



Robert "Bobby" Stephens

October 26, 1947 - April 5, 2026

Funeral service for Robert "Bobby" Stephens, 78, of Piedmont will be Wednesday, April 08, 2026 at 2:00 P.M. at Thompson Funeral Home with Dr. Michael Burgess officiating. Burial with masonic graveside rites will follow at Piedmont Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. until time of the service. Mr. Stephens passed away Sunday, April 05, 2026 at Gadsden RMC. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Charlene Stephens of Piedmont; son, Scott Stephens (Aimee) of Piedmont; grandson, Wade Stephens of Piedmont; and a brother, Mike "Cathead" Kines of Piedmont. Pallbearers will be Scott Stewart, Wade Stephens, Derrick Harbour, Carl Parker, Robert Holbrook, and Lance Pope. Honorary Pallbearers will be Lozahatchee Lodge 97 F & AM. Mr. Stephens was a lifelong resident of Piedmont and was a member of Piedmont First United Methodist Church. Bobby was a veteran of the United States Navy where he served his country on the USS Forrestal CVA-59 which was the first super carrier and he was also a part of the West Pac deployment in 1967. Bobby also served a tour in Vietnam. He was a member of the Lozahatchee Lodge 97 F & AM in Piedmont, VFW, and American Legion Post 98. He enjoyed working in his yard, spending time with his grandson, who was his pride and joy, and visiting with friends. Bobby had over 20 years experience in the field of radiation safety and environmental health physics. He was the manager of the Radiation Protection Program at Anniston Army Depot before joining the staff of Bradley Radiological Laboratories, U.S. Army Chemical School, as a

certified instructor and Level 1 Radiation Protection Officer. He was director of the Bradley Laboratories and Course Manager for the Radiological Safety Course, Operational Radiation Safety, Calibrator Custodian Course, Chemical Officers Basic and Advance Courses (Rad) and courses for the On-site Inspection Agency. Upon his retirement in May 1999, he joined EAI Corporation as a Radiological instructor and consultant. Mr. Stephens was preceded in death by his mother, Minnie Dean Kines and father, Leon Stephens. The family will accept flowers or memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist church Piedmont, 300 N. Main St., Piedmont, AL 36272.

Cemetery Details

Piedmont Memory Gardens

236 Vigo Road
Piedmont, AL 36272

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

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Tribute Wall

MP

“ Bob was already aboard Forrestal when I reported aboard. He was the first sailor I got to know well. It may be because of his Ala accent and my Ga accent. In between plane recovery we listened to country music records. He was on flight deck when first bomb exploded it was a 1,000 pounder. I was glad to see and to talk with him at the 30 th. reunion in Tunica, Ms. in 97. I am Mike Popwell and retired from Navy in 1980. Bob was an excellent sailor.

Mike Popwell - April 18 at 04:11 PM

CF

“ Connie Frost lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Stephens



Connie Frost - April 06 at 08:49 PM

RM

“ Renee Morgan lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bobby" Stephens



Renee Morgan - April 06 at 04:59 PM

PS

“ Ill sure miss seeing Bobby drive by my house every day for years going to see his son and grandson. He would always throw his hat up to me when passing when im out in the yard. Bobby was such a good man. Prayers for Charlene and his family. God bless

Pat Smith - April 06 at 03:57 PM