



## Steven John Carlsen

February 3, 1959 - November 14, 2023

Steven Carlsen was born in Brooklyn, NY on February 3, 1959 and went Home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on November 14, 2023. He grew up in Long Island, New York where his parents, John and June Carlsen, were among the founding members of Dix Hills Evangelical Free Church (DHEFC). It was at that church, when Steve was eight years old, that he understood his need for a Savior and trusted in Jesus. At that same time, he knew that one day he would be a pastor. Steve graduated from Commack South High School in Commack, NY, Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, with a B.S. in Chemistry, and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School with a Master of Divinity. He served as a pastor for nearly 40 years, first as a youth pastor at DHEFC for one year, then went on to serve as the Pastor of Union Evangelical Free Church in Locust Gap, PA for over seven years, followed by almost 25 years at Faith Evangelical Free Church in Freehold, NJ. He joined Interim Pastor Ministries in 2018 and served as the interim

pastor at Northern Valley Evangelical Free Church for three years. His final interim pastorate was back at DHEFC where his calling to the ministry began. He served there for one and a half years until October 2023.

Steve leaves behind his wife of 26 years Ruth, his parents John and June Carlsen, sisters Donna (Joe) Clark, Carol Carlsen, nephews Jon Bergstol, Kris Bergstol and his fiancée Erin Felix, mother-in-law Vivian Nelsen, brother-in-law John (Jenn) Nelsen, sister-in-law Susan (Jeff) Edmonds, nephews Jonathan (Desirée) Nelsen, Jack Edmonds, Luke Edmonds, and great nephews Wesley Nelsen and Sonny Nelsen.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either Dix Hills Evangelical Free Church, 28 Foxhurst Road, Huntington Station, NY 11746; or Northern Valley Evangelical Free Church, 75 Stivers Street, Cresskill, NJ 07626; or Faith Evangelical Free Church, 875 Business Route 33, Freehold, NJ 07728.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Hill Cemetery

85 Pleasant Hill Road  
Chester , NJ 07930  
<https://www.pleasanthillcemetery.org/contact-us/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 18. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Dix Hills Evangelical Free Church  
28 Foxhurst Road  
Dix Hills , NY 11746

## Church Service

NOV 18. 6:00 PM (ET)

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28 Foxhurst Road  
Dix Hills , NY 11746

## Burial

NOV **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Steven John Carlsen.* ”



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November 17, 2023 at 09:33 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven John Carlsen.* ”



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November 16, 2023 at 08:32 PM



“ *Ellen Vreeland lit a candle in memory of Steven John Carlsen* ”



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**Ellen Vreeland** - November 15, 2023 at 09:33 PM

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“ Steve, it was such a privilege to be part of your family. You married my little cousin Ruthie which brought the Bensen family so much joy over the years. Through Jesus you buried my parents and uplifted their path to heaven, for which I am eternally grateful. I thank the Lord for bringing you and Ruth together, as he guided your beautiful, deep journey here on earth. I will see you in heaven. Feelings abound from Ellen, Jack, Jacob, Elsa, Andrew and baby Bridget.

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**Ellen Vreeland** - November 15, 2023 at 09:32 PM

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“ Ellen V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven John Carlsen.

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**Ellen V.** - November 15, 2023 at 09:11 PM