



Stephen Groce

October 6, 1966 - January 22, 2022

Stephen (Steve) Groce was born October 6, 1955 in Talladega, Alabama to the late Earl and ILEE (Greer) Groce.

At an early age, Steve accepted Christ as his Savior. He was baptized at Rushing Spring Baptist Church. Later, he united with Rocky Mt. Missionary Baptist Church, serving as a Crusader Counselor, Deacon and Member of the Male Chorus. Rev. Groce accepted the call to ministry and preached his first sermon November 25, 2007 ("I Will Trust in the Lord"). Rev. Groce continued serving faithfully until his health prevented him from doing so.

He was Educated in the Talladega County School System and was a graduated of Lincoln High School. He was an Army Veteran, a DoD Civilian in Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm and subsequently, retired, with valor from Anniston Army Depot in 2011.

Rev. Groce and his high school sweetheart, Vanessa Gaddis, were married December 27, 1973. This union was blessed with two sons, Karyes and Desmond.

Rev. Groce was love by many. For several years, he was affectionally known as Coach Steve, by the neighborhood kids within the Lincoln community. He love going fishing with Alford Groce and the boys (MG's). He was an avid

Alabama and Atlanta Braves Fan. You can often find him relaxing and watching games. This love for sports continue with his grandchildren.

Rev. Stephen Groce leaves to cherish his memories: his beloved wife of 48 years, Vanessa Gaddis Groce; two sons, Karyes (Katricks) Groce of Madison, Alabama and Desmond (De Antionette) Groce of Lincoln, Alabama; six grandchildren, Keldon, Deshawn, Kayla, Karyes II, Caleb and Caylee; five great-grandchildren, KD, Tahirah, Taraji, Mayani and Keiress; one sister, Margaret Earle Moton of Arlington, Texas; devoted Mother-in-law, Christine M. Gaddis; Loving sisters-in-law; Doris (Willie) James; Loretta (Roger)King; Minister Angelina (Minister Marc) Fomby; Quin (David) Collins; Debra (Curtis) Brown two brothers-in-law , Isiah (Tandra) and Michael (Janice) Gaddis; A special niece, Pamela Moton (Emanuel) Rios, and great nephew (Mychael Moton); and a host of nieces, nephews, aunties and uncles other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Sycamore Baptist Church Cemetery

71529-AL77
Talladega, AL 35160

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 28. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home Chapel
217 Coosa St. E
Talladega, AL 35160

Celebration of Life

JAN 29. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Rocky Mount Missionary Baptist Church
1380 Jackson Trace Rd
Talladega, AL 35160

Tribute Wall

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“ Just thinking of those good ole days at Rushing Springs Baptist Church .
Sunday school ,Bible study ,Vacation Bible School , Church picnics and church conventions. Steve, Margaret, my sister Fannie, later my brother Anthony and I and other relatives and friends got our basic training in the Church and the Bible together during those days. Steve's and Margaret's dad was the superintendent of Sunday School
and my mom was one of the Sunday School teachers. If you knew either one of those adults you knew there was no Half Steppin or Slacking in the instructions.
Precious Memories, how they linger
Rest in LOVE and PEACE .
Enjoy the REUNION.

To the family I am Thinking of you and praying for peace, comfort, and God's Loving Care as you go through this difficult time. I am so sorry I am not there with my family but you all are definitely in my thoughts and in my heart.

Georgia Goodwine Christian - February 04, 2022 at 09:19 AM

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“ Georgia Goodwine Christian lit a candle in memory of Stephen Groce



Georgia Goodwine Christian - February 04, 2022 at 08:54 AM

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“ *Winona Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Stephen Groce*



Winona Jacobs - January 27, 2022 at 02:54 PM