



Keith M. "Bobcat" Stephens

August 22, 1938 - April 29, 2016

Keith M. Stephens, also known by many as "Bobcat," 77, of Jackson, Missouri joined his heavenly family after a courageous battle with cancer Friday, April 29, 2016 at his home near Fruitland, Missouri.

He was born August 22, 1938 in McGee, Missouri, to Oren Glen and Thelma Rodgers Stephens.

He and Patricia "Pat" Purcell Stephens were married September 16, 1961 at Vacaville, California. Keith proudly served his country from May, 1957 to May, 1961 in the United States Airforce, and was stationed at Travis Airforce Base in Fairfield, California.

He was a very active member of First Baptist Church of Jackson, where he served as deacon for more than 30 years. He loved to greet people, and many times would be the first one to give you a smile and handshake as you entered church.

Keith worked for Midwest Sterilization in Jackson for 18 years in maintenance - "jack of all trades."

After retirement he worked part-time for B&B Door as a delivery driver for several years.

He had a real passion for fishing, restoring his 65 Ford pickup truck and drag

racing. As a young man he was on a drag racing team several years. He was also a good softball player in his day, both fast-pitch, and slow-pitch. He loved his family and church family very much, and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia "Pat" Stephens of Jackson, MO; daughter, Rebekah (James Matthew) Manwarring of St. Louis, MO; brother, Gary (Barbara) Stephens of Harvester, MO; sister, Jean (Rev. Ray) Placher of Puxico, MO; granddaughters, Karly Patrice, and Stevie Jean Manwarring of St. Louis MO and his faithful dog, Pepper.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his son, Keith Alan Stephens.

Visitation will be from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, 2016 at Ford and Sons Funeral Home in Jackson, MO

Funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. Monday May 2, 2016 at Ford and Sons Funeral Home in Jackson, MO with the Rev. Lucas Clabough and the Rev. Ray Placher officiating.

Burial will be at Brown Church Cemetery in Puxico, MO at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to First Baptist Church Jackson Building Fund or Brown Church Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Jackson
708 W. Main Street
Jackson, MO 63755
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info@fordandsonsfuneralhome.com
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Service

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I would see Keith almost every day at D-Mart. He was always very nice and friendly. My sympathy goes out to the family.

Kathy Nicholas - May 19, 2016 at 04:34 PM

BF

“ Pat, so sorry for your loss, keeping you and your family in my prayers.

Barbara Farrar

Barbara Farrar - May 03, 2016 at 12:13 AM

SV

“ Our thoughts are with you and your family during this time. We are here for you if you need anything.

Staff and Residents of Fountain View - May 02, 2016 at 08:47 AM

JS

“ Praying for you and your family.

Jim and Vicki Schuette - May 01, 2016 at 07:01 PM

SB

“ Sorry I can't make it up for the visitation or funeral. Just wanted to let you all know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sharon Ballew

Sharon Ballew - May 01, 2016 at 04:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Keith M. "Bobcat" Stephens.



April 30, 2016 at 06:18 PM