



## Michael Maloy Stevenson

November 3, 1943 - December 1, 2024

Michael Maloy Stevenson, 81, known fondly to friends and family as Steve, died at home in Corvallis, Oregon on December 1, 2024. Steve, the son of Maloy and Eunice (née Smith) Stevenson, spent his formative years in Tulsa, Oklahoma where his father was a petroleum engineer and his mother was a homemaker.

Steve developed his love of all things biology, and fishes specifically, while studying under A. P. Blair at the University of Tulsa. After receiving his B.S. in zoology, Steve pursued his masters at the University of Texas under the mentorship of eminent ichthyologist, Clark Hubbs. There he met and worked with many of, what were to become, his lifelong friends. Continuing his education for a terminal degree at the University of Oklahoma, he received his PhD and landed a position at Tulane University with Dr. Royal Sutkus, to curate one of the largest of its kind fish collections in the world.

When offered a position as Assistant Professor at the University of New Orleans, Steve, a lover of all things academic, began his 25 plus year career as a mentor and academic advisor. Steve's years at the University of New Orleans were the highlight of his life during which time he advised scores of premedical and pre dental students and served as the Associate Dean of the College of Sciences.

Steve's loves were family, academic pursuits, student mentorship and wooden boats. His friendships were the bedrock of his life. His interest in the history and philosophy of science, species evolution, and all questions scientific

never left him. He was generous, kind, funny, irreverent and always curious. Interested in everyone and everything, beloved by many, he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Lida (née Ochsner), son Colin, stepsons Devon and Eden Durant, and stepdaughter, Hyland Hamilton; grandchildren Colin, Olin, Blaire, Maya, Isla and August.

# Tribute Wall



“ *David Clark lit a candle in memory of Michael Stevenson* ”



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**David Clark** - October 30, 2025 at 12:09 AM