

J. Steven Nesbitt  
Registry of Honor  
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Steve was born in Sheffield and graduated from Sheffield High School in 1971. He was on the football team and also on the track team. He once had an article printed about how he finished running a race even after losing one of his shoes. That showed the perseverance that was part of his character when he was in high school and it followed him the rest of his life. Steve was proud to be a Sheffield Bulldog!

Steve had a 40 year career in banking in the Shoals area. He attended the University of North Alabama, the American Institute of Banking and the Graduate School of Banking at LSU. His first job in banking was at First National Bank of Florence. He also worked at First National Bank in Tusculmbia, Union Planters Bank and SouthTrust Bank. He was city president of BBVA Compass Bank and his last job was as Quad-Cities president of First Bank.

Steve loved the Shoals area and was very civic minded. His long list of civic involvement included being a founding board member and president of the Helen Keller Hospital Foundation, past chairman of the Shoals Chamber of Commerce, charter board member for the chamber's Business Leadership Council, board member of the Shoals Entrepreneurial Center, member of the University of North Alabama President's Cabinet and board member of the Tennessee Valley Art Center. Steve was a member of Woodward Avenue Baptist Church.

Steve was the recipient of many awards including Shoals Citizen of the Year, Shoals Chamber Chairman's Award, Sam Walton Business Leader Award, Florence Citizen of the Year and the Helen Keller Hospital Foundation Award.

Steve was married to Shawn Brokaw Nesbitt and they had two daughters, Melissa Nesbitt Clark (Stuart Clark) and Kimberly Nesbitt Hughston (Hal Hughston) and four grandchildren, Jackson Clark, Kate Clark, Lucy Hughston and Harry Hughston.