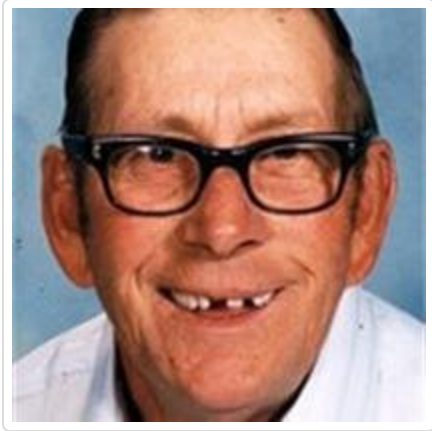




Dester Stephens

January 30, 1923 - September 1, 2009

Mr. Dester Stephens, age 86 of Resaca, passed away on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at Gordon Hospital following an extended illness. He was born in Helenwood, Tennessee on January 30, 1923, son of the late Claude and Hattie Dolen Stephens. During his lifetime, he was a steelworker with Copperweld Steel in Warren, Ohio, where he lived many years, and a farmer. Mr. Stephens was a veteran, having served his country in the United States Coast Guard during World War II, and was of the Baptist faith.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his wife, Colleen Carter Stephens; a son, Ronald D. Stephens; a daughter, Beverly Stephens; four brothers, Chester, Eugene, Billy, and Jimmy Stephens; and two sisters, Ella Klancher and Mildred Caplinger.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Millie Stephens of Ranger; six daughters, Betty Tenney and her husband Floyd of Resaca, Bonnie Schulte and her husband Jim of Noble, Oklahoma, Phyllis Perkins of Cincinnati, Ohio, Pamela Hudson of Macon, Georgia, Patsy Hutchinson of Resaca, and Tammy Crawford and her husband David of Seattle, Washington; a brother and sister-in-law, Kenny and Mona Stephens of Resaca; and two sisters, Dreamelee Whittamore of Calhoun, and Jane Benson and her husband Buddy of Nicklesville. Eighteen grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; special friends, Randall and Joan Pack and family; and nieces, nephews and other relatives also survive.

Funeral services for Mr. Dester Stephens will be conducted Saturday,

September 5th at 1:00pm from the chapel of Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home, with Rev. Ricky Silvers officiating. Interment will follow in the Mount Zion Cemetery. Active pallbearers will include Tom Stephens, Ryan Corn, Robert Perkins, Brian Perkins, Jason Hudson, Alex Stephens, Jerry Mitchell, and Scott Crawford. The Stephens family will receive friends at Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home Friday evening from 6:00pm until 9:00pm.

Online condolences may be expressed and the guestbook signed at www.maxbrannonandsons.com. Family owned and operated Max Brannon and Sons Funeral Home is conducting the funeral services for Mr. Dester Stephens, age 86 of Resaca.

Tribute Wall

SS

“ I'm so sorry for everyone's loss. I only met him once and he was a very sweet man. My prayers are with this family.

shae swims - September 22, 2009 at 01:17 PM

BC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I know the pain you feel losing a parent, and grandparent. I hope that you can take comfort in knowing that he is with his Lord, and will never know any more pain or illness. May God comfort you during this time. Phyllis, I love you girl. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Brenda Cochran - September 05, 2009 at 09:04 AM

SB

“ Feel free to email me if you want. My prayers are with all of you.
Love Shirley

Shirley (Fluharty) Burns - September 04, 2009 at 06:41 PM

SB

“ Hey Guys I am so sorry for your loss. Your parents were a very big part of my life along with all of you.
You were MY LITTLE PEOPLE for some time, and I love it. My prayers are with you.
Take care and love each other LIFE IS SHORT. Love Shirley

Shirley (Fluharty) Burns - September 04, 2009 at 06:26 PM

RH

“ our thoughts & prayers are with the family.

Rickey & Wanda Harris - September 04, 2009 at 01:00 PM

BS

“ *Dester Stephens*

Becky Swann - September 04, 2009 at 12:53 PM

CC

“ *Im going to miss you so much.*

Carly Stephens Callahan - September 03, 2009 at 07:51 PM