



## James Leroy Stephens

September 17, 1944 - January 29, 2012

Stephens, James Leroy

Age 67 passed away Sunday January 29, 2012 at Joliet Area Community Hospice.

A long time resident of Joliet, born in Sewanee, TN.

Retired from Eco Lab after 30 years of service.

Preceded in death by his parents, James Francis and Georgia M. Stephens; one son Doug L. Stephens of McMinnville, TN; grandparents Myrtle and James H. Stephens; two sisters Libby Gilliam and Nancy Perry.

Survived by his beloved wife of 23 years and companion, Mary L. Stephens of Joliet and her children, MaryAnn (Dave) Vaughn, Patricia (Martin Urias) Walkowiak, Catherine (Andre) Cramer, Edward (Reina) Walkowiak, and Christina (Delund) Walker and 17 grandchildren. A daughter Georgia M. Kirkus of Woodbine, GA; grandchildren Kristina Stephens of McMinnville, TN, Heather and Nicolas Kirkus of Yulee, FL Great Grandchild Brayden Douglas Bruss of Yulee, FL; six sisters and five brothers Larry (Clara) Stephens, Ginger (Pete) Champion of Sewanee, TN, Joann (Robert) Bryant of Tull, TN, Kathy(Ralph) Richardson and Gordon(Bonnie) Gipson of KY, Danny Stephens of Tull, TN, Susie Stephens, Tina Stephens, James D. Stephens Winchester, TN, Terry Stephens of Decherd, TN, Darlene (Ricky) Frames of Cowan, TN; aunts and uncles Grace Moss of Sewanee, TN, Mary Anderson of Tracy City, TN, Howard L. Stephens of Atlanta, GA and one great great uncle Rob (Tress)

Gipson. Also numerous nieces, nephews, family members and friends.

James was cremated in accordance to his wishes.

Memorial service will be held Thursday February 2, 2012, 6:00 – 8:00 PM. at Delgado Funeral Chapel. Officiating Fr. Timothy P. Andres of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Live memorial service Webcasting also available on-line for details call (815) 774-9220.

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Delgado Funeral Chapel  
400 Landau Ave.  
Joliet, IL 60432  
(815) 774-9220  
delgadofunerals@gmail.com  
<https://DelgadoFunerals.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Leroy Stephens*

January 28, 2023 at 11:56 AM



“ *Jim words can't express how much you will be missed. I will always have fond memories of you as a child. Thank you for teaching me the LOVE of fishing :o) You taught me how to bait my hook and bring the fish in; however, I was never good at de-hooking the fish, but you always helped me :o) We had the BEST time camping and taking trips in the camper...I will never forget!!! I know you are smiling down on us :o) I know you are no longer hurting and you are dancing amongst the angels in heaven. Give my grandma Julia a HUGE hug and kiss from me please!! You are missed and LOVED JIM :o) Love Chrissy, DeLund, and your grandbabies LeiAnna, Makhia, & Elijah AKA Bubba :o) XoXOxOXOXOXXO*



CHRISTINA HAYES-WALKER - February 02, 2012 at 07:11 PM

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**CHRISTINA HAYES-WALKER** - February 02, 2012 at 07:11 PM

AC

“ To the family of James Stephens and Mary Stephens;

*I offer my condolences to you in this moment of grieving and my prayer is that you may all be blessed with "the perfect peace which surpasses all understanding" and that you may be comforted in the knowledge that Jim is in a better place. May we remember him as the loving Father, husband, and friend that he was to us all. In Jesus's name. Amen.*

*The Cramer Family.*

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**Andre Cramer and Catherine Cramer** - February 02, 2012 at 12:23 PM

LJ

“ LINDA [Humphrey] JOHNSON lit a candle in memory of James Leroy Stephens



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**LINDA [Humphrey] JOHNSON** - February 01, 2012 at 06:14 PM

LJ

*VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS MARY MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GOES OUT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY .*

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**LINDA [Humphrey] JOHNSON** - February 01, 2012 at 06:20 PM

RS

*Cathy;  
I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.  
Rosemary Smith*

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**Rosemary Farries Smith** - February 02, 2012 at 04:39 AM

KA

“ I love you Grandpa Jim. I will always remember you. You will never be forgotten. You hold a special place in my heart. Forever & Always :)  
-Kayla

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**Kayla** - February 01, 2012 at 06:04 PM

TF

“ Jim, we will miss seeing you when we come home to visit. Matthew sends many hugs and kisses OXOXOXOXOXO to you in Heaven. Give My Grandma Julia a Great Big Hug From All Of Us!!! We Will Remember You always. Love & Miss You <3 You Will Forever Stay In Our Hearts!  
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**The Walkowiak/Urias Family** - February 01, 2012 at 03:55 PM

MV

“ Jim,  
I know you are at peace now. There is no more pain. I will remember your laugh, your smile, your love for Christopher and Kayla. Only love is real...you will never be forgotten.



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**Mary Ann Vaughn** - February 01, 2012 at 03:49 PM

RB

“ Jim I will miss seeing you and our conversations on the phone. We will miss our yard sales when ever you visted. You are very special to us. We'll miss you very deeply. Your nephew Rich

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**Richard & Debbie Bryant** - February 01, 2012 at 11:12 AM

JS

“ I will miss chatting with you once a week, sharing our memories and laughing. I still expect you calling me. I will miss you very deeply, and love you very much, I love you Jim

JoAnn Stephens - February 01, 2012 at 11:03 AM

CN

“ Carla Brianna Nuno sent a virtual gift in memory of James Leroy Stephens



Carla Brianna Nuno - January 31, 2012 at 09:18 PM

CW

“ Christian Edward Walkowiak sent a virtual gift in memory of James Leroy Stephens



Christian Edward Walkowiak - January 31, 2012 at 09:17 PM

AW

“ Good Bye Grandpa Jim! I Love you Grandpa Jim. Good Bye!

Adam Edward Walkowiak - January 31, 2012 at 09:15 PM

CW

“ I love you Grandpa Jim. I'll miss you so much. I know you are happy now in Heaven.

Christian Edward Walkowiak - January 31, 2012 at 09:12 PM

CN

“ *I will never forget you Grandpa Jim. You will always be with me for the rest of my life. I love you with all my heart.* ”

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**Carla Brianna Nuno** - January 31, 2012 at 09:09 PM

EW

“ *Edward Walkowiak lit a candle in memory of James Leroy Stephens* ”



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**Edward Walkowiak** - January 31, 2012 at 09:01 PM

EW

“ *Jim will be missed.* ”

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**Edward Walkowiak** - January 31, 2012 at 09:00 PM