



Aaron L. Steenbergen

October 9, 1936 - July 20, 2025

Dr. Aaron L. Steenbergen, of Bakersfield, California, made his transition on July 20, 2025.

He was born to Aaron and Veronica Steenbergen on October 9, 1936, in Northfield, New Hampshire. Aaron graduated from Penacook High School in 1953. Following graduation, he served on active duty in the United States Air Force as an airborne radar navigation equipment repairman during both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He was based in Japan and Korea during those conflicts. He was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and the National Rifle Association.

Aaron earned his Bachelor's Degree in American History in 1964 and his Master's Degree in Social Studies in 1965 at the University of Northern Iowa. He also earned his Ph.D. in SocialPhilosophical Foundations of Education at Michigan State University in 1972.

Aaron had a wide-ranging interest in education. His 41 years in the enterprise included teaching in private and public high schools, universities, and colleges. He also served as a Lecturer at Churchland's Teachers College in Perth, Western Australia and at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia.

Aaron is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Shirley, step-children Kathy Eribarne, Brian Parnell, Joel Parnell and Jon Parnell, and numerous grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, August 4, 2025 at 10:00am at Bakersfield National Cemetery, 30338 E. Bear Mountain Blvd, Arvin, CA.

Cemetery Details

Bakersfield National Cemetery

30338 East Bear Mountain Blvd
Arvin, CA 93203

Previous Events

Military Honors

AUG 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

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