



Joe David Styres

February 12, 1956 - January 2, 2026

Our beloved husband and father, Joe Styres, 69, of Pittsboro, NC, passed away on January 2, 2026. Born on February 12, 1956 in Sylacauga, Alabama, he was a devoted husband to Karen, a loving father to Caitlin, Jarod, and Alicia, and a caring grandfather to his five grandsons.

Joe was a force of nature, determined to work hard for his family and give them the life he felt they deserved. His family meant more to him than anything in the world. Joe was a passionate, kind, and gentle soul who valued giving back to those less fortunate, and always made an effort to approach the world in an unbiased, educated, and logical manner. He was known for his quick wit, his love of music, and his unwavering support for his family and those he loved.

Starting his career in public accounting, Joe spent 20 years in financial management positions at technology companies in California before moving to NC. He then shifted into the public sector and held roles as CFO for Raleigh-Durham International Airport, Piedmont Triad International Airport and the Durham Housing Authority. Joe was known as a strategic leader who worked well with colleagues, built out and delivered on organizational visions and prided himself on developing strong teams.

Joe is survived by his wife Karen Styres, his children Caitlin (Daniel) and

Jarod (Chelsea) Styres, Alicia Montgomery (Joe), and his five grandchildren (Everett, Austin, Luke, Judah, and Mason). He also leaves behind his mother Lorene Dickinson, step-mother Barbara Styres, siblings Don Styres (Sheila), Connie Parmer (Matt), Teri Donaldson, Rob Styres (Terri) and Tina Barber (Mark) along with many nieces, nephews, in-laws and other extended family members who will miss him dearly. Joe is preceded in death by his father Lemuel Styres and sister Beth Hefner.

All who knew Joe are invited to a celebration of life being held on February 12, 2026 at 3PM at Starrlight Mead (130 Lorax Lane) in Pittsboro NC. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Anxiety and Depression Association of America, Wounded Warrior Project or World Wildlife Fund, all causes near and dear to Joe.

His family finds comfort knowing Joe is at peace and will continue to hold close their many joyous, loving memories.

'Shadows are fallin' and I'm runnin' out of breath,
Keep me in your heart for a while.

If I leave you it doesn't mean I love you any less,
Keep me in your heart for a while.'

- Warren Zevon

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **12**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Starrlight Mead

130 Lorax

Pittsboro, NC 27312

<https://www.starrlightmead.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Jana H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe David Styres.*

Jana H. - February 14 at 01:59 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joe David Styres.*

February 14 at 12:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joe David Styres.*



February 14 at 12:11 AM



“ *We always enjoyed our deep discussions with Joe about serious topics (life, liberty and freedom) and of course rock and roll (cue Led Zeppelin).*

Sending Karen, Caitlin, Jarod and the family our heartfelt sympathy.

*Love,
Deb and Dale*

Deborah Hodson - February 11 at 05:13 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joe David Styres.



February 10 at 02:30 PM



“ Raymond, Glenda,Debbie,Beth purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joe David Styres.



Raymond, Glenda,Debbie,Beth - February 10 at 02:17 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe David Styres.



January 16 at 03:53 PM



“ From Ann Payson & Rob Ulin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe David Styres.

From Ann Payson & Rob Ulin - January 16 at 03:53 PM

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“ Joe had a great smile and laugh, and a very eclectic taste in music. I was amazed at the various concerts Karen would tell me they'd gone to. Rock on Joe, and rest in peace. Sending love and prayers to Karen and family. ❤️

Charlene Stephens - January 15 at 10:59 AM