



## Mr. Thomas Stephen Bigelow

April 18, 1953 - October 9, 2015

Thomas Stephen Bigelow, age 62, passed on October 9, 2015 at Peak Resources Treyburn.

Surviving relatives include his son, Marlo Lamont Baldwin; daughters, Stephanie Nicole Bigelow, Kendra Natasha Bigelow; brother, Willie Ronnie Bigelow; sister, Lillian Patricia Bigelow Antomattei and five grandchildren.

Funeral service will take place on Friday, October 14, 2015 at Community Baptist Church, 4821 Barbee Rd, Durham, NC 27713, beginning at 12 noon. A visitation with family and friends will be held one hour prior to the service.

# Cemetery Details

## Markham Memorial Gardens

4826 Trenton Rd  
Chapel Hill, NC 27517  
(919) 489-9128

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Community Baptist Church  
4821 Barbee Rd  
Durham, NC 27713

## Service

OCT **16**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Thomas Stephen Bigelow*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *I'd like to extend my deepest condolences to Ronnie, Pat and the entire Bigelow family. I had the pleasure of working with Steve for four of my five years as Minister of Music at Greater St. Paul. I'd always admired him before I arrived at GSP, but getting to know him was one of the highlights of my tenure . He was one of the most talented people I've ever known, yet one of the the most humble. Rest in peace, my brother.*

*Kent Brooks  
Springfield, Ohio*

**Kent Brooks** - October 22, 2015 at 09:05 PM



“ *Valerie Kenney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Stephen Bigelow*



**Valerie Kenney** - October 20, 2015 at 12:38 PM

NB

“ To The Bigelow family my heart was sadden at the passing of my dearest friends. Stephen and I was very close and shared some precious moments in our lives. He was very protected when I was going to Durham Business College and I had the opportunity to meet his mom and dad and the memories of the beautiful horses. I am from the Fuquay-Varina area and I loved Stephen and his family dearly and I will truly miss him saying now (Lady take care of yourself) my name is Minister Nevada Banks he will always hold a special place in my heart.... Blessed to everyone....

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**Nevada Curina Banks** - October 16, 2015 at 06:05 PM

LM

“ TO THE FAMILY OF THOMAS STEPHEN BIGELOW.I REMEMBER HIM AS STEVE YEARS AGO WHEN HE PLAYED PIANO AT THE APEX FIRST BAPTIST APEX NC. RONNIE AND PAT I LOVE YOU AND STEVE YEARS AGO AND THAT LOVE IS STILL IN MY HEART TODAY.REMEMBER THE GOOD TIMES YOU HAD WITH STEPHEN.I KNOW IT IS HARD TO SAY GOOD BY,BUT HE IS AT HOME NOW PLAYING THE PIANO UP IN HEAVEN. LAWRENCE MARROW,APEX NC

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**LAWRENCE MARROW** - October 16, 2015 at 01:43 PM

AW

“ Our heartfelt sympathy go out to Ronnie and his family. Steve was a very special person. I remember him accompanying me when I had to sing at a funeral at Russell Memorial. He did not know what I was going to sing, but he picked me up as if we had rehearsed. He will really be missed by so many song birds. May God comfort you and give you peace during this difficult time.  
Robert & Alberta Watts

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**Alberta Allen Watts** - October 16, 2015 at 11:06 AM

VC

“ Our great loss on this side is definitely heaven's gain! Thank you Steve for blessing us over the years with your magnificent gift of music. To the Bigelow family, I send my heart felt condolences.



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**Valerie Ford Camp** - October 16, 2015 at 11:02 AM

RG

“ May God comfort the Bigelow family when times like this comes. The Grimsley Family

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**Ronald Grimsley** - October 16, 2015 at 09:46 AM

GT

“ God has called a true soldier home, I really enjoyed working directly with Steve over the last year, and to the Bigelow family may God continue to bless you .

*Gwen Troy-McKinney*

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**Gwendolyn Troy-McKinney** - October 16, 2015 at 09:32 AM



“ Fannie Garrison sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas Stephen Bigelow



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**Fannie Garrison** - October 15, 2015 at 10:03 PM



*So saddened of Steve's passing. He has joined that Heavenly Choir and will never get tired of playing those instruments he was so gifted to play. A few years ago I was happily surprised and happy to hear him sing and play at the church his great grandmother Maggie Holman-Hughes grew up in: Orange Cross Road Bpt, out from Hillsborough. Steve was truly a musical talent gift from our Heavenly Father. He will be sorely missed. May God bless the family. Cousin Fannie*

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**Fannie Garrison** - October 15, 2015 at 10:26 PM

JB

“*Steve was definitely a legend in his own time as he played the organ and could make it sound as though the music was going straight to heaven! I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to be a part of the GSP choir/family (Evangelists/Mass Choir) under the musician and legacy of Steve Bigelow! Rest in Peace.*

*Prayers and blessings to the Bigelow family!  
Jackie Bryant*

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**Jackie Bryant** - October 15, 2015 at 06:45 PM

VK

*There truly was and will always be precious memories of Steve's great talent playing the Organ while in the GSP Evangelical Choir. Blessings always to the family.*

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**Valerie Kenney** - October 20, 2015 at 12:47 PM

GK

“*I remember Steve playing piano around the age of Four years, his father had to place him on the piano stool to reach the keys he was a maestro . Later he played piano ,organ and xylophone on an album with a group I had the privilege of singing with as an adult. Steve was not only a great pianist , but a great friend to all he encountered. RIP my friend.. RIP.*

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**gloria kearney** - October 15, 2015 at 04:49 PM

SH

“ I worked in the Youth Movement under Mrs. Dubose at Greater St. Paul. Steve and his father were part of my childhood Sundays every week. Steve could touch the hearts and souls of every person in the persons with his motions on those melodic keys. He will be missed!

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**Scottie Harris** - October 15, 2015 at 03:54 PM

JH

“ Sending Sympathy and Love to the Children FAMILY and Friends of Mr T Steve Bigelow. I sang under his musical ministry while attending Greater New Birth Baptist Church. What a GREAT Organ Player he was. LOVE lives on forever...it will never fade away. For in our hearts our Loved Ones are with us everyday. May GOD grant you Peace and Love today and all the days...weeks...and months ahead



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**Jackie Holloway-Johnson** - October 15, 2015 at 02:52 PM

JH

“ Jackie Holloway-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Stephen Bigelow



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**Jackie Holloway-Johnson** - October 15, 2015 at 02:32 PM

SW

STEVE WAS TRULY A GIFT FROM GOD . GOD NEED A MUSICIAN SO HE CALLED STEVE HOME .HIS DAD IS PREACHING AND HE'S PLAYING .WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART RIP MY BROTHER FROM SANDRA WALKER AND FAMILY.

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**Sandra walker** - October 16, 2015 at 09:38 AM

VD

“ I salute the Bigelow family with my highest regards, and condolences. My memories of Steve dates back to my teenage years where as he was teaching me how to play "Oh Happy Day." Did not know that I would have the oppportunity to play with him at Russell Memorial C.M.E. Church for over 10 years (2003 - 2014). Steve has always been a gentle giant to me, and my spirit has been blessed by knowing him, and learning from his musical, and professional abilities. His annointing was so evident, and I thank God for our many musical encounters. He was a joy to work with, and I am missing him greatly.

*Blessings to the family, and the many friends mourning Steve...the maestro!*

*Vanda Davis*

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**Vanda Davis** - October 15, 2015 at 02:08 PM

PJ

“ The family of Mark A. Jones would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Steve Bigelow. My memories of Steve expand close to 45 years starting as a classmate (homeroom 2 yrs.) at Hillside High School class of 1971. Later I became of member of Greater St. Paul Baptist Church and my husband and I had numerous opportunities to work with musically and associate as friends with Steve and his former wife Debra. I remember all of us getting together late at night preparing to go on church vacations with Rev. Bigelow and the choirs. We went to New York, Philadelphia, New Jersey, Georgia and Florida just to name a few together. When Stephanie was born we spent a lot of time together with our kids as they really loved her and treated her like she was a life size doll. Then there was the association with the group "The Christianaires" a gospel group that Steve and his cousin played the organ and guitar respectively. Those were the good old days where people followed the group all over NC as if they were famous. There was no other talent like that of Steve or the duoship shared by Steve and Rev. Bigelow. We will greatly miss Steve, his talents, friendship and the comradery that we once shared. You will live on in our hearts and memory.

*Mark, Patricia, Alonzo and Felicia Jones*

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**Pat Jones** - October 15, 2015 at 12:11 PM

JC

“ *To the Bigelow Family  
You have my deepest sympathy in the loss of your father and brother. My prayers are with you in this time. Steve is one of my favorites that I love to hear play. He was always willing to work, when we have musical workshop at my church. He will be missed greatly.*

*Love to the family  
The Cross Family  
Jackie, Bill and Yvonneda*

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**Jackie Cross** - October 15, 2015 at 06:22 AM

CW

“ *'Loss leaves a heart-ache no one can heal, Love leaves a memory no one can steal.'*

*To the family of Steve Bigelow, my prayers are with you. I will miss hearing Steve playing the organ, he did just what Psalm 100 said to do:*

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.*

*Minister Christopher L. Williams  
Rebirth Baptist Church Ministries, Inc*

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**Chris Williams** - October 15, 2015 at 02:02 AM

BB

“ *To the Family of Thomas S. Bigelow: I remember how he could the piano and organ with all his might and soul. He was a gifted singer and musician. God takes the most beautiful flower that he created. My prayers are with you. Brenda Boyd, Class of 1970 HHS*



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**Brenda Boyd** - October 14, 2015 at 09:26 PM

EE

“ *One of the greatest [non-verbal] organist around. He just let his fingers do the talking and oh the joy that flood my soul. A musical genius and an unforgettable soul. I enjoyed you so much in the "Young Adult Choir" at Greater St. Paul, BKA the "YACs". My heart and prayers go out to the family and loved-ones. Rest in peace my friend. Love Evelyn (Corbett) Edwards and family.*

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**Evelyn Edwards** - October 14, 2015 at 02:16 PM

CM

*Yes Evelyn, great times back in the 70's, 80's and 90's! Steve will be greatly missed!*

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**Chaquan McNeil** - October 15, 2015 at 05:57 AM

TW

*To the Bigelow Family,*

*My deepest sympathy and prayers are with you at this time. I will always cherish the years at Greater St. Paul enjoying his melodious music whether in the choir with him, in the audience or traveling. If I was looking for someone to compare him with, I would have to call up King David. He was truly one of the greatest.*

*Thelma G. Wiggins*

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**Thelma G. Wiggins** - October 16, 2015 at 05:02 AM