



Guy Don Stephens

May 21, 1926 - August 14, 2009

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G. Don Stephens of Merion Station, PA went to be with the Lord on Friday August 14, 2009.

Don was born on May 21, 1926 in Pueblo, CO.

He attended elementary school and one year of high school in Manhattan, New York

City. He finished high school in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

He served in the U. S. Navy for two years.

Don graduated from the University of New Mexico with a BS in electrical engineering.

After positions as a sales engineer in Milwaukee, WI and Pittsburgh, PA he settled in Narberth, PA in 1955. In 1981 he started his own business "GDS Control Systems" specializing in fire protection controls. He was a member of the National Fire Protection Association and the Society of Fire Protection Engineers.

Don is survived by his devoted wife Thamar (Tammy) Stephens, his son David Stephens and his wife Holly of Dover, PA,

his daughters Susan King of East Stroudsburg, Janet Sullivan and her husband Bob of Elverson, PA, Diane Raboin and her husband Eric of East Petersburg, PA., special friend Marianne Hamilton, his sisters Jeanne Higginbotham and Donna Johnke, his sisters-in-law Mildred Caryer of Ney,

OH and Emily Palew and her husband Art of Morehead City, NC, 11 grandkids and 6 great grandkids and one on the way.

Don was a loving family man who lived a full and fruitful life. He had a big heart for the outdoors with camping and scouting. He was a Boy Scout leader and also involved in youth fellowship at the UMC of Narberth and amateur acting in Narberth. He was a member of the United Methodist Church of Narberth for over 50 years.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his Funeral Service on Wed. Aug. 19, 12noon in the Chadwick & McKinney Funeral Home, 30 E. Athens Ave., Ardmore, PA, where you are invited to call after 10:30am. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Lake Delaware Boys' Camp, P.O. Box 31, Delhi, NY 13753.

Tribute Wall



“ My heart goes out to Tammy and family. After the passing of my brother Keith on July 21st of this year, I truly know the loss that is felt by all whose life was touched by my uncle.##imported-begin##Waring G Smith##imported-end##

August 19, 2009 at 07:37 AM



“ I was so blessed to be the pastor of Don and Tammy from 7/93-6/99. A faithful church leader, a most beloved HS Sunday School teacher, a humble, gentle man of such deep faith and a beloved friend! I thank God for weaving Don into the fabric of my life and ministry, and from him I have learned much! Deeply loved, you will be forever missed dear Don. But I thank the Lord for shepherding you through the deep dark valleys and on to your eternal rest.....finally healed and whole in the loving arms of our Lord. Tammy, may you always feel that precious peace of our Lord, and your beloved Don smiles down on you every moment....just as in the wonderful photo posted here. May ALL of Don's family also experience the peace that only our Lord can provide!
Pastor Charlene##imported-begin##Rev. Charlene Gaspar##imported-end##

August 18, 2009 at 10:03 PM



“ *Wish I could be there with you all. Uncle Don was one of a kind, always there to help out or have fun. I'm thinking of you--*

*Love,
Cousin Linda*

P.s.-we didn't send flowers after all, decided to send all the money to boy scout camp, think Uncle Don would have preferred that.##imported-begin##Linda Higginbotham##imported-end##

August 18, 2009 at 07:54 PM



“ *Don played a vital role in my career, and I learned a tremendous amount -- not only about the technical aspects of our profession, but about the right way to take care of the customer. I will always consider him a valued friend. I am so fortunate to have had the chance to work with him, and will miss him dearly.*

Steven Brown##imported-begin##Steven Brown##imported-end##

August 18, 2009 at 05:21 PM



“ *It has been written that when the student is ready, the teacher will appear. For me that teacher appeared in the form of Don Stephens, way more years ago than I would ever care to admit. Don was truly the definition of both a scholar and gentleman. He had the heart and patience of a saint and yet walked among mere mortals. Don you will be missed by all whose lives you have touched and you shall forever be loved.*

*Your Friends and Life Students,
Jim & Kellie Longacre###imported-begin##Jim Longacre###imported-end##*

August 18, 2009 at 01:19 PM



“ *Dear Dave & Family,*

My heart goes out to you all in this time of loss. You will be in my thoughts & prayers. Don was a great man and he will be truly missed.###imported-begin##Jeff Oswald (Joslyn Clark Controls)###imported-end##

August 18, 2009 at 11:09 AM



“ Dear Stephens Family

I have known Don on and off for many years. Ran into him at NFPA shows and spoke to him many times. He will be remembered in the the brightest light by all, I am sure. For his kind and loving mannerism is the first thing I always think of when someone mentions his name.

God Bless all those who loved him.

One of his many friends

Tom##imported-begin##Tom McGregor##imported-end##

August 18, 2009 at 10:48 AM



“ *I will miss my Dad so much. As all of us will. He is the inspiration to live every day to the fullest. Dad always made sure everyone had a good time where ever he went. My Dad was always there for me. Never judging always guiding. Loving unconditionally. I hope I can be that rock for my children, grandchildren, and hopefully great-grandchildren as he has been for all of us. I love you Dad, your daughter Sue##imported-begin##susan king##imported-end##*

August 18, 2009 at 09:36 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family for the loss of a great person. Everyone will miss his great knowledge in the field of fire protection dealing with fire pumps. He was always ready to share his knowledge to anyone who asked him a question.##imported-begin##Richard and Augusta Thomas##imported-end##*

August 17, 2009 at 09:34 PM



“ Don was the King of Kings in his field. No matter what the problem he would get into it and find a fix. He was a selfless, kind, family man, and would always talk of his son and grandson taking his lead in the business. He was a friend to me, as I am sure to many. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Joe DeRose##imported-end##

August 17, 2009 at 04:50 PM



“ What a very sad day. Every single memory I have of Don is a cherished one, every one! So sorry Joe and I cannot be there on Wednesday, but know that Don is in a better place and out of pain. Our heartfelt condolences to all the family and friends! Sincerely, Danielle and Joe Fowler##imported-begin##Danielle Fowler ##imported-end##

August 17, 2009 at 10:13 AM