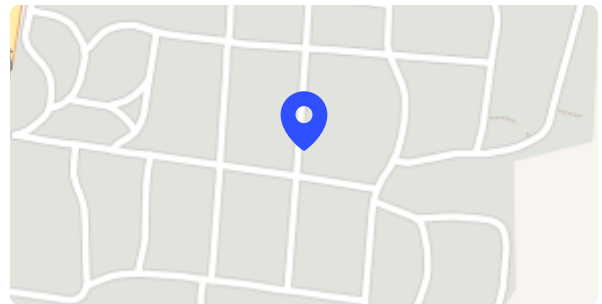
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### Visitation

-  **Friday**, February 9, 2018
-  11:00 AM - 2:00 PM CT
-  **Spring Hill Funeral Home**  
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216






### Visitation

-  **Friday**, February 9, 2018
-  5:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT
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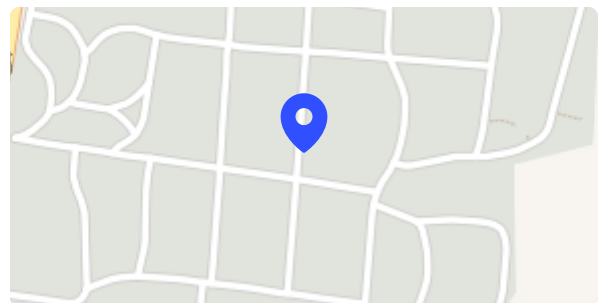
### Visitation

-  **Saturday**, February 10, 2018
-  9:00 AM - 10:00 AM CT
-  **Spring Hill Funeral Home**  
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216



### Celebration Of Life Funeral Ceremony

-  **Saturday**, February 10, 2018
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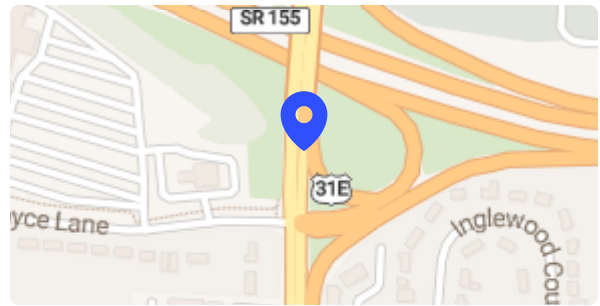
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### Cemetery Details



**Historic Spring Hill Cemetery**

5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville TN 37216





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BW

**Bobby Whitaker** posted:

Don't know what made me think of Stu, but I did and googled him. So sorry to hear he's passed, great guy. Way back when I was hired to play steel on a Mel McDaniel tour. Stu had played on the Mel's album and there were some sounds I just couldn't quite get. There are lots of ways to get sounds on steel with all the pedals and knee levers. I was working at Combine Music at the time, and they called Stu and asked him to show me. What a nice guy, helped me out big time.... great player! Sincerely Bob Whitaker

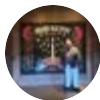
October 17 at 4:23 AM



**Daniel Knight** posted:

Stu was a great player and a great man. I have always admired his style on the steel guitar. I heard him and Hal Rugg on a session one night and they played a duo on a song, Tears On My Pillow and it was simply awesome. GOD bless his family and friends.

February 12 at 4:39 AM



**Freddie Phillips** posted:

One of my all-time favorite musicians. First saw him on The Porter Wagoner Show in the 1970s. Stu and that Band were some of the best that Porter ever had to back him. Later in life, I finally met Stu. He was playing steel guitar for Mandy Barnett on the Opry. He was very professional and kind. I let him know how I enjoyed his talent. Before I left, I asked him to autograph my Opry program. So glad that I had the chance to let him know. He seemed very humble and appreciative. May God rest his soul and comfort his family, friends, and many fans worldwide.

February 9 at 6:00 PM

MF

**Mike Lewis And Family** lit a candle in honor of Stuart .

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time.

February 8 at 5:49 AM





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**Chet Rhodes** lit a candle in honor of Stuart .

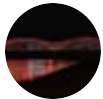
I only met Stu Basore once. I had lunch with him, Marsha and Charlie Dick some years ago. Of course, I knew he was a well-respected steel guitar in music circles. In this private setting, he was nice and gracious...a true gentleman. May he fly high with the angels. My thoughts and prayers are with Marsha and the family. May they find comfort during this difficult time.

February 8 at 3:07 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Basore family.

February 7 at 12:38 PM



**Rebecca Reynolds** posted:

I am a long-time friend of Kelly's and I knew her father through the stories she told about him and the love they have to one another. Praying for the family. especially Kelly and Maggie.

February 7 at 10:57 AM

BM

**Bob Moss** lit a candle in honor of Stuart .

First met Stu in Germany as he toured with Kitty Wells and he just knocked me out with his playing, Met him again in early 199? At the Texas Steel guitar show and told him he was responsible for me playing steel, hr said "Oh I am sorry" , LOL Rest in peace my friend , Job well done.

February 7 at 9:37 AM



BL

**Billy Linneman** posted:

I met Stu back when he moved to Nashville to further his career in the music business, I worked with Stu over the years. My joy as band leader was having Stu work with us in the Waking Crew band for WSM's premier morning show. We had great fun and every day we all got to listen to Stu's amazing parts on all the music. It was a wonder to hear Stu's playing at all times!!!! will be praying for you Marsha and the family for help through this difficult time, knowing that Stu had accepted Jesus as his Savior and he is with him now in Heaven. With Love, Billy and Elizabeth Linneman

February 7 at 9:29 AM



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February 7 at 8:10 AM



**Larry Gray** posted:

"Bloody Mary Sunday" It was only a couple of years ago but my wife (Dana) and I stopped by so I could put up Aunt Marsha's Flag pole. I needed concrete anchors so Aunt Marsha and Dana had to go to Home Depot. They left me with Uncle Stu. As soon as they pulled out of the driveway Uncle Stu jumped up and headed to the kitchen. I ask him what he was doing and he said I need a Bloody Mary. I told him no but he persisted. He made me find the Vodka while he grabbed a glass. I found some type of juice in the refrigerator but not the correct type. Well, I mixed him up a Bloody Mary and handed it to him. He took a drink and looked at me. I ask him how it was and he said this is the best damn Bloody Mary I've ever had. His smile said so too.

February 7 at 7:50 AM



**Larry & Dana Gray** lit a candle in honor of Stuart .



February 7 at 7:44 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Heart's Companion Bouquet to the Basore family.



February 7 at 6:14 AM



**Pamela Kight Matchett** posted:

On my first trip to Nashville with my friend, Rebecca, Stu and Marsha took me in like their own. I am blessed to have known such a wonderful man and his family and their circle of warm and welcoming friends. I will never forget you, Mr.Stu.

February 7 at 4:46 AM



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**Lois Radford** posted:

Such a kind, gentle and dear man, so sorry for this family. I pray God holds and comforts you in the days ahead. Thinking of you Marsha and your family.

February 6 at 6:30 PM



**John Hobbs** posted:

From day one when I met Stu-Baby, he was always in a good mood and always smiling --He was very kind and always very laid back and I love hearing his stories too..He was the best!!!

February 6 at 4:57 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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