



## Rev. Arvil Elifas Stephens

December 4, 1936 - January 15, 2016

Rev. Arvil Elifas Stephens, 79, husband of 59 years to Wilma Jean Price Stephens, passed away on January 15, 2016, at Greenville Memorial Hospital.

A native of Walhalla, SC, Mr. Stephens was the son of the late John Sherman and Annie Mae Sanders Stephens. He was a retired pastor and a member of Reedy Fork Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Stephens is survived by brothers, Derrill Stephens of Seneca, and Johnny Stephens of Pendleton; sister, Brenda Black of Westminster; many nieces and nephews; and one special nephew, Neal Morgan of Seneca.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Stephens is preceded in death by a son, Gregory Keith Stephens; brothers, Jimmy Stephens, Kenneth Stephens, and Leon "Boonie" Stephens; sisters, Naomi Wilson, and Cindy Crumpton.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 PM, Monday, January 25, 2016, at Davenport Funeral Home. Burial will follow the service at 4:00 PM at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Pickens, SC.

The family will receive friends from 12:30-1:30 PM, Monday, January 25,

2016, at Davenport Funeral Home.

Flowers are accepted.

The family is at their respective homes.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Memorial Gardens

14050 E Wade Hampton Blvd  
Greer, SC 29651

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 25. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Davenport Funeral Home  
311 S Highway 11  
West Union, SC 29696  
(864) 638-3611  
davenportfhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.davenportfuneralhome.com>

## Burial

JAN 25. 4:00 PM (ET)

Hillcrest Memorial Gardens  
14050 E Wade Hampton Blvd  
Greer, SC 29651

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Arvil Elifas Stephens*

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January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Dear Wilma, I just heard of Rev. Stephens passing. You certainly will be in our prayers. We had many good times together so many years ago...soon to be 46 yrs in April. Thank you for what you and Rev Stephens meant to us...thank you for marrying a young little couple who only knew they wanted to follow after Christ...God is so good. My heart breaks for you, Wilma. May God give you peace and comfort. We love you dearly. Love, Rick and Diane Hendricks*

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**Diane** - January 25, 2016 at 02:42 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear of the passing of Arvil...I remember vividly the Thursday evening that a young Pastor of Pendleton Second Baptist Church paid a visit to our home in Pendleton. My wife and I had been attending church services for some time. He saw that I needed the Lord and took time to drop by and speak to me about becoming a Christian. I accepted Jesus into my heart that night. Arvil baptized me the following week, along with two or three others that he had led to Jesus....My wife and I remained members there until a new building was erected and our congregation moved to what is now Faith Fellowship Baptist Church, pastored by Rev. David Kay....Thank you Arvil for putting me on the right road following Jesus. Fifty four years and counting, since that visit.*

*Rod Terry*

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**Rod Terry** - January 25, 2016 at 07:59 AM

DH

“ Donna Holbrooks lit a candle in memory of Rev. Arvil Elifas Stephens



Donna Holbrooks - January 23, 2016 at 07:49 PM



“ My parents and brother went to Rutherford Road Baptist when Rev. Stephens was there. My sympathy to Mrs. Stephens. My parents have both passed away and my brother Nick passed away in 2014.

Lainey Lee - January 22, 2016 at 08:46 PM

DA

“ Wilma we just found about Arvil. Darlene and I are so sorry for your loss. Don and Darlene Albertson

Don and Darlene Albertson - January 22, 2016 at 04:13 PM

W.

“ I had to love marvel or he would tell God on me.however I did log this man. W.I stogner

W.I.stogner - January 22, 2016 at 10:22 AM

LS

“ Larry and Sharon purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Arvil Elifas Stephens.



Larry and Sharon - January 21, 2016 at 04:11 PM

LD

“ *Linda Dubose lit a candle in memory of Rev. Arvil Elifas Stephens*



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**Linda Dubose** - January 21, 2016 at 08:04 AM

JQ

“ *Janet And Billy Ray Quarles lit a candle in memory of Rev. Arvil Elifas Stephens*



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**Janet and Billy Ray Quarles** - January 20, 2016 at 12:27 PM

PG

“ *Peggy Garner lit a candle in memory of Rev. Arvil Elifas Stephens*



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**Peggy Garner** - January 20, 2016 at 10:19 AM

DP

“ *Don And Pat lit a candle in memory of Rev. Arvil Elifas Stephens*



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**Don and Pat** - January 19, 2016 at 03:30 PM

DP

*So very sorry for your loss, Brenda.. We love you!*

**Don and Pat** - January 19, 2016 at 03:31 PM

JE

“ *JUDY ELLENBURG lit a candle in memory of Rev. Arvil Elifas Stephens*



**JUDY ELLENBURG** - January 19, 2016 at 01:54 PM

JE

*with love from Neal and Judy*

**JUDY ELLENBURG** - January 19, 2016 at 01:57 PM

RL

“ *I remember the times as a young preacher starting out. How he taught mow to preach, visit people. His great interest in my ministry through the years. Our meeting at KFC and sharing many things together.*

**Rev. Harlan Ladd** - January 18, 2016 at 09:25 PM

RA

“ *Rod & Katherine Albertson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Arvil Elifas Stephens*



**Rod & Katherine Albertson** - January 18, 2016 at 03:56 PM

JN

*Wilma I am so sorry to hear of Arvil's passing. You are in my prayers.*

**Jimmy Nix** - January 18, 2016 at 09:05 PM

PB

*Derrill and Peggy, praying for you and your family*

**Peggy Buchanan** - January 19, 2016 at 12:09 PM

MB

*Mike & I will never forget the wonderful fellowships we had together through the years. I can only imagine the reunion he and Greg are having. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

**Mike & Charlene Bowling** - January 19, 2016 at 01:32 PM

LL

*So sad to hear of Doc passing and of your sickness love and prayers Mike and Lynette*

**Lynette Lamb** - January 19, 2016 at 07:31 PM

DS

*Thanks, brother for being such a great example to me & and your family, and most of all a witness to everyone you met. God has your rewards awaiting you. You lived your life preparing for such a time as this, may you rest in the arms of Jesus. Just a few days ago you asked me reckon what it would be like to wake up beside Jesus now you know. Never did I think it would be this soon. Love you see you on the other side.*

**Derrill Stephens** - January 22, 2016 at 04:03 PM

CC

*Wilma we are so sorry to hear of Arvils passing, I konw there is celebration in heaven. He was so special to our family and meant a lot to us. You are in our thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.*

**Cecil & Judy Callahan** - January 23, 2016 at 08:19 AM

JS

*Wilma, I know this is a great loss for you but just think the fun he is having now walking on those gold streets.*

**Jane Smith** - January 23, 2016 at 09:56 AM

JS

*Wilma sorry to hear of Arvils passing. you are in our thoughts and prayers. Jerry and Johnnie Sosebee*

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**Jerry Sosebee** - January 26, 2016 at 08:40 AM