



## Douglas R Stephens

October 26, 1940 - August 14, 2019

Douglas R. Stephens went to be with the Lord on the morning of Wednesday, August 14th, 2019, at the Villages of Jackson Creek in Independence, Missouri.

He was born in Salem, Missouri on October 26, 1940 to parents, Rudolph and Myrtle (Shelton) Stephens. He married his high school sweetheart, Patricia Mentzel in 1960.

He served in the U.S. Navy for four years in Newfoundland, Canada and Jacksonville, Florida as an air traffic controller. They had two daughters, Lauree and Lisa. After serving in the military, he later divorced, then drove for Texaco hauling gasoline, and for Consolidated Freight for a few years, and later started and ran a roofing company that he later retired from. He always kept busy.

He played the guitar, banjo and ukulele, and loved playing music and singing sessions with his family and friends and even recorded a 45 record. He enjoyed bowling, woodcutting and the outdoors.

He loved the Lord and was a devout Christian, spreading the Gospel of Christ to all.

Douglas always surrounded himself with family. His love for his family and the Lord was immeasurable.

He is survived: by his ex-wife, Patricia of Morristown, Tennessee, two daughters, Lauree of Grain Valley, Missouri and Lisa of Independence, Missouri, and seven grandchildren, Melissa, Douglas, Christopher, Eric, Tara,

Tyler and Ryan, three great grandchildren, Oliver, Gracelyn and Nora, and his sister, Fern of Highland, Missouri.

He is preceded in death by: sisters Ester, Elsie, Joyce and baby-brother Mark. Funeral is scheduled for 1:00 P.M., Friday, August 23rd, 2019 at James & Gahr Mortuary with visitation from 11:00 a.m. until service time. Burial will be at New Hope Cemetery, Salem, Missouri with full Military Honors.

# Cemetery Details

## New Hope Cemetery

Salem, MO 65560

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 23.** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem  
103 West Center  
Salem, MO 65560  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Douglas R Stephens*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Douglas R Stephens*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *To the Stephens family :*

*I only knew your loved one for a short time and had just recently met Lisa and Lori at the Villages Of Jackson Creek but Douglas as I called him was a very funny and caring man. He was a lot like my dad used to be. Sometimes when you have a loved one in memory care as my mom Glenda currently is some days are very hard. Lisa and Lori one day your dad made me laugh so hard when Patricia who also lives at the Villages was singing and your dad sat at the same table as she did and Patricia kept doing her version of singing and your dad said to her with his colorful language to shut the \_\_\_\_\_ up ! But right after he said that he started to hum his song. I know that he will be missed at The Villages. Your family will be in my prayers.*

*Sincerely,*

*Tammie & Glenda*

**TAMMIE LANCE** - August 24, 2019 at 01:09 AM

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“ *My Grandpa was one of a kind and if you had the pleasure of meeting him, you'd never forget it. He was tough as nails and loved his family deeply. He will be missed.*

*Douglas*

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**Douglas** - August 23, 2019 at 12:41 AM