

Memorial Mass

Friday, August 15, 2008, at 4:00 PM
Our Lady of the Mountain Catholic Church
Ashland, Oregon

Officiating

Father Sean Weeks

Alter Servers

Cy Senestrano, Winfield Turner

Eucharistic Ministers

Louanne Rasmussen, Monique Baze,
Pam Curl, Adele McVeigh, Sandy Morris

First Reading - Isaiah 25:6a:7-9

proclaimed by Dr. Richard Morris

Responsorial Psalm

Bob Brazeau

Second Reading - Romans 8:31b-35:37-39

proclaimed by Dr. Richard Morris

Gospel Reading - John 11:17-27

Deacon Jim McVeigh

Homily

Father Sean Weeks

Eulogies

Tysin Senestrano, Christianne Steele
& Paul Steele

Flag Presentation

US Forest Service and BLM Honor Guard

Music

Jeff Lawniczak, Pauline Sullivan,
Murry Huggins, Jennifer Schloming

Following the mass please join the family in the
Parish Hall for a reception

I SAW YOU UP THE MOUNTAIN

I saw you up the mountain,
Walking through the haze,
In sooted turnouts dusty yellow,
Cast dark against the blaze.
I'm sure I did. You can't be missed!
You are someone I know.
One I'll never fail to see,
Where ever I must go.

It was where I fought beside you,
And then cried as you were lost.
Right there beside the memory,
Of what our fight has cost.
I know that's where I saw you,
And it's where I see you still,
All double-time and courage,
As we charge another hill.

I saw you at the base camp
With your cup, and yes, a joke,
And the rasping of your laughter,
Meant to wash away the smoke.
You were with me in the chow line
At the table saying grace
And I prayed like anything
"Just once, Lord, let me see that face."

I saw you up the mountain,
And I'll see you there again,
And in every place they send me,
Where the fire is, and then,
I'll watch the plume rise upward,
As it lilts from star to star
Outward past heaven's wild lands,
To where you really are.

by Gordon Campbell

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In lieu of flowers, donations can be made
to the Wildland Firefighter Foundation for
their support of the fallen firefighters,
WF Foundation, 2049 Airport Way,
Boise, ID, 83705, www.wffoundation.org.



In loving memory
of
David Elijah Steele

November 29, 1988

August 5, 2008

"Live for nothing or die
for something,
it's your choice."



David Elijah Steele

David was born November 29th, 1988, in Ashland, Oregon, the first child to proud parents Paul and Susanne Steele. David was a kind and fun-loving brother to sisters Christianne and Lauranna and younger brother Nathan. Baptized at Our Lady of the Mountain Catholic Church, David loved to participate in youth activities and church outings and felt a strong bond and belief in the Lord.

Growing up in Ashland, David attended Grace Lutheran School, Bellview Elementary, Sacred Heart School and Ashland Middle School. David graduated from Ashland High School in 2007, a stand-out member of the AHS football and rugby teams, as well as avid snowboarder and wakeboarder. Building strong and lasting friendships, David was known for his goofy humor, genuine warmth and easy-going nature. Friends would be heard to say "David always made your day a little bit better", describing David as "a strong guy, a funny guy, and a soft-spoken giant."

This strength of character led David to follow his life-long dream of becoming a firefighter. He joined Grayback Forestry as a wildlands firefighter and enrolled in Central Oregon Community College to study structural fire science and pursue his emergency medical technician certification. David was called to the Lord on August 5th, 2008, in a tragic helicopter accident following a Grayback deployment to the Shasta-Trinity National Forest where David's crew successfully and heroically defended a critical fire line in steep and rugged terrain. David was loved and respected by his family, friends and community and will be missed dearly by all.

*"I am the resurrection and the life:
whoever believes in me, though he
should die, will come to life; and
whoever is alive and believes in me
will never die."*

~ John 11:25-26