



Glenn Stephens

September 11, 1926 - February 8, 2010

Glenn was a fourth generation Coloradoan, born in Fort Collins, CO on September 11, 1926, and left to be with the Lord Jesus on February 8th, 2010. During the Great Depression years he grew up in Denver, Henderson, and Brighton. He and his brother Ernie would wait at the railroad refueling stop in Brighton to collect whatever coal had spilled by the boiler men so they could heat their home. Glenn graduated early from Brighton H.S. at age 17 to join the US Navy and serve his country at war. He was a Water Tender (Boiler Tech) on the USS Minneapolis CA-36, which earned 17 battle stars in the Pacific Theatre in WWII, the most of any ship in the war. Upon Japanese surrender Glenn stayed with the "Minnie" as occupation forces in Tsing Tao China. After the war Glenn worked as a ranch cowboy on shipmate Bill Morris' ranch in Kerrville, TX. Following that he attended the Colorado School of Trades and graduated as a licensed gunsmith. In addition he obtained his private pilot license and partnered with Ovid Bloom and Harley King to purchase a plane and head to Alaska for a ten year series of adventures. During his years in Alaska, Glenn called Cordova home. He worked on commercial fishing boats; hunted Alaska Coastal Brown Bear; flew their plane in the bush on predator control; served in the Fish and Game Service patrolling Prince William Sound; along with US Marshall duty. He married Lorraine Helen Zell on January 19, 1957 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Denver Colorado. They spent a year in Cordova before moving back to Colorado, making their home in Fort Collins, CO, with a short stay in Waverly

Iowa to be near Lorraine's family while son Brian was born in October 1959. Upon return to Colorado, Glenn worked for Graves Dairy in LaPorte, CO. About the time daughter Linda Kay (Clancy) Stephens was born in Fort Collins in February of 1962, Glenn went to work as a machinist for Woodward Governor Company in Fort Collins, where he worked for 24 years until his retirement in 1985. Glenn worked dry placer gold claims near Quartzite, AZ, bringing numerous friends and family along to share the adventure. He continued to be an avid hunter and supplied the family table with venison. Some fun family times were spent taking jeep trails to explore old ghost towns, fishing, hunting, camping, and rock hunting in Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah. For forty years Glenn owned the Rolling Hills Gun Shop and was known in the area as a premier custom gun maker. His interests included muzzle loading rifles, and he made his own "possibles" and elk hide "buckskins". He formed the "Overland Trail Fur Company" mountain man outfit in the early 1970's, participating in shooting events and rendezvous', winning first place in the Beecher Island muzzleloader shoot one year. He machined a special English Musket Cap nipple for better ignition than standard percussion caps, eliminating miss-fires. He simply gave his invention to Thompson Center Arms. As an avid student of history and pilot, Glenn had a deep interest in the air war in Europe in WWII. He took writing classes at Colorado State University, where he was one of the only students to have his first effort at writing published in a magazine. After years of research his first book, titled "Krieges, Caterpillars, and Lucky Bastards", was published, and told the stories of the pilots and airmen that served in the 8th Air Force Bomb Group. Glenn's second book, "Faces and Phases" of the USS Minneapolis, was dedicated to the men that served aboard the Minnie. All proceeds from the sale of the book went to the 'Sunshine Fund' he set up to help shipmates in need. For many years Glenn served as Secretary of the USS Minneapolis Association, publishing a monthly newsletter, organizing reunions, sought out "lost" shipmates, and helped many men receive medals and awards due them but somehow never awarded. Photography was another skill Glenn excelled

at, and a picture he took of a newly hatched gosling in Alaska in 1952 won a local photo contest in the 1990's. Glenn was well liked and well loved by all that knew him, known for serving others and putting their needs before his own. He selflessly cared for Lorraine for 12 years while she was invalid from a paralyzing stroke. He worked grueling hours and conditions for low pay at Woodward to provide for his family and allow his children to have greater opportunities than he had. He passed on timeless conservative Christian principles to his family and friends: honesty, integrity, strong work ethic, honor, your word is your bond, service to others, taking care of your property, not being wasteful, and take care of others property better than your own. Glenn was preceded in death by his wife Lorraine and brother Ernie, and sisters Patricia and Eileen; and is survived by son Brian Stephens, and wife Danielle, of Loveland, CO; daughter Linda Clancy, and husband Skip, of Loveland; grandson SSgt Brandon E. Kama'i serving in the US Air Force in Okinawa, Japan; granddaughter Shea Stephens of Ewa Beach, HI; step grandchildren Stacey and Jake Doherty of Loveland; beloved nieces Cherie Mock, and husband Ed, and son and daughter Steve and Rebecca Richman of Parker CO; Carolyn Canestrini, husband Rich, and son Greg, of Rock Springs WY; nephew Steve Stephens, wife Diana, and sons Shane and Patrick, of Dillon, CO; and niece Lynette Swain. Also loved ones left behind are Glenn's best friend and brother Tony Jimenez of Cheyenne, WY; special lady friend Dorothy Spencer, currently residing in Wisconsin; good neighbors Sally McClellan, Marie Gulyas, and many others from Casa Grande Condominiums who did so much to help Glenn with many daily tasks. Glenn wishes are to be placed in a plain pine wood casket, and will be interred at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver, CO, on Tuesday February 16th approximately 1 pm, joining wife Lorraine, who is already waiting for him there. A viewing will take place at Goes Funeral Care in Fort Collins on Sunday February 14th from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Funeral Services will be held at Peace with Christ Lutheran Church in Fort Collins on Monday February 15th at 11:00 am followed by a

luncheon. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting contributions be made to the Glenn Stephens Memorial Fund.

Tribute Wall



“ *Glenn Stephens*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Steve and Diana - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Linda and family-sorry to hear about your Dad. He was a really neat man with a kind way about him. Truly.*

Ken Crockett - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Linda,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you!

Becky Werner - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *It was an honor and a pleasure to have you as part of our family. Growing up, your stories of adventure were fascinating. It was always great to see you on your visits back to Iowa.*

Tom, Stacy & Zachary Bohle - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WC

“Glen was always my favorite cousin on the Salyers side of the family. I lost track of Glen for many years after we moved to California. We finally got in touch in 1988. He and Loraine visited us on several occasions when he came out to California for his ship reunions. My sister Sandra and I were able to visit Glen last September. He will be missed by me as we usually kept in touch by email. I know he will be missed greatly by his family he was always a great cousin and friend. Bill

William C.Marks - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LC

“My Father became my very best buddy in many ways. We loved to garden, go to the shooting range, watch John Wayne movies or any other western. Dad & I liked to grow tomatoes in our gardens and this last year his crop was so much better than ours, so he made his famous tomatoe preserves that really kicked butt. My Dad taught me courage and he also taught me the fine ways of handling a muzzle loader and some other rifles to prepare me for future Elk hunting. He was also my biggest Cheerleader by encouraging me to get through Nursing school. He knew how much my schooling meant to me and although he won't be around to see me graduate, I will finish with flying colors with my Dad looking down on me at which time, he will smile because I finally finished something that I started. "Dad I talked to you every day and I'm going to miss you terribly now that you are gone." I love you Daddy and I want to thank you for everything you did for me in my life.

Linda (Stephens) Clancy - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Dear Family,
We had the pleasure of working with Glenn when he was on the Casa Grande Board of Directors. He always had a sense of humor and was wise and knowledgeable.
Glenn was a good man who was blessed with a wonderful family and our hearts are with you in this difficult time.

Drew and Cindy Williamson - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ It is hard to say goodbye to another perfect example of our "greatest generation!" There are so few left who exemplify what is best about America like Glenn did!

Jeff&Debb Brown - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Dad was extremely talented and excelled at any challenge or endeavor he took on. He never tooted his own horn, but he did so much for so many, and he was wealthy with friendships all over this land, positively touching so many people. The nurses that cared for dad in his final weeks all agreed that he was their favorite, and that he was such a sweetheart and easy to care for, as he was so grateful and not demanding. He was a giant of a man in my eyes and extremely tough. He taught me a lot and how to be a man of honor, integrity, and service. The way he touched our lives and the characteristics he passed on to us will allow him to live on with us on earth, while he's huntin' and fishin' up in the mansion room the Lord prepared for him.

Brian Stephens - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Linda and Brian,

Please accept our heartfelt sympathies in the death of your father. We have fond memories of fun times with Glenn and Lorraine over the years. They were a great example of a loving couple in our lives. We enjoyed seeing Glenn recently. Our thought and prayers are with you.

*Love,
Marion & Dave*

Dave Baumgartner - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Glenn will be missed by all of us.*

Mark and Becky Bohle - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Glenn was my Aunt Gertie's son. We moved to Calif as young kids, but through the years we kept in touch with Glenn. My brother Bill and I made a trip to Colorado this past September and we went to Fort Collins to visit Glenn and I am so happy we made that trip. We had a wonderful visit. Glenn was a very wonderful person, who took such good care of his wife Lorraine, who was a lovely woman. I would like to express my sincere sympathy to his children. He will be missed greatly.*

Sandra (Marks) Toon - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Linda,

Thoughts and prayers are with you and yours. Your father was always so kind and welcoming to me. As I read more about him, I learned how he led a fascinating life exhibiting so many wonderful attributes which I see in you and know you will continue to carry with you. I hope you can find comfort in His love surrounding you during this difficult time.

*Blessings,
Sherri*

Sherri Willocks - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *My beloved Uncle Glenn:*

You set an example for our entire family - one that includes the highest integrity, honesty, loyalty, commitment to excellence, and loving kindness. You always answered the phone with a voice of happy optimism, and the same happy voice greeted us when you appeared at the door. You were a good man. I will miss you so very much. You were my hero and guiding light, my surrogate father when I was a child, and always, always my loving Uncle. I love you, Uncle Glenn. I love you. Now you are at peace.

Cherie P. Mock - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM