



# Steven Tehan

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**W**ith his wife and son by his side, Steven Craig Tehan (60) went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday March 25, 2014, after losing his battle with lung cancer.

Steve was born on April 20, 1953 in Laramie, Wyoming to A.L. and Dorothy Tehan. After moving to several locations across Oklahoma, Louisiana and South Texas, the Tehans made their way to Longview in 1955 where Steve and his siblings Laura, and Walter grew up.

Steve was a product of the Pine Tree Independent School District and graduated in 1971. He attended East Texas State University in Commerce, Texas, and then transferred to Kilgore College in Kilgore, Texas. Even though he was accepted to the Julliard School of Music, Steve chose to follow in his father's footsteps, and began his career in the oil field instead.

Across the East Texas oil and gas industry, Steve was known as a man of honesty and integrity. Because of this, he carried business relationships with him across multiple employments. He was also an avid hunter and outdoorsman. He especially loved bird hunting with his many friends, from Nebraska to South Texas.

Steve's greatest love, however, was music. He was a very talented singer and guitarist. Throughout his adult life, Steve played and sang with numerous bands, ensembles, and quartets. Of all the groups that he had the privilege of playing with, none of those compare to helping to lead others in worship before the Lord every Sunday with the praise band at New Beginnings Baptist Church.

Steve was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Tehan, and his uncle, Tom Tehan. He is survived by his loving wife of 23 years, Tammy Tehan of Longview, his son Michael Tehan, of Longview, his daughter, Katie Weaver of Longview, his brother and sister-in-law, Walter and Cathie Lou Tehan of Liberty City, his brother-in-law and sister, Paul and Laura Trotter of Bullard, his father and stepmother, A. "Archie" L. and Peggy Tehan of Longview, his stepbrother and



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stepsister-in-law, Kelly and Donna Freeman of Henderson, his stepsister Rene Brewer of Garland, his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bud and Nancy Rossow of Lacey, Washington, his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Terrence and Kathy Woodward of Portland, Oregon, his brother-in-law, David Hunt of Minnesota, his brother-in-law, Mark Walker of College Station, his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Matthew and Samantha Walker of Hallsville, his sister-in-law, Heather Walker of College Station, his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Cary and Sheila Walker of Plano, his stepfather-in-law and stepmother-in-law, Jack and Vicki Killgo of Hallsville, numerous nieces and nephews, and one granddaughter.

Pallbearers will include Michael Austell, Steve Gillentine, Jay Cook, Paul Trotter, Walter Tehan, and Michael Tehan.

The family will receive visitors on Saturday March 29, 2014 beginning at 12:00pm at New Beginnings Baptist Church with the funeral service immediately following at 2:00 pm with the Rev. Todd Kaunitz officiating. Burial will follow at the Welch Cemetery in Brachfield under direction of Rader Funeral Home.

Steve has certainly left his mark in the community, and area in general, and will be deeply missed by his family, his friends, and his colleagues.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations are made either to New Beginnings Baptist Church, the American Diabetes Association, or the American Cancer Society, in memory of Steve Tehan.



# Events


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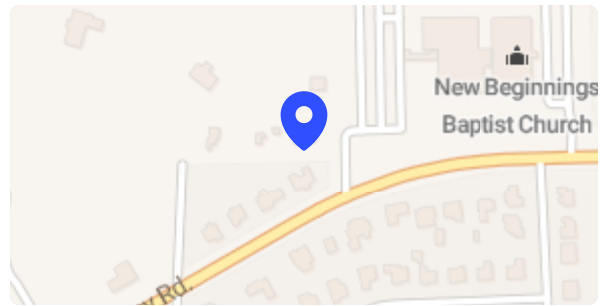
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## Church Service


 **Saturday**, March 29, 2014

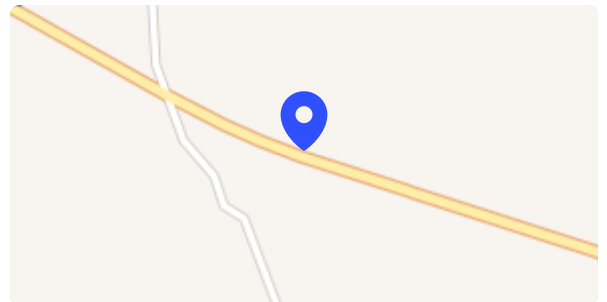
 2:00 PM CT

 **New Beginnings Baptist Church**  
600 George Richey Road, Longview TX



## Cemetery Details

 **Welch Cemetery**  
FM 840, Henderson TX





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LS

**Lajuan Steelman** posted:

Dearest Tammy and Family, I just found out about your loss and my prayers and sympathy are for the whole family. Steve was very special to lots of friends and he will certainly be missed. I am praying for your family.

March 29 at 11:28 AM

DE

**Don Eaves** posted:

Steve was such a good friend to so many people. I didn't get to see him often over the years, but it was always a pleasure when I did. He was such a kind and gentle man, and a great musician. I will always appreciate Steve and Mike Austell's help in demonstrating Mossman guitars at the Overton Bluegrass Festival. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family today. Don Eaves, Overton, TX

March 29 at 6:09 AM

PN

**Patrick Noon** posted:

Steve was a former student back in his days at Pine Tree High School Over the years, I have been able to visit with him. He always had a smile and shared a testimony. A few weeks ago, I visited Steve at Good Shephard and once again, he had the smile and shared his testimony. He assured me that he was ready for whatever plans that God had for him. Thanks for the life of Steve and MayGod Bless each member of his family during this difficult time. Our prayers are with you. Patrick and 'holley' Noon

March 29 at 5:48 AM

CP

**Cynthia Pittinger** posted:

I have known Steve(Sleepy) since youth group at church (Greggton First Baptist). He has always been such a dear friend. When my husband died in 2007 he and some friends provided bagpipe players to send him off in style... it was unforgettable. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. My heart goes out to the family in their grief. He is with God and loved ones who have gone before him. Cynthia (Cithy) Pittinger

March 29 at 4:56 AM



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EH

**Edna & A.D. Hudgens** posted:

Dear Tehan Family, It is hard to know how to say we are sorry for your loss but we will say this...as a friend of Archie & Peggy, Walt & Cathy Lou and other members of the family we would say both of us stand in awe of the love, devotion and admiration of Steve. Meeting his beautiful wife Tammy, it was apparent that his love & support came from her. Steve's talent & Walter's talent came from God. His upbringing with the honor & Christian principles came from his parents. We are so proud we were able to share a glimpse of how special Steve Tehan was to this world & to his family. God bless you at this time of grief. Edna & A. D. Hudgens

March 29 at 3:16 AM

BB

**Belinda Blalock-Brunson** posted:

I knew Steve mostly in the late '80's when he would play at McCann Street Grill. A nicer man I had never met. So talented. I called my good friend Bill Capps to tell him of Steve's passing and said "I always liked Steve". Billy's response was "who didn't? What was not to like"...summed that up. Steve, you will be missed by many many people.

March 29 at 3:10 AM

TC

**Toni Childress** posted:

Tehan family, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers will be with your family. Toni Childress

March 28 at 3:26 PM

TB

**Tim Bryan** posted:

What a loss to our city and community. Tehan always had a grin on his face and a kind word to say. I am going to miss him. I pray that God brings his family peace during this difficult time.

March 28 at 11:35 AM



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CW

**Charlie Williams** posted:

my heart is saddened at the loss of such a good and decent man. my heart is also rejoicing , for he is in Heaven with the one he loved most, God, who gave Steve to us for such a short time. Steve was always humble and obedient to his friends, co-workers, and to everyone he met. You always put a smile on when you saw him coming up the road, because, that's just the way he was. I will miss him greatly. May God bless the Tehan family during this difficult time.Charlie and Eva Williams

March 28 at 11:03 AM

DK

**Diane Gooden Kerbow** posted:

To the Tehan family . . . I knew Steve back in 60s and 70s. We attended Pine Tree and sang in the choir together and were also members of the youth group at Greggton First Baptist Church. He was a dear friend and a real inspiration, so very talented. The last time I saw Steve was at Mrs. Jeanne Dixon's viewing prior to her funeral. We spoke briefly. It was so good to see him. It brought back fond memories of church youth choir trips, etc. Steve will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. He was a very kind and caring person. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. May God be with you and comfort you during this time of great loss.Diane Gooden Kerbow

March 28 at 5:28 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Tehan family.



March 28 at 2:53 AM

CG

**Carlos Griffin** posted:

Steve provided a service worth paying for, time after time. Always a pleasure to see him drive up on location.Carlos "Scooter" Griffin

March 27 at 11:43 PM



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BM

**Bob Mings** posted:

I lost contact with Steve years ago. He came to see me at my mothers house I'm the 90's. We picked up where we left off of the memories we shared in the 70's. We played guitar together and his harmonies were flawless. We played at a few talent shows together. It made me realize that I would never be a rock star. It was horrifying. No problem for Steve. I have one of his cd's. In 1973 Steve and I. with a guitar hitched to Washington state and worked 3 days at the Green Giant. We went to visit the late Steve Quinn who was working there. We then kept moving and after a month made it back to Longview. I spent a lot of time with Steve back in the day. I have been thinking of him everyday since I heard of his passing Rest in peace my friend. Bob Mings

March 27 at 5:12 PM

BS

**Bob & Laura Scarlett** posted:

I remember Steve from back in the Dairy Queen days of the 60's & 70's, the days when a car load of boys from Pine Tree ,Spring Hill Longview, White Oak, Kilgore, or you name it, Steve was the only person I've ever known who could walk up to a car, and know everyone in it, didn't matter, they all knew HIM. Over the last 40 some odd years when we crossed paths it was like we were back in the 60's, "ONE" of his friends, Steve we may not cross paths anymore, But you are still "here" my friend. Bob & Laura Scarlett

March 27 at 3:23 PM

BG

**Belinda Rosser-Gunckel** posted:

A gifted and talented musician and singer--that's how I remember Steve Tehan, and a great big brother.. Our families were neighbors for many years on Clinton. The Rosser's send their condolences and prayers to all the Tehan family.

March 27 at 2:05 PM

DM

**Denise Mckain** posted:

Tammy. I just barely had the opportunity to meet and visit with Stevee. During my 1st round of chemo, but he blessed me with his smile, because we had something in common, we are both believers in Jesus. Prayed for you then, and continue to pray for you and your family, and that God be glorified!!

March 27 at 1:51 PM

TT

**Tammy Tehan** March 28 at 2:12 AM

Thank you, Denise.



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**Doug Cox** posted:

Just like the songs I leave behind me, I'm going to live forever now. Billy Joe Shaver. Steve was the real deal. I will miss him. You are in my prayers. Doug Cox

March 27 at 11:52 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Tehan family.



March 27 at 7:44 AM



**Gail Holden Dooley** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers to Steve Tehan's family. I knew Steve from my high school years & graduating class at Pine Tree. Always knew him to be such a nice and well liked person. Praying for peace to all.

March 27 at 7:08 AM



**Emmett Capt** posted:

I knew Steve from my days at Pine Tree High School and through the years in the oil and gas industry. My sympathy extends to his family. He will be missed all.

March 27 at 5:41 AM



**Niki Whatley** posted:

I can remember him and Mr Dan Blocker coming in the diner cutting up :) then Sundays his family would come in and they would want me to sing for them , the one day I begged them to sing with me ,his brother Walter and sister in law Cathy would sing for me , and they harmonized with me !! Thank the good Lord his son I think got it on video and I still have it ! I loved him so much ! That whole family always has a smile on and comforting uplifting spirit ! Praying for peace for you all ! What an amazing reunion it will be ! Love always NIKI "the singing waitress "

March 27 at 4:55 AM



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VN

**Vicki Nichols** posted:

So sorry to hear of your loss!! God be with you during this time....Vicki Nichols

March 27 at 3:58 AM

KB

**Karen Bobo** posted:

Will miss hearing him sing. His style and just the quality of his voice has such a soothing effect on the soul. I think everytime I ever saw him he always had a smile on his face.Karen Bobo

March 27 at 1:57 AM

KP

**Kat Powell** lit a candle in honor of Steven.

It has been a long time, old friend... But I will get to see you and hear you play again someday. Prayers for your family and friends..

March 27 at 12:51 AM



JS

**Joy Berry Stanley** posted:

Laura, so sorry to hear about the passing of your brother, Steve. I can relate because I lost my older sister two years ago. Like me, you probably have fond memories growing up. There will be a void, but your days will get easier with time. Prayers going out to your whole family during this difficult time. He is in heaven right now giving God a beautiful concert.Joy Berry Stanley

March 27 at 12:50 AM

CW

**Chanyce Wells** posted:

Always enjoyed hearing Steve sing and singing with him when he was at OHBC. He truly used his gift that God do richly blessed him with. Lifting the Tehan family up that Steve's music will always bring peace and wonderful memories to you. Michael and Chanyce Wells

March 26 at 6:59 PM



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**Sonja Allen Everett** posted:

Paul and I were sadden to hear about Steve. I know that he will truly be missed by everyone but I know that he is rejoicing and singing with the Heavenly choir tonight. He is in no more pain and has a new body. Until we see you again Steve in that Heavenly home.Paul Everett and Sonja Allen Everett

March 26 at 4:27 PM



**Diana Brewer** posted:

Lifting his family up in love and prayer! He will be greatly missed.

March 26 at 4:16 PM



**Debbie Pritchett** posted:

Steve will be missed by many! Heaven has gained a saint and member to it's band. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family. May God give you what you need during this difficult time. God Bless you all! Mike and Debbie Pritchett

March 26 at 3:07 PM



**Matt Scarlett** posted:

Steve was our neighbor. He was a very kind man. I used to always get into story telling with him and we would laugh for hours. He would tell stories of my dad and uncles, working for my grandfather. Steve was a great story teller. I remember he like to shoot guns and show them. He could also play guitar from what I remember. Steve was a good man and heaven is better for taking him. Rest in peace Steve.

March 26 at 2:47 PM



**Heike** lit a candle in honor of Steven.

To Tammy,I am sorry for your loss , May you hold tight onto Steve's memories for comfort, lean on family & friends for strength & always remember how much you & your family are cared about.Peace, Prayer & BlessingHeike Loleit-Campbell



March 26 at 2:32 PM



**Tammy Tehan** March 28 at 2:19 AM

Thank you, Heike.



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**Sharon Hartley** posted:

My cousin - Steve - probably the kindest and most gentle spirited Tehan male in the family - and we have some awesome Tehan men. Your gentleness, love for music and dry wit lives on in the lives of your family and friends:)

March 26 at 2:06 PM



**Ricki Skelton** posted:

Shea, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Our deepest sympathy, Ricki "Skelly" and Shannon Skelton

March 26 at 12:53 PM



**Kelly & Jessica Allen** posted:

I remember the first time I met Steve. We were getting coffee before Sunday school started at New Beginnings Baptist in 1999. He heard me talking about playing guitar and the friendship took off from there. Even found out he and his family were living in the same home that my wife had lived when we were dating, got engaged and married. We played in the Praise band together, sang in the choir together and even wrote a couple of songs together. Steve always knew the right note to play or sing to make it sound just right. My family moved from New Beginnings to another church family and Steve and I kinda drifted apart, but whenever I would see him, he always had a warm handshake and a hug for me. GOD blessed the day we became friends and I know he is having an indescribable joyous time singing and praising JESUS the MESSIAH in Heaven right now. Like the song, "I wish I could see the angels faces when they hear your sweet voice sing." I know we who know JESUS as our LORD and SAVIOR will be seeing you again very, very soon, Steve. I love ya, brother...!

Thessalonians 4:13-18

March 26 at 12:15 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sympathy Fruits Abound to the Tehan family.



March 26 at 11:34 AM



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JH

**Jack Hopkins** posted:

I don't know anybody who was a greater gentleman, humble, soft-spoken and great spiritual Christian example. As a musician, he had been around enough to know all the inside stuff and played it well. His voice had incredible range from Rocky Mt. highs to Valley lows! Few can hit a high note in their regular voice and then hit a low bass note without warbling. He was such an encouragement whenever you were around him; I never heard him bad-mouth anybody or anything. My cousin Nancy Ray Summers went to school with him at Pine Tree and I was also the same age as he. He will be missed here, but before you know it, we'll be seeing him again. Love to his family.

March 26 at 11:26 AM

SB

**Stephen Bailey** posted:

As a guitar player one of my favorite things to do is think of unique ways to play chords and songs. Just to not do it like everyone else, make it my own. I always loved that when I would think I did something really cool or came up with a new chord or something, he already knew how to do it. And if I ever didn't know what chord I was playing, he did. He would say, "Oh that's just an E minor with a flatted 5th and an augmented, inverted 7" or something ridiculous like that. The great part was he actually knew what it was. I'm a better player for having been around him all these years. As a Christian, I always savored Steve's emphasis on prayer. "Lets do some beggin'" he would say before every worship service. It was his way of saying "We need to go pray before we go lead." He knew we were nothing without our God's presence. If I were only allowed to write one sentence in Steve's honor, it would be: "He walked with The Lord, showed others how to do so and I'm a better man for having had the honor of his friendship." That being said, I'll see you later brother...until then, much love and respect.

March 26 at 10:56 AM

TT

**Tammy Tehan** March 27 at 4:23 AM

You just made me laugh so hard...thank you, Bailey!

MC

**Melinda Compton** posted:

When I worked at the front desk on Fridays it was always a better day when Steve came in. I would get him to talk about himself and he always had a great story to tell. I will miss him. I wish peace and comfort to his family and friends. Melinda Compton

March 26 at 10:34 AM



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JA

**Jim Aleshire** posted:

I don't have the words, bro. So in a language you understand, my heart will speak through the music I play. You blessed my life by your friendship and being a living witness to the power and grace of our Father. Sleep, thank you. Waiting for the day we play together again. I love you and miss you.

March 26 at 10:28 AM

DF

**Deborah Collins Fuller** posted:

Steve 'Sleepy Tehan' was a good friend. We went to school together at Pine Tree and he ran around with our group of friends. Steve was always alot of fun and I remember him always wearing his this crazy cowboy hat. He was a good person and he will be missed by all of us that were lucky enough to know him. Deborah Collins Fuller

March 26 at 10:24 AM

TM

**Tara Moretz** posted:

His voice and love of Worship will certainly be missed as he has been missed for several months now at NBBC! He was such a pleasure to watch as he worshipped on Sunday mornings! Prayers are with the family!!!

March 26 at 10:14 AM

BK

**Becky Knepp** posted:

I met Steve along with Tammy when my son, Josh Korzeniewski, became friends with Michael, many years ago. He was so friendly and always had a smile on his face. The last time I saw Steve and Tammy was at Papacitas, they were having lunch together. I know he will be greatly missed by Tammy, his children and family. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Becky Knepp

March 26 at 10:10 AM

CW

**Cary And Sheila Walker** posted:

Our love and thoughts to all. Memories are plentiful

March 26 at 9:57 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Rays of Light Spray to the Tehan family.



March 26 at 8:21 AM



**Duane Propes** posted:

Sleepy Steve was a big influence on me. I met him as a teenager working the tonks around Longview when I about 17, and he basically taught me to keep my nose clean and to the grindstone so I could make something of my gifts. Our last conversation a couple of weeks ago was incredible - I didn't want it to end because I was having so much fun and laughing so hard, all the while knowing that the day was coming soon. I'll cherish that conversation for the rest of my life. I'm sure he inspired many other young musicians over the years the way he did me, and I count it as a major blessing that he took me under his wing when he did.

March 26 at 5:45 AM



**Norman And Janet Rowden** posted:

Steve was a delightful person to be around and to listen to him play all of the string instruments. I treasure the times I was able to play with him. He will be missed and I pray for comfort for the family.  
Norman and Janet Rowden

March 26 at 3:53 AM



**Gaye Brown** posted:

To Steve's friends and family, He was such a delight when he came by the office. Loved, loved to hear him tell his stories. We will miss his wit, his smile, his compassion and love he had for his friends and family, and of course his music. May peace be with you all . . .Gaye Brown, Maximus Operating and daughter Rachel and grandson Evan

March 25 at 11:38 AM



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**Linda Tevebaugh** posted:

Dear Family, My prayers and thoughts are with each one of you. Steve was a great friend to many people. He visited our office often and he was always so gracious and friendly. We are all going to miss him. To know he is now with our Heavenly Father is a comfort to us all. Linda Tevebaugh

March 25 at 11:03 AM



**Jessica Allen** March 26 at 4:08 PM

What a Godly Man Steve was... So Talented, so kind, and had the Biggest Heart... I know he is singing and praising Jesus right now.. No more Pain and Suffering.. Wonderful Family he has. I pray for strength for the family to get through this tough time. Steve will be truly missed..



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

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



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