

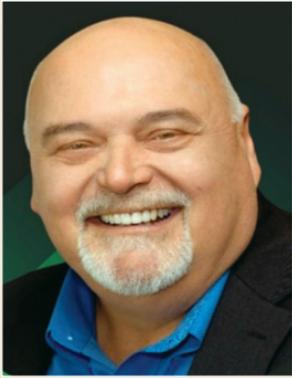
July 30, 1957 ~ March 3, 2026

Donald "Steve" Darendinger



On March 3, 2026, the world lost a great light and master builder of lives. Donald Steven Darendinger known to all simply as Steve, honey, dad, pops, padre and poppa, completed his earthly mission at the age of 68. While he may have faced a final battle with cancer, he left this world with the ultimate boast: "I may have lost the battle, but I won the war."

Born on July 30, 1957, in Madera, California. Steve was the youngest of six, born into a world he was determined to improve. He began his legendary work ethic at the age of twelve with a newspaper route and he never looked back. Steve didn't just hold jobs; he conquered industries. From Intel and Sun Microsystems to Cisco Systems and Juniper Networks/HPE, his "tenacious grit" was the engine behind his success. Though he was named Supply Chain Manager of the Year, Steve's true rank was found in the respect and love he gave to every person he met, regardless of their status.



His greatest masterpiece, however, wasn't a corporate strategy - it was his love for God, his family, and his friends. Driven by a fierce desire to provide the childhood he never had. Steve spent forty-three years providing, with the last twenty-seven years alongside his beloved wife and love of his life, Dolores, weaving together a blended family of six children into a single, unbreakable unit. He was a leader, mentor, a "poppa," and a provider who redefined what it meant to be a man of integrity.

Steve is greeted in Heaven by his parents, John Darendinger, Juanita Lora, and stepfather, David Lora, along with his brother Johnny.

His legacy of "never stop, never give up" lives on through his wife, Dolores; children, Jason, Cassy and her husband Santiago, James and his wife Diana, Melinda, Carolyn, Sandra; sixteen grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

An invite-only Celebration of life Memorial Service will be held at Journey Christian Church, 4600 S. Tracy Blvd. on April 18, 2026.

The family recognizes that Steve's impact was global, touching many lives across the world. We deeply appreciate the outpouring of love and thank you for respecting the privacy of our intimate family celebration of his life.

For those of you who are unable to come to the service,
a link will be provided to join live.

In lieu of flowers, donations to honor Steve's memory may be made to:
Journey Christian Church, 4600 S. Tracy Blvd., Tracy, CA 95376