



## Donald Stephens

February 26, 1934 - January 12, 2009

Donald C. Stephens, age 74 of Fort Collins, CO, died January 12, 2009 at Pathways Hospice Care Center in Loveland. An informal gathering will be held from 5 to 7pm Thursday at the Fort Collins Marriott Hotel, at 350 E. Horsetooth Rd. Donald Clyde Stephens was born February 26, 1934 in Shenandoah, Iowa to Clyde and Vera Stephens. He was baptized in the First Christian Church there. He lived most of his life in Shenandoah and married Karen Goodman on August 3, 1958 in Coin, Iowa. He served in the U.S. Army Infantry in Germany. He worked for a produce/creamery business and later as a bank officer in Shenandoah and moved his family to Fort Collins 18 years ago. It was here that Don most enjoyed his work; that as an 'at your service' representative for the Marriott Hotel. Don was active in the Masons Eastern Star and Kiwanis. He enjoyed gardening and was awarded "Yard of the month", on several occasions. He loved life and people and they loved him back. He also was known for his beautiful singing voice. Don is survived by his wife Karen; three children, David (and wife, Patricia) of Grand Island, NE, Dennis of Thornton, CO, and Karlene Stephens of Fort Collins; and three grandchildren, Natalie, Angus and Brent. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Eugene. The family requests that any memorial donations please be made to family's choice.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Stephens*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *I worked with Don at the Marriott. I'm just coming across his obituary now. Over 25 years later, he is still the nicest and kindest person I have ever met in my entire life, before and since. I just wanted you to know people still remember him, even ones that only had the fortune to know him a few years long ago. He made that much of an impact by being the soul that he was.*

**Tamara Hemphill** - October 19, 2021 at 09:24 PM



“ *Donnie, you are like a brother, part of the family. We have been seperated in distance but yet so close, as Donnie would say, "We love you guys". We have shared so many good times and have so many memories. You are going to be missed but know you are in a better place.*

*Love you,  
Clair & Sally*

**Clair & Sally Johnson** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Donnie was a terrific person. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Love, Chris and Kathy*

**Kathy Johnson** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ Karen Our thoughts are with you even tho we havent been in touch too much Love Betty

Betty& Gerald Inman - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ Sorry to hear about Donny. Would like to hear from you some time.

Harold Harvey - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ Donald Stephens

George O'Neal - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I have many pleasant memories of Donnie, Vera, Clyde. Donnie and I grew up together and had some great times around Shen. and at SHS. He always had a smile and a pleasant word for everyone. Karen and family--my deepest sympathy on husband and father's passing. I look forward to seeing him in the future when we can enjoy eternity together.

John McCracken - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. love and hugs, Sheri and Bruce

Sheri Lobmeyer - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Karen and family, we are sorry for your loss. We are thinking and remembering you in our prayers.

*Larry and Annie*

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**Larry and Annie Sowers** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Karen and family,  
I am so sorry to see that Donnie has passed away. My heart and thoughts are with all of you at this time. His happy smile and laugh will be missed by many.

*Kathy*

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**Kathy Harvey** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Dear Karen and Family

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all and want you to know how much we will miss Don. I will miss my morning hug each day that I come into work. Don was always waiting with a smile and we had some good conversations. George remembers the days also when he worked with Don at the Marriott, the early morning chats to start the day.*

*He touched alot of lives and has taken alot of love with him.  
May God give you strength at this time.*

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**Jean, George and Cody Taylor** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Karen and family, I have thought of you a lot in past years. Wondered how you had been. If only I had taken the time to call or write. I am very sorry for your loss. I hope that Donnie is at peace and you can be at peace also. I would very much like to hear from you and Dennis.  
I still think of you as "my in-laws". Please feel free to call or write anytime. With deepest sympathy,  
Barb(Smith) and Ken Gerdes

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**Barb & Ken Gerdes** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Karen, I was so sorry to hear about Donnie. We had lots of fun working together over the years. Lots of good memories. Hope you and your family are doing well. Our prayers are with you. Sue

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**Sue (Stoker) Spears** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Mrs Stephens, I want to tell you how sorry I am to hear of Mr Stephens passing. He was such a pleasant gentleman and always so friendly. It was my pleasure to transact his bank business. He always had mints for all of us at the bank. I know this is a hurtful time for you and your family. I know you have many memories to sustain you through this sorrowfull time and beyond. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy

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**Margie Landen** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Karen and family..I pray that God will give you eyes to see beyond the clouds of earth into the glory of heaven and the peace that comes from knowing that the one you love is there in HIS arms. In deepest sympathy for your sorrow, love karenann

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**Karenann Manley** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Ruth*

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**Ruth Keyes** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ *I knew Don from his years in banking, and he always asked "How are you doing?" Don genuinely cared about that answer too. He was one of the nicest people I have ever known. My sympathies to his family.*

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**Bill Johnson** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *Dear Karen  
I am so sorry for the loss of Don. You and the children are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. If you need anything, please let me know.*

*LaVon*

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**LaVon(pilkington)Brookhart** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ *Karlene, Karen and Family,  
I am very sorry for your loss. I have so many memories of Donnie from growing up in Shen. He was always so kind to me and always made me feel welcome in your home. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

*Laurie*

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**Laurie Jordan** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Karen & family, Was sorry to learn of the passing of Donnie. Donnie's parents and my folks were neighbors and visited. This was southwest of Shenandoah. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God grant you peace and comfort. Just take one day at a time.

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**Jane Foster** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ My thoughts are with you all at this difficult time. Remembering the good times will help to mend the bad.

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**Sandra Ardrey-Peavey** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficulty time. We will remember Donnie and his smile.

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**Barbara Cunningham** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts are with you.

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**Blake Sterzinger** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Karlene and family,  
I am sorry to hear about the loss of your father. He and your mom were always so nice to me when we were growing up. I hope that all has been well over the years....

Sincerely,  
Allison Lightfoot

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**Allison Lightfoot** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I grew up in Shenandoah as did Don. Saw him nearly weekly at Stewarts Produce and dealt with him while banking at City National Bank. A kinder gentleman will never grace this earth. To his loving family there are hundreds here at home who share in your sorrow. May God bless your wonderful memories of Donnie. He was a GEM.

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**Chuck Maxine** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ My family live in the same neighborhood as Donny. There was always a smile on his face and would always have something to say to you. Lots of good stories from the neighbor about him and his wonderful family.

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**David Christensen** - January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM