



Mr. Gary D. Stephens

March 30, 1948 - August 11, 2020

Gary D. Stephens, age 72, of Chesterfield Township, passed away on August 11, 2020. He was born on March 30, 1948, in Detroit, to the late Edward and Eva Stephens.

He married Christine Krajenke, on November 5, 1994.

Gary served honorably in the U.S. Army, was a veteran of the Vietnam War, a member of VVA Chapter 154, and was very active in the Honor Guard. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother.

Gary is survived by his wife, Christine, daughters; Melia (Joe) Osmulski, Melanie Stephens, Courtney Stephens, grandchildren; Anthony, Kaitlyn, Brady, siblings, Joan Duchene, Ron (Karen) Stephens, Pat Wetzal, along with several nieces and nephews. He will be missed by his cat, Trixie.

He was preceded in death by his son, Matthew, and brother, Edward Stephens.

A memorial service will be held on August 31, 2020 at the VFW - Bruce Post - 28404 Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores, Michigan 48081 from 3:00pm until 6:00pm.

Arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home – 57737 Gratiot, New Haven.

View obituary and share memories at www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **31**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

VFW - Bruce Post
28404 Jefferson Ave.
St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary D. Stephens.*



August 30, 2020 at 10:26 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary D. Stephens.*



August 30, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ *Love, Pam Hankey Stellman purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mr. Gary D. Stephens.*



Love, Pam Hankey Stellman - August 29, 2020 at 11:14 AM



“ *Gary you came into my life when you married my sister Chris you were the best brother-in-law a I could of had your in a better place pain free now you been thru so much love and miss you Gary say hi to all the relatives*

frank krajenke - August 28, 2020 at 09:39 PM

CO

“ He chose to be mine and my younger brothers dad. That's the best thing about him.

Courtney - August 28, 2020 at 09:36 PM

DM

“ One of my dearest friends...A Hero on and off the Battlefield....always there for me without fail....I will miss him so much....cant wait for our reunion...

Desmond McClure - August 28, 2020 at 09:06 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary D. Stephens.



August 23, 2020 at 04:21 PM

DH

“ Running track at Roseville high school, double dates , going to the Drive-in, working at the grocery store, or just bombing around with his brother Ron in Gary's car. He was a hard worker and a friend. Didn't see him much after high school, he went into the Army and I , The Marines. We always kidded each other about that. A true patriot who loved his family and country. RIP soldier. (Dale Hankey)

Dale Hankey - August 18, 2020 at 02:01 PM



“ *Amazing Grace 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Mr. Gary D. Stephens.*



August 14, 2020 at 11:43 PM



“ *GARY WAS A GOOD FRIEND WE SERVED AND THE US ARMY, WE WERE IN BASIC TRAINING TOGETHER AT FORT KNOX, KY. WHEN I JOINED VVA 154 AND JOINED THE HONOR GUARD AT 154 GARY WAS THE HONOR GUARD LEADER HE KEPT ALL OF US IN LINE HE TRAINED ALL OF US FOLDING THE FLAG, SETTING US UP FOR THE 21 RIFLE SALUTE AND TAPS HE WAS THE BEST OF THE BEST HE WILL BE MISSED! HE WILL BE MISSED BY ME PERSONALLY AS A FRIEND AND A BROTHER! GOD BLESS YOU GARY YOUR IN A BETTER PLACE WITH GOD, JESUS.*

JIM NAVAROLI - August 14, 2020 at 10:31 PM



“ *Sending our Love and Sympathies to all the family. We very much enjoyed our Friendship with Gary and his girls for many years. Sorry to hear of his passing and know that he is in the arms of our Lord and Savior and will be with you Always in your hearts.*

God's Blessings, Dale & Sheral Schwartz xoxo

Sheral Schwartz - August 14, 2020 at 08:54 PM

VR

“ I met Gary when I became one of the Ritual Team members. He was always ready to assist any of us on the Team. He took pride in 'Folding' the U.S. Flag properly for presentation at rituals and other rites.

Though I only knew him briefly, I will miss him at our Ritual Team Meetings and events.

Initiating heartfelt prays for the family.

Victor RaCosky - August 14, 2020 at 08:36 PM

CS

“ We stood many of Honor Guard Ceremonies together, I always gave him a flower as a joke, something between the two of us,the. We would laugh together. I will miss you my brother.you have a new duty station now, say hi to all our fallen.

Your Friend Scalise

chris scalise - August 14, 2020 at 07:24 AM

RH

“ From all the car owners, hot rodders, Members of United Street Machines it was a pleasure to have Gary as a part of our program. We held many Car related events together raising a lot of money to help Veterans in need. Gary was the cook, box raffle guy, any thing that needed to be done. Gary will be missed. A friend, a dedicated supporter of Vietnam Veterns 154. My condolences to his family and friends.

Ralph Haney USMA

Ralph Haney - August 13, 2020 at 05:31 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss our prayers and thoughts are with you all at this difficult time!*
Scott & Rachel Zielke



Rachel Haviland-Zielke - August 13, 2020 at 01:47 PM



“ *my dad my hero.... my dad means more than the world to me. and to those who know me I couldn't say enough about my dad. as much as it hurts inside I know he is ALWAYS with me.... LOVE YOU DAD YOU WILL BE MISSED I KNOW YOU'RE ALWAYS BY MY SIDE.*



Melanie stephens - August 13, 2020 at 12:31 PM



“ *GARY WILL BE MISSED.*

Darryl Case - August 13, 2020 at 12:11 PM



“ *"G" you were one of a kind . The world is a much sadder place without you in it . Your tour of duty is over. Rest easy my Brother. Til Valhalla*

Pat Daniel's - August 13, 2020 at 10:18 AM

BB

“ I met Gary when my husband joined VVA Chapter 154. Gary was a great friend to my husband for many years. Always kind and caring Gary was supportive when Gene was diagnosed with cancer and throughout his treatment. My deepest condolences to Chris and their family. Gary will be greatly missed.

Barbara Borowski - August 13, 2020 at 09:36 AM

DK

“ You will be missed dearly Uncle Gary. You came into our family many many years ago and welcomed all of us with open arms and we all loved you very much. Please watch over Aunt Sissy and the girls. RIP



Dana Krajenke - August 13, 2020 at 08:53 AM

MG

Thank you for your friendship Gary and all the good times. You will be missed greatly. Marty Griffin. US Marine Corps.

Marty Griffin - August 13, 2020 at 03:26 PM

JE

one of the fond memories of Gary. when we were younger and Ed would take me to their house to play games. one day their day replaced the light switches to mercury because they were quiet so Gary would say every time he used the switch he would yell out mercury just to bug his dad. really loved Gary he was a great guy and he will be missed, my condolences to his family

Joyce Black Ellis - August 14, 2020 at 05:13 PM

BF

When I think of Gary I think about all the Graffiti Shows we were in. Gary's rendition of Hank Williams was my favorite. But his pouring a bucket of water (surprise) over my head during my act tops all. He was a friend and his love of his family was insprational. He's with God now looking down on all of us pain free.

BONNIE FORONATO - August 16, 2020 at 10:10 AM

JW

Gary great guy and tremendous asst to 154. He 2ill be greatly missed

Jim wisnoski - August 17, 2020 at 05:42 PM

DW

*Gary our time in Hawaii carrying you down the Mountain, with you tied to a stretcher promising never to let you fall, was one of my best memories. Rest in Peace my Brother-in-arms.
Doug Weir*

Doug Weir - August 29, 2020 at 08:05 PM