



## Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens

March 14, 1930 - April 26, 2021

Leonard Ray Stephens, 91, husband of Jane Coward Stephens, of 205 Malinda Street, Walhalla, passed away Monday, April 26, 2021, at his home.

A native of Belton, SC, Mr. Stephens was the son of the late James W. and Lettie Stephens. He retired from Duke Power and was a veteran of the U.S. National Guard. Mr. Stephens won numerous tennis tournaments throughout the years. He was a member of the Jaycees, Walhalla Rotary Club, IPTAY and a member of St. Luke United Methodist Church.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Stephens is survived by his son: Jay Stephens of Greenville, SC; daughters: Cindy Stephens Owens (Steve) of Easley, SC, Angela Stephens of Walhalla, SC and Julie Stephens Croxton (Joe) of Taylors, SC; sister: Shelby Stephens Duncan of Sandy Springs; grandchildren: Trey Stephens, Alex Owens, Brantli Jane Frazier and Lindley Peters; and great-grandchildren: Tripp Owens, Addy Grace Owens and Raelyn Peters.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Stephens was preceded in death by his brothers: James, Richard, Howard, Earle, Bobby and Donnie Stephens.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, May 1, 2021, at St. Luke United Methodist Church with entombment to follow at Oconee Memorial Park

Mausoleum.

The family will receive friends from 10:00-11:00 AM, Saturday, prior to the service, at the church.

Masks are required at the service.

Flowers are accepted or memorials may be made to St. Luke United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 339, Walhalla, SC 29691.

The family is at the home.

# Cemetery Details

## Oconee Memorial Park Mausoleum

1923 Blue Ridge Boulevard  
Seneca, SC 29672

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Luke United Methodist Church  
607 East Main Street  
Walhalla, SC 29691

## Funeral Service

MAY 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Luke United Methodist Church  
607 East Main Street  
Walhalla, SC 29691

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens*

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January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Bobbie Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens*



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**Bobbie Duncan** - May 04, 2021 at 07:56 PM



“ *Cheeseboard Complete was purchased for the family of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens.*



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May 02, 2021 at 09:59 AM

JH

“ I have not seen Ray in quite awhile; but will ALWAYS remember him. As all of you already know, I sat between him and Jane when they dated in the porch swing. I remember his fun-loving ways, laughter and his sense of duty when it came to his family. This included, both immediate and extended families. Ray was a GIVER and bigger than life to me.

He and Donna danced at her wedding and stole the show! This always seemed to happen when Ray was around.

You have so many wonderful memories to look back on and hold in you heart. So, Ray will always be with you. Wishing you peace and love from family and friends as you grieve.

Love,  
Judi

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**Judi Stephens Harris** - May 02, 2021 at 09:48 AM

LH

“ Larry And Wanda Laye Harden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens



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**Larry and Wanda Laye Harden** - April 30, 2021 at 10:42 PM



“ To Jane, the girls and Jay, I have so many fond memories of Ray and all at the lake. We used to spend so many weekends up there cooking, sharing memories, eating (wonderful food) and just having a super time. Watching Jay and Heather grow up and playing together. I remember the night Heather cut her back on the return for the furnace and we had to rush her for stitches. You guys were so supportive. The last time I saw Ray was a few years ago think it was at the grocery store or post office not sure which but it was like we hadn't missed a beat. He was a dear sweet man and Jane I know you will miss him so much. Sending love and hugs to the family and praying for peace, comfort, fond memories and strength. Love you guys, Tina Moss Jurecek



Tina Barrett - April 30, 2021 at 03:58 PM



“ Robert & Amy Harvey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens



Robert & Amy Harvey - April 30, 2021 at 03:26 PM



“ Robert & Amy Harvey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens



Robert & Amy Harvey - April 30, 2021 at 03:12 PM

RH

“ Robert And Amy Harvey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens



Robert and Amy Harvey - April 30, 2021 at 03:10 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens.



April 30, 2021 at 12:54 PM

BT

“ Brian & Rhonda Tippett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens



Brian & Rhonda Tippett - April 29, 2021 at 09:24 PM

DS

“ Dave & Donna Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens



Dave & Donna Stephens - April 29, 2021 at 07:38 PM

KW

“ *Kim Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens*



Kim Williams - April 29, 2021 at 07:35 PM



“ *Linda Nix lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens*



Linda Nix - April 29, 2021 at 04:31 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens.*



April 29, 2021 at 02:15 PM

KH

“ *Kay Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens*



Kay Hall - April 29, 2021 at 11:20 AM

KA

“ *Kathy Addis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens*



Kathy addis - April 29, 2021 at 12:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens.*



April 28, 2021 at 09:27 PM

HA

“ *Harrison & Kay Abercrombie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens*



Harrison & Kay Abercrombie - April 28, 2021 at 06:24 PM

JK

“ *John Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens*



John Kelley - April 28, 2021 at 04:16 PM

LP

“ *Leland Pettit lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens*



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**Leland Pettit** - April 28, 2021 at 03:15 PM

DP

“ *Danielle Stephens Piker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens*



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**Danielle Stephens Piker** - April 28, 2021 at 11:12 AM

R&

“ *Our Prayers are with you, Jane and Family. Ray was a Special person, always a smile and happy word for everybody! Ray and Patty Lee*

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**Ray &Patty** - April 28, 2021 at 11:01 AM

AP

“ *Andrea Pate lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens*



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**Andrea Pate** - April 28, 2021 at 10:59 AM

CP

“ *Cornelia Pepper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens*



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**Cornelia Pepper** - April 28, 2021 at 10:10 AM

HR

“ *"Aunt" Jane and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I have many happy memories of "Uncle" Ray and spending time with all of you when Jay and I were little. I remember that Uncle Ray always had a smile on his face and laughter filled the space around him. He was a dear man, and I wish all of you peace and comfort in the days to come. Love you all very much, Heather Ramey Ramsay*



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**Heather Ramey Ramsay** - April 28, 2021 at 09:23 AM

RT

“ *Reg Tatum lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens*



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**Reg Tatum** - April 28, 2021 at 08:14 AM

KH

“ *It's so hard to lose a parent, Angie, praying for you and all of your family.* ”



**Kay Hunt** - April 28, 2021 at 07:49 AM

BL

“ *Burgess (Bird) Laye lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens* ”



**Burgess (Bird) Laye** - April 28, 2021 at 05:50 AM

JM

“ *Johnny Mize lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens* ”



**Johnny Mize** - April 27, 2021 at 11:31 PM

RB

“ *Ray brought smiles to many, many friends over the years. His robust love of life and his love for his friends lit up many lives. My prayers are with Jane, Cindy, Julie, Angie, and Jay. How he loved each one of these!* ”



**Rosemary Bailes** - April 27, 2021 at 10:34 PM

AA

“ Alton Kathy Alexander lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens



Alton Kathy Alexander - April 27, 2021 at 09:10 PM

TS

“ Terry & Kay Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens



Terry & Kay Sanders - April 27, 2021 at 08:26 PM

WS

“ Warren Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens



Warren Smith - April 27, 2021 at 08:19 PM

BP

“ Barbara Pearson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens



Barbara Pearson - April 27, 2021 at 07:41 PM

KW

“ *Katheryn Woolbright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens*



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**Katheryn Woolbright** - April 27, 2021 at 07:27 PM

DW

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.*

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**Debbie Ward** - April 27, 2021 at 07:07 PM

DL

“ *Dennis Lusk sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens*



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**Dennis Lusk** - April 27, 2021 at 06:42 PM

KO

“ *Kathy Orr sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens*



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**Kathy Orr** - April 27, 2021 at 05:49 PM

Kay  
Stephens

“ *My prayers are for the Lord to provide peace and comfort to your entire family during the days ahead. Mr. Stephens was a special man and definitely left his mark on Walhalla.*



Kay Stephens - April 27, 2021 at 05:31 PM

LD

“ *Linda Downen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens*



linda Downen - April 27, 2021 at 05:15 PM

BJ

“ *Becky Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens*



Becky Johnson - April 27, 2021 at 05:09 PM

SH

“ *Sheila Kelly Harrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens*



Sheila Kelly Harrell - April 27, 2021 at 04:49 PM

SH

“ So sorry for your loss. I will always have fond memories of Ray. The family is in my prayers



Steve Harvey - April 27, 2021 at 04:41 PM

SD

“ Sonya Dobson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens



Sonya Dobson - April 27, 2021 at 04:27 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens.



April 27, 2021 at 04:24 PM

PC

“ Our Thoughts & Prayers are with you all. May God comfort and give you strength and peace in the days ahead.

Pat Culbertson. Barry Culbertson & Donna DuPre



Pat Culbertson - April 27, 2021 at 03:59 PM

NG

“ *NANCY GOEHLE lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard Ray Stephens*



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**NANCY GOEHLE** - April 27, 2021 at 03:31 PM

JW

“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Mr. Stephens passing. He left his mark on this world, especially Walhalla SC. I will forever have fond memories of him. God bless you all during the days ahead, especially Mr. Stephens.*



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**Jeanette Wilson** - April 27, 2021 at 03:24 PM