



Ardth Wilborn Stephens

February 10, 1935 - June 24, 2024

Ardth Stephens passed peacefully at home after a courageous battle with cancer on June 24, 2024. He was born on February 10, 1935 to Elijah Joshua Stephens and Naoma Stephens. He is preceded in death by his parents and his 11 brothers and sisters.

Ardth was born in Cash and grew up in Terrell where he worked at Jim Walters Doors for just over 20 years. In those two decades, Ardth was an invaluable resource to the many builders, contractors and handymen, each of whom depended on Ardth's knowledge base and ability to always find a solution to a construction challenge. After meeting a beautiful young lady named Gwin Smith at Killians' Drive In (where she was working at the time), Ardth married her on June 1, 1957 and together they shared a love that built a family and a home for over 67 years. Ardth loved being in the outdoors and was the first to go fishing and hunting with family and friends every chance he could. His love of guns enabled him to become a master gunsmith with a love of assembling them from beginning parts, to designing them in custom projects as well as tailor made ammunition choices for each firearm. A quiet man by nature, when Ardth spoke, his intellect and ability to converse about all sorts of subjects was a conversational treasure he willingly shared with everyone he met and knew. He was a devoted husband to Gwin and a dedicated father to his sons, Terry and Gary, but when he became PePaw to his grands and great grands, Ardth really found his calling in spending time with the very ones who would carry on his legacy of love and commitment to

those loved by him.

Ardth is survived by his wife Margie Gwindolyn "Gwin" Smith Stephens; his sons: Terry Stephens, Gary Stephens and wife, Becky; grandchildren: Jennifer Linhart and husband, David, Jeremy Stephens, Taylor Adams and husband, Dakota; three great grandchildren: Hadley, Hallie and Henry; his sister Anneice Luellen; sisters-in-law: Bonny Stephens, Panzy Stephens and Alphia Hughes as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral service will be at 11:00am, Monday, July 1, 2024 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel with interment to follow at Oakland Memorial Park.

His family will receive friends 5:00pm to 7:00pm, Sunday, June 30, 2024 at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Memorial Park

1000 W. Moore Avenue
Terrell, TX 75160

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Funeral Service

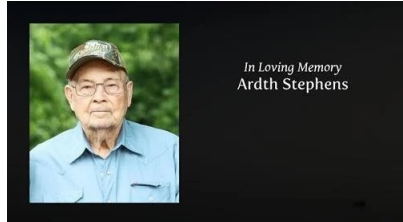
JUL 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



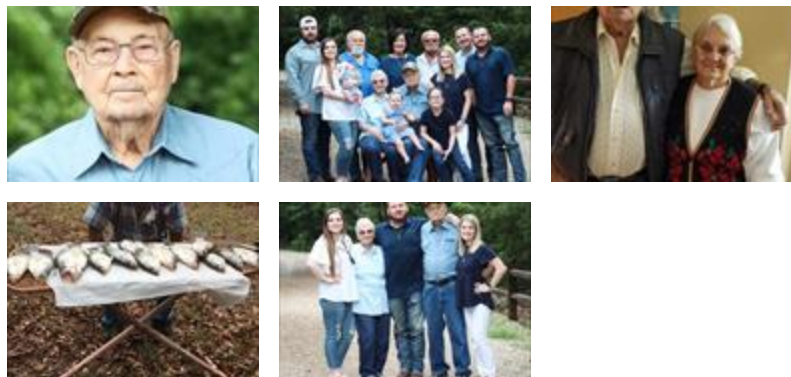
“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Ardth Wilborn Stephens*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - July 01, 2024 at 12:40 PM



“ *68 files added to the album Memories Album*



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KS

“ Dear Gwin, Terry, Gary, Becky & family,

We were so sorry to hear about your husband, Dad, Grandpa & friend! Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers! He was a great man!

With Deepest Sympathy,
Karo & Wilson Stewart



Karo Stewart - June 30, 2024 at 10:52 PM

BB

“ Bruce Brodnax purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Ardth Wilborn
Stephens.



Bruce Brodnax - June 29, 2024 at 05:54 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the
family of Ardth Wilborn Stephens.



June 28, 2024 at 04:43 PM

LS

“ Lawrence & Nancy Stephens purchased the Cou
ntry Basket Blooms for the family of Ardth
Wilborn Stephens.



Lawrence & Nancy Stephens - June 28, 2024 at 01:09 PM

LB

“ To Donna, Tony, Tommy, Rita and all of the Stephens family, my thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.
Love, Linda Bodin Bankston

Linda Bankston - June 28, 2024 at 11:12 AM

SB

“ So sorry to hear about your nice husband. We were all neighbors for years. Many memories Prayers for Shorty the twin sons and family. May the great God above give each of you peace and comfort

Sharon Boyd - June 27, 2024 at 07:39 AM

SB

“ Sharon Boyd lit a candle in memory of Ardth Wilborn Stephens



Sharon Boyd - June 27, 2024 at 07:35 AM

DW

“ Many prayers to this sweet neighborhood fami!y many years ago! What a nice family! So sorry for his sweet wife Shortie and her precious twin sons! He was very nice man! Much love and prayers to this special family!
The Darla Boyd Whitley Family!



Darls Whitley - June 26, 2024 at 09:41 PM