

Stephen Hires

Steve was an honor graduate in Glynn Academy's Class of 1966. He was a National Merit Finalist, was in the 1966 Honors Group of the Westinghouse Science Talent Search and was awarded a Hercules Inc. four-year scholarship. He earned a B.S. from Georgia Tech in 1970 and an M.B.A. from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in 1972. Steve and his wife, Randy, then moved to Charlotte, N.C., where they lived for 35 years. Steve's career as an investment banker was with Interstate Securities, First Union National Bank and Wells Fargo.

He was a partner for over 35 years in Tryon Distributing LLC, a Charlotte-based wine distribution company. He was a member of the international Chaine des Rotisseurs in Charlotte and on St. Simons.

In 2007, Steve and Randy retired to St. Simons Island. He was a member of two local wine groups, enjoying the excellent food and wines, but the friendship in particular. He also belonged to the St. Simons Rotary, supported local theatrical productions, and The Coastal Symphony of Georgia. His continued friendships from business school days were a valued constant in his life. Reconnecting with some Glynn Academy classmates led to special, local friendships. Enjoying the company and counsel of his long-time friend and fellow Tech graduate was also an important part of his activities. His interest and fascination with the stock market was evident on a daily basis.

After his death in 2022 the Miranda Fite Hires Estate donated \$450,000 in April of 2023 and \$310,000 in November of 2023 to the St. Simons Rotary Scholarship Fund, Inc.