



Robert Lee Stephens, Sr.

May 1, 1943 - July 26, 2016

SALISBURY – Robert Lee Stephens, Sr., 73, of Salisbury, passed away on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury. He was born May 1, 1943 in Salisbury, a son of the late Richard and Anna Catherine Stephens.

Pastor Bob, as he was known by many, attended United Wesleyan College in Allentown, Pennsylvania before pastoring Wesleyan churches in Point Phillip, PA, Goldsboro, MD, Milton, DE and Broomes Island, MD. He most recently served as the associate pastor at Faith Community Church in Salisbury. He also attended Oak Ridge Baptist Church in Salisbury. Pastor Bob was a talented woodworker and could build almost anything. In his free time he loved to be out on the water crabbing with his family on the boat he built himself that he named “Preacher’s Pride”. His children have fond memories of getting up early to get out on the river to watch the sun rise and set out the lines. He will be remembered for his great sense of humor and his concern that his family and anyone he came into contact with knew Jesus.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Rebecca “Becky” Ann Stephens, whom he married April 14, 1963; children, Robert Lee Stephens, Jr. of Fredericksburg, VA, Dawn Rene’ Johnson and husband, Donald of Salisbury and Regina Lynn Stephens of Lusby, MD; grandchildren, Rachel Stephens, Joshua Stephens, Donald Johnson, III, Stephanie Johnson, Danielle Johnson, Braeah Johnson and Emily Hooper; and a great grandson, Kayden Tanner Papanicolas. He is also survived by brothers, Richard Stephens and wife,

Brenda of Pocomoke, Wesley Stephens and wife, Ann of Pocomoke and Kenneth Stephens and wife, Arlene of PA; and several nieces and nephews. A funeral service will be held on Monday, August 1, 2016 at 12:00 noon at Short Funeral Home in Delmar, where a visitation will be held from 10:00 to 12:00. Pastor Kenneth Stephens, Bob's brother, will officiate. Interment will follow at Melson's Cemetery in Delmar.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Melson's Cemetery

Melson's Road
Delmar, MD 21875

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 E Grove Street
Delmar, DE 19940
(302) 846-2525

Service

AUG 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

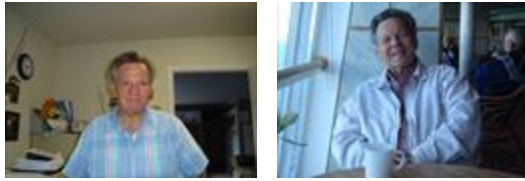


“ *Robert Lee Stephens, Sr.*

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Bob Stephens - January 30, 2017 at 08:50 AM

“ *My father was a rich man. No, he never made a lot of money or had expensive material things. He was rich in family values. He taught us to love one another; sometimes because we were having to hug each other in punishment, but always to respect each other and the talents that we contributed to the family. He taught me how to be a good father and what it means to be a good husband. He was rich in self-sufficiency. There weren't many tasks that my father couldn't conquer whether it was building his boat, The Preacher's Pride, or fixing the car, building a piece of furniture or reupholstering a chair. He remodeled many homes in exchange for rent as he worked his way through school. He was a rich man sacrificially giving his time and talents to others. He was a humble man. As a pastor, he served his churches faithfully as the plumber, maintenance man, or custodian as needed in addition to ministering to the needs of his parishioners; visiting them in the home or hospital or a men for the master breakfast or senior citizen lunch. He was selfless in his service to others. As a gentle man of God, he was patient and kind. Even though he wore both suspenders and a belt, he was a man of great faith. I remember my father spending hours in prayer at the church seeking God's guidance and direction for the church and his life. Even though his belt in the last couple of years served as a handhold for mom to provide the steady hand and guidance dad needed to get where he was going. He never stopped seeking the Lord's direction because he was a praying man. Even though we mourn his passing, he leaves the four generations of family here today with a rich legacy of family and humble service to others. Even though he was a Wesleyan, I know that like David, he is dancing before the Lord as he celebrates his homecoming, rejoicing as he gets a new body free of the limitations of this world. Dad used to like to tell the story of his mother rubbing his father's head as he sang, "Will there be any stars in my crown," and my grandmother chiming in, "No, not one, no, not one." Somehow, I didn't picture my father wearing a crown as he was such a humble man, but I know he has moved on to his reward and reconnecting*

with his father and mother.

As the song goes, I can still hear dad singing, many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand, but I know who holds tomorrow and I know who holds my hand...

Bob Stephens - January 29, 2017 at 11:04 AM

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“ *Paster Bob and Miss Becky were our bus stop parents in Goldsboro and always welcomed us, taught us and guided us in the right direction! They were an important part of our small town community and many good memories . I am sorry to miss the service but know I will be thinking of your family and I love you guys!*

Shelly Ross Gray - August 01, 2016 at 10:25 AM

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“ *Bobby and I worked together at W.F. Allen Farms during the summer of 1960. He introduced me to my future wife, Sharon Johnson, at the Denton Camp that year. Sharon and I were married in 1962 and have been married for 53 years. As you can see, Bobby was a big influence in my life. I just wish he and I had remained closer thru. the years. It was my lost, for not keeping in touch with him. I know he was a good man and he loved the Lord. We are praying for his family.*

Jerry Taylor

Jerry Taylor - July 31, 2016 at 07:59 PM



“ *Mr. Bob was the first person we met when Jack and I went to the Lodges to live and he took us to Becky and his apartment so we could look around before we signed all the paper work. Prayers are with all of you at this time. And Mr. Bob tell Jack I love and miss him so. You guys can remember some of the good times we had when we lived there. Much Love Jean Pfleger*

Jean Jopling Pfleger - July 30, 2016 at 06:13 PM



“ *The Congregation of Bethel Wesleyan Church! purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Lee Stephens, Sr..*



The Congregation of Bethel Wesleyan Church! - July 29, 2016 at 02:34 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Stephens, Sr..*



July 28, 2016 at 06:06 PM