



Robert "Bob" Stephens

April 4, 1949 - July 26, 2020

Robert L. "Bob" Stephens. 71, passed away at his home on Sunday, July 26, 2020 surrounded by his family. He was born on April 4, 1949 at Mineral Springs Hospital in Louisiana to Russell E. and Evelyn M. DeWeese Stephens. From an early age, music was a very important part of Bob's life. As a self-taught musician, he could play a variety of instruments, but his passion was the guitar. He was a mentor and an influence to many aspiring guitarists and musicians throughout the area.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 8th at the Fairview Cemetery near Louisiana, MO. The Rev. David Rubemeyer will officiate. A Celebration of Life memorial for friends and family following the service will be held at the American Legion in Louisiana, MO at 12:30 P.M. On April 21, 1972 in Louisiana, he married Lorraine Raney. They celebrated 48 years of life, love, music, and family. They have one son, Robert E. (Amber) Stephens of Clarksville, MO. Besides playing music and enjoying fellowship with other musicians, Bob most loved spending time with his grandchildren, Evan & Greer Stephens of Kirksville, MO, and Camille & Dylan Stephens of Clarksville, MO.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, a nephew Stephen, and other close friends and fellow musicians.

He is survived by his wife, his son, his grandchildren, his brother, Russell G. (Julie) Stephens, his sister, Vickie B. Lilley, and his sister in-law, Barb (Wes) Elliott of Louisiana, MO, along with his nieces and nephews, Rick Stephens,

Susan (David) Rubemeyer, Linda (David) Parr, Ed (Jean) Stephens, April (Chris) Newland, Scott (Ashley) Elliott, Tom (Charlotte) Lilley, and Mike (Barbara) Lilley.

Bob worked as a heavy equipment operator for the Missouri Department of Conservation for 37 years. Unknown to many, he had an interest in sketching and woodworking. Above all else, he will forever be remembered for his extraordinary talent as a guitarist. His musical legacy spanned more than 57 years. What started with best friends in a garage, led to 32 years of Cranberry Jam. Bob had No Regret for all the hours spent playing music. "Today's music ain't got the same soul" and he liked the old-time rock and roll. "Beyond the door there's peace I'm sure, and I know there will be no more tears in heaven".

Memorials may be made to the David C. Pratt Cancer Center on Ballas Rd. in St. Louis, MO or to the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

Hwy YY at Hwy 79
Louisiana, MO

Previous Events

Graveside Services

AUG 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Fairview Cemetery
Hwy YY at Hwy 79
Louisiana, MO

Celebration of Life

AUG 8. 12:30 PM (CT)

American Legion Post 370
Louisiana, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert "Bob" Stephens*

November 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ *Robert "Bob" Stephens*

November 08, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ *Lorraine and Family so sorry for your loss. We pray for your comfort and peace. Best memories of my life is playing music with Bob what a honor for me. Just wish we would have had more. The love for his music showed every time Bob talked about music or picked up his guitar. His perfection mixed with his love and devotion, enthusiasm showed his commitment. Bob gave me inspiration to play and enjoy the moment. To a great musician God bless you and thanks for the wonderful life's memories. John and Fran Tienter*

John Tienter - August 08, 2020 at 12:38 PM



“ *Lorraine, E.G. and I extend to you our deepest sympathy. May your wonderful memories overshadow your grief. We pray God will wrap His arms around you and give you peace and comfort.*

E.G. and Ginny - August 01, 2020 at 03:50 PM

CH

“ Carol Haddock lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Stephens



Carol Haddock - August 01, 2020 at 03:02 PM

WB

“ Bob never seemed to be upset about anything, he just took things as they came. He was a great guy to be around. Condolences to his family.

William Bland - August 01, 2020 at 02:57 PM

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“ He loved his music and was always a kind person

Sam Melba Day (Beer) - August 01, 2020 at 12:33 PM

CO

“ Cindy Poyser Osborne lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Stephens



Cindy Poyser Osborne - July 31, 2020 at 11:25 PM

DM

“ *Dona Moesch-Trembley purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bob" Stephens.*



Dona Moesch-Trembley - July 31, 2020 at 08:26 PM

FH

“ *Till we meet again, rock on brother-co-worker-good friend*

frank hawkins - July 31, 2020 at 07:26 PM



“ *Bob and Lorraine are lifelong friends of my parents Rick and Kathy Moesch. My siblings and I grew up celebrating Halloween and many playing gigs together with Bob, Lorraine, and Rob. I am praying for comfort for the entire Stephens Family. ❤️*

Michelle Thomas - July 31, 2020 at 07:24 PM

DS

“ *My heart goes out to all of you. He will be missed.*



Deb Skirvin - July 31, 2020 at 06:47 PM

PP

“ Lorraine, Vickie, Sonny and all of Bob's family and friends...Our sincere sympathy to each of you as you mourn the loss of your special family member. He touched many lives through his love of music!! Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.
Tom and Paulette Powelson and family

Paulette Powelson - July 31, 2020 at 04:21 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Stephens.



July 31, 2020 at 04:08 PM

SB

“ Bob has been a friend for many years. The years I had the privilege of sharing the same stage with him was great and the times I was able to hear him since then was great. We used to walk off the stage and just let him play. He was such a great and modest guy. He will be missed by many. Keep that guitar going buddy, I will be there one of these days and we will jam once again!



Stephen Brookshier - July 31, 2020 at 11:54 AM

PN

“ Pete And Elizabeth Nixon lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Stephens



Pete and Elizabeth Nixon - July 31, 2020 at 09:37 AM

KF

“ Lorraine, Sonny, Vickie and all, Was so sorry to see this. His music spread so much joy for a lot of us over the years. Thoughts and prayers are with you all. Wade and Kim (Sellers) Ferguson

Kim and Wade Ferguson - July 30, 2020 at 11:37 PM

MM

“ Lorraine and family I am sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you. Mary Jo (Brown) Mckinnon

Mary Jo Mckinnon - July 30, 2020 at 04:19 PM

MJ

“ Lorraine, Vickie, Sonny and all
So sorry for your loss. You're in my thoughts and prayers.

Margie Jamieson - July 30, 2020 at 02:21 PM

JR

“ Sorry for your loss. Prayers sent



Janet Reed and Jerry Reed - July 30, 2020 at 02:18 PM



“ *Cindy Poyser Osborne lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Stephens*



Cindy Poyser Osborne - July 30, 2020 at 01:43 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Stephens.*



July 30, 2020 at 01:28 PM