



## Don Steele

July 26, 1958 - May 1, 2014

Don Steele, of Willcox, Arizona died May 1, 2014 at the age of 55. He was born in Dover, Delaware on July 26, 1958 to Carlton Steele and Sadie Heverin Steele. Don started working for Barnett's Towing in 1986, transferred to Willcox in 1987 and continue to work for them as a towing and recovery driver until his untimely death on the job. Don had been the longest employee of Barnett's towing. Most people would recognize Don in the Barnett's heavy duty tow truck and he was known as Barnett's #29, his loss will be felt greatly in the Barnett's operation. Don loved God, was a member of Extended Hands, enjoyed fishing, the outdoors, building model trucks and restoring old toy trucks. He loved his family and will be missed. Don always had a caring and loving smile and he never knew a stranger. Survivors include his son D.J. Steele of Raleigh, North Carolina and D.J.'s mother Martha of Texas, his very special in Life Partner Cathe Shelton of Willcox, and his father Carlton Steele of Smyrna, Delaware. Don is also survived by his siblings; Richard (Mary Ann) Steele of Clayton, Delaware, Carl ( Julia) Steele of Smyrna, Delaware, Marjorie ( Chuck) Alling of St. David, Arizona and Teresa ( Mark) Rhodes of Willcox, Arizona along with numerous nieces and nephews and the entire Barnett's organization family. Preceding him in death was his mother Sadie. A visitation will be held from 6 to 8 PM on Friday, May 9, 2014 at Westlawn Chapel. Funeral Services will be 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at the First Baptist Church in Willcox. Burial will follow in Sunset Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Barnett's Towing; 1498 E. Fry Blvd., Sierra

Vista, Arizona 85635 for the Don Steele Scholarship Fund (Please note that on the donation). Condolences may be express at [www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com](http://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com) Services entrusted to Westlawn Chapel, Mortuary and Crematory of Willcox, Arizona.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Cemetery

N. Sunset Strip Road  
Willcox, AZ 85643

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Westlawn Chapel & Mortuary Inc.  
105 S Arizona Avenue  
Willcox, AZ 85643  
(520) 384-2413  
westwx@vtc.net  
<https://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com>

## Funeral

MAY **10**. 10:00 AM (MT)

First Baptist Church of Willcox  
321 W. Maley  
Willcox, AZ 85643

# Tribute Wall



“ *Don Steele*

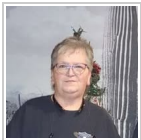
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**Marjorie Alling** - April 22, 2015 at 11:52 PM



“ *Well the tears have flowed lesser and it's more easier to speak his name without shedding them. But to see a Barnett's tow truck or visit Willcox is still hard for me. I would want to go visit him at his home and not to the cemetery, which I have only been there a couple of times since last year. Oh he would tell me to stop it but he might not have known how much I loved him, my brother. I hope he did. I know I could go to him when I had problems rather it was mechanical or personal, but he'd listen. I miss those brother hugs I just miss him.*



**Marjorie Alling** - April 22, 2015 at 11:45 PM

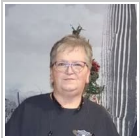
DF

“ I have been friends with Donny for about 20 years. As a contractor in the area, we would get calls to go out and help clean up wrecks on the interstate. i spent a few long cold nights working beside him over the years. No matter what the circumstances were Donny alway had a smile on his face. I will miss the roadside visits and hearing that big Barnett truck honk whenever he would see us. I am deeply saddened to hear of his passing. Donny, you made a difference in this life and the world is a better place because of you my friend. Love and prayers to your family.

*Devin Fenn*

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**Devin Fenn** - May 15, 2014 at 09:14 PM



“ What can say that hasn't already been said, I miss my brother so much that a piece of my heart went with him. He was always telling me to be careful and I love you too. I will miss sharing scrapple with him from Delaware. I told him I had connections and he would just laugh. He was a special person in my life and he liked to tease my son and call him, "Amish boy" , because of his beard and where did he park his horse and buggy. My son didn't mind and laughed with him. He was a joker and a very funny fellow. He would come to my work and yell, "Get to work" but he would come over and give me a hug and kiss on my cheek, and say, "love ya, sis", before he left. I love and miss you, Don. See you in Heaven.



*Marjorie Steele Alling A.K.A. Maggie Faye to him.*

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**Marjorie Alling** - May 13, 2014 at 10:53 PM

Teresa Rhodes

“ Well it's mine turn... Pretty sure in doing this some how some way I will get one.... I love and miss you....



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**Teresa Rhodes** - May 13, 2014 at 10:46 PM

HN

“ Helen Niesen sent a virtual gift in memory of Don Steele



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**helen niesen** - May 13, 2014 at 09:40 PM

RS

“ Robin Sword lit a candle in memory of Don Steele



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**Robin Sword** - May 10, 2014 at 11:41 PM



“ I worked with don at Barnettts as a dispatcher and will never forget the late night calls waking him with a call. never getting a grumpy don no matter the time. He always joked and kidded, reminding me of my favorite uncle always a smile when I had the pleasure and blessing to see him. he will always be fondly remembered and greatly missed. See you in heaven Don.

*Lin Thomas*

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**Linda Thomas** - May 09, 2014 at 10:19 PM

RO

“ I have known Don for over 20 years, he was always a joy to work with, and always friendly and "upbeat". It is so sad that he is gone, and we will not be able to enjoy his sense of humor, and his great stories. My condolences to his family, he will be greatly missed. RIP Don, See you in the next life.

*Rose*

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**Rose** - May 09, 2014 at 03:13 PM

RE

“ My deepest sorrow to Don's family. Don's teasing and relentless pranks would always keep us on our toes. His laughter was unique & unforgettable. Our lives will never be the same. "Your" girls at Brewer's will miss you eternally. Renie

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**Renie** - May 08, 2014 at 05:21 PM

 Teresa Rhodes

“ *I still can't believe you are no longer here. I will miss you calling me **Fart Blossom** and **Sissy**. I know I will see you again in Heaven. I love and miss you more than anyone will ever know. You will always be my **Big Little Brother**. Hug Mom*



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**Teresa Rhodes** - May 08, 2014 at 05:04 PM

CC

“ *Carol Case lit a candle in memory of Don Steele*



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**Carol Case** - May 08, 2014 at 03:19 PM

CC

“ *To the Don Steele family, and Cathy, You have our deepest sympathy. We will miss Don's smile, laughter and of course the teasing he always gave us! I just can't believe he is gone. Rest in peace Don, you will be greatly missed!*

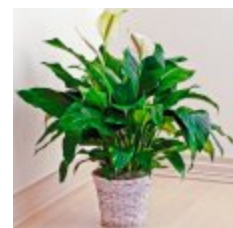
*The Case Family: Chad, Carol and Dylan Case*

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**Carol Case** - May 08, 2014 at 03:15 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Don Steele.*



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May 07, 2014 at 09:24 PM

VK

“ We will miss you at Cochise Farmer's. It had become so normal to look up and see that big orange truck come driving in. I appreciate all the days you let JJ honk the horn. You are a special person and I am proud that you called me friend.



Vickie Kimzey - May 07, 2014 at 08:02 PM

RS

“ Rusty Sowers(barnetts) lit a candle in memory of Don Steele



Rusty Sowers(barnetts) - May 07, 2014 at 03:31 PM

DF

“ Don you will be missed. Your great big smile and great sense of humor were always welcome in Tucson. "Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us everyday."Our thoughts and prayers are with you.... RIP ole friend.

David Faries - May 07, 2014 at 12:11 PM

DF

“ David Faries lit a candle in memory of Don Steele



David Faries - May 07, 2014 at 11:13 AM

DR

*Our Hearts and Prayers are with the family. Don was a great man. He will be greatly missed. I know Cathy will miss him very much. She made him so happy. Love Denise & Gary Runyon*

Denise Runyon - May 07, 2014 at 12:59 PM

JO

“ *In fond remembrance of my cousin, Don.*

*"What the heart has once owned, it shall never lose." H. W. Beecher*

Joyce (Lowman) Olafson - May 06, 2014 at 09:23 PM

AA

“ *So sorry to hear of don passing he was a special person I remember him on his birthday for it was a day before mine he was loved by a lot he will be so miss by all r.l.p my dear friend*

alice alford - May 06, 2014 at 06:01 PM

CA

“ *Heart felt sympathy to you, Cathe, on your loss.*

*Candy Young-Mayo  
Cochise*



Candy - May 06, 2014 at 04:28 PM

MG

“ *I met Don when I was employed at Barnetts. Don like many was an inspiration to the industry and the towing family. My prayers to his family and friends. R.I.P. Brother*

Mike G - May 06, 2014 at 01:09 PM

SH

“ *Scott And Jeannie Harris lit a candle in memory of Don Steele*



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**Scott and Jeannie Harris** - May 06, 2014 at 01:04 PM

SH

*I will always remember your kindness.*

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**Scott and Jeannie Harris** - May 06, 2014 at 01:05 PM

CB

“ No one ever thinks of death but it has happened my friend !  
I THOUGHT OF YOU WITH LOVE TODAY  
BUT THAT WAS NOTHING NEW  
I THOUGHT ABOUT YOU YESTERDAY  
AND DAYS BEFORE THAT TOO.  
I THINK OF YOU IN SILENCE  
AND EVEN SPEAK YOUR NAME  
ALL I HAVE ARE MEMORIES  
AND A PICTURE OF YOU AND YOUR #29  
YOUR MEMORY IS MY KEEPSAKE  
WITH WHICH WILL NEVER PART  
GOD HAS YOU IN HIS KEEPING  
I HAVE YOU IN MY HEART.



*Thanks for being a great friend who always made us laugh ! You lost your faith but you gained it back because Brother you had my heart.(He was my Preacher) We will continue to think of you daily and you will be missed here at Brewer's. The big orange truck we will see but it will not be the same. See you in Heaven my friend. Thanks for all the laughs and all the special moments..... I Will miss you walking in our door with that crazy smile and a story to tell, See Ya in The Big House DON STEELE*

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**Chele Brewer** - May 06, 2014 at 12:21 PM

LO

“ So sorry DJ for your loss. Sometimes I didn't know whether to shake his hand or just shake him, but he could always make me laugh. He will be missed.

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**Loretta** - May 06, 2014 at 11:30 AM

CA

“ I miss you so much. You were the light of my life!

Cathe - May 06, 2014 at 12:31 AM

CC

And you were his, it was very obvious! You are in our prayers!

Carol Case - May 08, 2014 at 03:18 PM

 Kathy Mendez

“ I will always appreciate the smile in his eyes when he saw me. Always had something to say that would have me smiling for days. I will truly miss him.

Kathy Mendez - May 06, 2014 at 12:09 AM

DF

“ I once panicked while riding an ATV, Don gave me the name Quadbaby... Don could make you laugh.... you will be missed... see you again in Heaven brother...

Doug and Deanna Foreman - May 05, 2014 at 10:39 AM

KK

“ Kittie Preas Koukalik lit a candle in memory of Don Steele



Kittie Preas Koukalik - May 04, 2014 at 09:42 PM

BK

“ *Bob And Linda Kopp lit a candle in memory of Don Steele*



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**bob and linda kopp** - May 04, 2014 at 08:16 PM