



Gary Allen Stephens

October 8, 1952 - May 3, 2015

Gary Allen "Archie" Stephens, passed away Sunday, May 3, 2015, at his home, after a seven year battle of fighting colon cancer.

Gary was born October 8, 1952 in Moses Lake to Ewell and Mary I. (Simpson) Stephens. Raised and schooled in Othello, he played baseball, basketball and some football during his high school years. He graduated in 1971. He was a life long member of the Church of Christ and was baptized in the Othello Church of Christ. He met Cheree Stone while in high school and they married December 23, 1972 in Othello. Gary worked in the grocery business, living in Colfax and then moving to Ephrata where he worked as assistant manager. In the mid 70's they moved to Kennewick where he worked for Albertsons. Gary went to work for Fleeners Grocery Store. In 1978 Gary was offered a job with GTE as a Lineman, in construction in Kennewick He worked in Kennewick until he was transferred in 1997 to Wenatchee. Gary worked for GTE all through the name changes, Verizon, and Frontier. After 28 years he retired in 2012. He later took a part-time job as bus driver for Link Public Transportation. Gary was a member of the Eagles 204 and served as a Trustee for 5 years. He was a member of the CWA Union (Communication Workers Association) Restoring his 56 Ford pickup was one of Gary's pastimes. He loved to camp, Walleye fish and travel in his RV. He and Cheree took a 6 week trip across the U.S. Gary enjoyed playing golf. He was a devoted 12th man fan. He was preceded in death by his father, E. B. Stephens of Othello. Gary is survived by his wife of 42 years, Cheree Stephens, East Wenatchee;

son, Jamie (Brooke) Stephens, Simpsonville, SC; grandchildren, Emma Stephens, Richland, WA, Erik Stephens, Simpsonville, SC; sister, Ginger (Dennis) Niva, Arlington, WA, brothers, Paul (Brenda) Stephens, Redmond, OR, Tim (Joy) Stephens, Kennewick, WA ,In-laws Fred (Jean) Stone, Umatilla, OR, and his mother, Jean Stephens, Arlington.

You are invited to leave messages for his family on his online guestbook at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com . Gary has requested any memorial donations may be given to Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, www.seattlecca.org . Viewing will be Thursday, May 7, 2015 from 3-7pm at Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee. A Celebration of life will be Friday, May 8, 2015, 1:00 pm at the F.O.E. #204 Wenatchee Eagles.

Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall



“ *Heritage Memorial Chapel Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Allen Stephens*



Heritage Memorial Chapel Funeral Home - May 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *You left us way too soon archie...we miss you . Our time was short but certainly memorable..rip my good friend*

larry and debbie frost - June 19, 2015 at 04:30 PM

DH

“ *You will forever be alive in our memories of you-your kindness, your smile, your friendly, helpful attitude. Your wonderful lasting marriage to Cheree, a longtime forever friend. My only regret is not spending more time with you both and being able to enjoy our retirement years camping and enjoying life. I will always remember our good talk we had.*

Debbie and Darrel Hatley - May 12, 2015 at 01:43 PM

TR

“ *Here is the Link to Archie's Video Tribute*
<https://youtu.be/aXI3Dovx8vU>

Tribute - May 09, 2015 at 04:26 PM

JW

“ We are saddened by the loss of wonderful man. Arch touched so many lives and will be greatly missed. His kindness and unconditional love that he gave to our family was truly a blessing and I know he will continue to be watching over all of us.

Janie Williams - May 08, 2015 at 10:02 AM

CR

“ my deepest heartfelt sympathy for your great loss. Archie was a good friend in High School. So funny and so much fun. I know he is missed

Cynde Muscott Res - May 07, 2015 at 10:32 PM

RW

“ So sad to lose my dear cousin. I always enjoyed the visits your family made to Arkansas when we were kids. Rest easy now. Love Renay

Renay Wilson - May 07, 2015 at 06:25 PM

GL

“ I am so sorry to have read of Archie's passing. We both hired on with GTE the same year (1978). He always had that smile on his face to go along with his laugh and great sense of humor! It was a pleasure to work, play a little softball, and be around him those years in the Tri-Cities.

Gary Leischner - May 07, 2015 at 03:07 PM

KC

“ We are sad to lose our friend. We look forward to including Cheree in our life. Rest peacefully, Archie



Keith & Cindy - May 06, 2015 at 11:42 AM

DV

“ There are no words to describe how deeply we will miss Archie. He has touched each one of our lives in a very special way. He will be greatly missed.

Dan and Hope Vivian - May 05, 2015 at 09:57 PM

F&

“ arch was a good man to ride the river with;; a golfer who was always going to draw the ball;



fred,jean stone mon &dad - May 05, 2015 at 06:55 PM

DT

“ You will live on forever in our hearts. We love you so much.



Don and Lori Thornton - May 05, 2015 at 05:49 PM