



Gene Stephens

March 3, 1929 - February 24, 2015

Gene Stephens, 85, of 2220 East Lee Road, died February 24, 2015 at St. Francis Hospital.

A native of Laurens County, son of the late Thomas R. and Ila Owens Stephens, he was a former employee of Coca-Cola and Co-Owner of Lee Road Grocery and a member of Lee Road Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth "Lib" Crain Stephens of the home; one son, Phillip "Phil" Allen Stephens of Taylors; four brothers, James Stephens of Hickory, N.C., Charles Stephens, Ronnie Stephens both of Greer and R.W. Stephens of Taylors; two grandsons who were the love of his life, Jonathon Stephens (Tina) and Erik Stephens and one great-grandson, Easton Stephens.

Mr. Stephens was predeceased by one son, Mike Gene Stephens and one daughter-in-law, Donna W. Stephens.

Funeral services will be held 12:00 noon at Lee Road Baptist Church conducted by Dr. Todd Stewart, Dr. Bill Hightower and Rev. Ralph Hefner. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Wayne Edwards, Jonathon Stephens, Erik Stephens, Mike Payne, David Miller and Jim Burns.

Honorary escort will be the 2:20 Sunday School Class.

Visitation will be held 10:45-11:45 a.m. Saturday at Lee Road Baptist Church. The family is at the home.

Memorials may be made to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, c/o Lee Road

Baptist Church, 1503 East Lee Road, Taylors, S.C. 29687.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Memorial Park

1 Pine Knoll Drive
Greenville, SC 29609

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 28. 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Lee Road Baptist Church
1503 East Lee Road
Taylors, SC 29687

Service

FEB 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JJ

“ *Lib and family, I read of Gene's passing on Facebook. We have been out west for the past couple of months. Sorry we are not home . We are planning to start home next week and will get in touch with you. We love you. Larry and Jean*

Jean Jones - February 28, 2015 at 07:43 AM

JW

“ *Lib, Phil, Jonathan, Erik, and Great-Grandson*

I was so sorry to learn of Gene's death. We are never ready to know how to deal with a loss that means so much to so many. The greatest loss is for you and yours but the whole stretch of Lee Road Ext. is dealing with it too. He was such a good person to know. I regret my grandchildren did not get to know the both of you Lib. but they have heard a lot of stories about how ya'll looked after their parents. I will always appreciate the care you gave my children and all the others that could come in and out of our neighborhood store. Thank you Gene.

Burl Watkins

Janie B. Watkins - February 27, 2015 at 01:15 PM

JH

“ *Lib and family,
It is always hard to find the right words at a time like this but I hope my thoughts and prayers will help comfort you .
I will always cherrish memories of our worship and fellowship together at Lee Road Baptist Church. You both were so fatihful in attendance while we lived there. I know you will miss Gene along with your family, the church famiy and his many friends.
May the depth of your faith and love of those who share your loss give you peace.*

I care,

*Jewell Hyde
2602 Miller Lane
Poplar Bluff,MO 63901*

Jewell Hyde - February 27, 2015 at 12:37 PM



“ *Lib, Phil and Family,
I am so sorry to here of Gene's passing. I remember as a young girl going to the store and both of you being so nice to me. I wish children now a day had stores like yours that they could make memories of like I have memories of your store. I am sure he will be missed my many. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Lonni Burden Brown*

Lonni Brown - February 26, 2015 at 06:57 PM

SG

“ Gene (and Lib) took me in when I left home in 1972. Gene treated me like I was his son at a low point in my life. He was always quick witted and brought a smile or laugh from the people around him. I am eternally grateful that I knew him. Rest in Peace Gene.
Lib and Phil, you and the family will be in my thoughts and Prayers.
God Bless.



Steve Grant - February 26, 2015 at 10:59 AM