



Harold "Hal" Steltz

July 14, 2025

Hal (Harold) Steltz

Peacefully passed from this earth and into heaven on July 14, 2025 at age 79. Survived by his wife of 55 years, Cindy Steltz; sons Brenden (Megan) Steltz, Brian (Jamie) Steltz; daughter by choice, Racheal Austin and grandson Willem Steltz.

Mother Kathryn Hunsberger, sister Julie (Tim) Cota, stepmother Marie Steltz. Many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Hal was a Marine Corps veteran who served in Vietnam. After working at Kodak for 32 years he drove school bus for Churchville Chili for 13 years. In addition to family and friends, his lifelong love was vehicles. He started with quarter midgets at age 12, and could often be found working on some aspect of his vehicles, model trains, RC cars or RC planes. He raced karts nationally; rode motocross and street bikes; earned his pilot's license; rode his bicycle hundreds of miles including many century (100 mile) rides through the Finger Lakes. After being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease he transitioned to a recumbent trike. When not pedaling he was often cruising around in his red Miata, stopping for coffee and an apple fritter at Tim Horton's.

Known for his quiet demeanor and infectious smile, Hal treasured time with family and found great hope in his faith.

Please join us for a Celebration of Life, September 7th at Pearce Church, 4322 Buffalo Road, North Chili, NY:

2 pm Visitation with family and friends

3 pm Celebration of Life followed by reception

In lieu of flowers donations to International Childcare Ministries, PO Box
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Indianapolis, IN 46251, or online at fmcusa.org. Donations to a charity of your
choice also welcomed.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

SEP 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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4322 Buffalo Rd.
North Chili, NY 14514

Celebration of Life

SEP 7. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Hal was a sweetheart of a man. Quiet in nature and quick with a gentle smile that spread across his face when he saw you. He loved Cindy more than anything and his children and grandson. But he cherished those wheels... whether 2 wheels or 4 wheels Hal could be found either tinkering or riding, both gave him immense pleasure. Aside from his passion for vehicles his love and fidelity to the Corps was evident whenever he met another Marine. He treated any Marine like a brother, with dignity and respect. We admired Hal for that and loved him for his good natured humor and courage. Hal was a very special person and will be remembered and missed.
Tom and Sharon Steigerwald

Sharon Steigerwald - September 02, 2025 at 02:39 PM

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I don't ever remember meeting Hal ! It just seemed we were always friends some how. We , of course shared our passion of the two and four wheel kind and that was our common connection for many years. His family felt like my family through many events. Around 2001 we thought it would be great to ride to Bar Harbor Maine for lobster, just the two of us! That trip has remained forever in my heart and mind. We who are left to celebrate his life are so very lucky to have spent a part of our lives knowing this wonderful human. His warm , kind manner will live in us until it's our time , and the I suspect we will meet again. GOD rest his soul Thanks HAL for being my friend. Mike the Bike

Mike La Martina - September 06, 2025 at 08:18 PM