



# Lonnie Edward Stephens

October 14, 1964 - December 5, 2024

Lonnie Edward Stephens, born on October 14th, 1964, in Charleston, SC, passed away on December 5th, 2024, after a seven-year battle with cancer. He was the beloved son of Peggy and Lonnie R. Stephens and proud brother to Elisa Randall-Stephens.

As a child, Lonnie cherished his parents dearly and loved to play in the sand. Lonnie answered the call of duty and joined the Navy after graduating from Northeast Jones High School in 1983, where he served as a patriot for twenty-three years serving in both Persian Gulf Wars and retired as a Chief Petty Officer (GMC). He continued serving his country by working for the US Department of Defense as a civilian until his passing. Lonnie was a proud patriot and served his country with honor and dignity.

After retiring from military service, Lonnie became an active member of the Laurel Community. As a proud and active congregant of Pleasant Home Baptist Church, Lonnie helped organize various events and activities. One of his most beloved activities was teaching others how to properly handle and maintain firearms as a certified National Rifle Association instructor. Lonnie also enjoyed motorcycle rides and American History.

Lonnie mentored many as a Den Leader and Scout Master for the Boy Scouts of America. Lonnie's mentorship has touched many and continues to inspire

generations today. Both of Lonnie's sons, Jacob and Jarrett, became proud Eagle Scouts with their father's guidance.

Lonnie is survived by his loving wife of over forty years Judy Stephens, his sons Jacob Stephens (Sarah) and Jarrett Stephens (Haley), as well as his mother Peggy Stephens and sister Elisa Randall-Stephens (Robbie).

Lonnie is preceded in death and met with open arms by his father Lonnie R. Stephens and grandparents.

In lieu of flowers, in honor of Lonnie, the family is asking for donations for Prostate Cancer Foundation or American Cancer Society.

Visitation will be held at Memory Chapel at North Laurel Wednesday December 11th, 2024 from 9:00 – 11:00 followed by graveside service at Sharon Cemetery at 11:00.

Pall Bearers: Jacob Stephens, Jarrett Stephens, Chris Loftin, Chris Kenny, Eric Kenny, Chris Arrington, and Herschel Mims

To sign the online guestbook, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home  
3100 Audubon Drive  
P. O. Box 674  
Laurel, MS 39440  
(601) 428-5235  
memorychapel@comcast.net  
<https://www.memorychapel laurel.com/>

## Graveside Service

DEC 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sharon Cemetery  
4375 Sharon Road  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Lonnie always represented his faith, family, and the Navy with distinction. Everyone that interacted with him as an armory manager knew him to be unmatched in his knowledge of crew-served weapons. He was always the first to volunteer and lend a hand to others. His contributions will live on for many years to come. We are diminished.*

Nick Peters - December 24, 2024 at 01:56 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Brad Sanders - December 16, 2024 at 01:53 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lonnie Edward Stephens.*

December 10, 2024 at 10:16 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lonnie Edward Stephens.*



December 10, 2024 at 10:16 PM

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“ *Jessi and Alec Pearson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lonnie Edward Stephens.*

Jessi and Alec Pearson - December 10, 2024 at 08:13 AM

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“ *Jessi and Alec Pearson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lonnie Edward Stephens.*



Jessi and Alec Pearson - December 10, 2024 at 08:13 AM

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“ *Alan, Christy and Nicole Magerkurth purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Lonnie Edward Stephens.*



Alan, Christy and Nicole Magerkurth - December 10, 2024 at 06:08 AM

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“ *1 file added to the album Lonnie E Stephens*



Jacob Stephens - December 10, 2024 at 12:19 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lonnie Edward Stephens.

December 09, 2024 at 07:03 PM



“ *Guy Family*  
We are so very sorry to hear of Mr. Roland's passing... He did business with so many...He will be miss by many friends and family. Please know we are praying for you and all the family. May God bless and keep you and give you comfort in your time of loss.  
Charles & Phyllis Daughdrill  
Ashley Daughdrill & Chris Holifield

Phyllis Daughdrill - December 08, 2024 at 01:38 PM



“ A great man. A leader. He will be missed by many, but so thankful I had the opportunity to know him. I thank him for the time and dedication he had for my son. I look forward to seeing him again without pain and suffering in our forever home with our savior. Prayers for all of his family.



LaDonna - December 07, 2024 at 09:33 PM