



James Junior Stephens

January 10, 1933 - January 11, 2016

James Junior Stephens (Steve) passed away in his sleep the morning of January 11, 2016 in Salem, Oregon at the age of 83.

He was born in Rocky Ford, Colorado to James William and Dophia Delphia Westerman Stephens on January 10, 1933. He moved to Adrian, Oregon when he was 8 years old with his parents and older brother, Delbert. He joined the Navy at 17 in Idaho and spent 3 years serving aboard the U.S.S. Windham Bay. While still serving in the Navy, he married his high school sweetheart, Betty Lou Jarvis in Alameda, California in 1953.

After leaving the service, Jim and Betty moved back to Oregon and started a family. First they had a son, John Michael in 1955 and then a daughter, Julia Mae in 1957. The family lived in Corvallis, Oregon for many years before moving to California and Idaho, each time returning to Oregon. They finally settled in Philomath, Oregon in 1982. Jim worked as a carpenter, construction foreman, general contractor and rebar estimator during his lifetime.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, building, painting, photography, sports and gardening.

Jim was preceded in death by his brother in 1983, his father in 1986, his mother in 2001 and his wife in 2005 after 51 years of marriage. He is survived by his son John (Lori) Stephens and his daughter Julia (Mike) Johnson, two grandchildren, Christopher and Caitlin, and 6 nieces and nephews.

Private family services will be held. His ashes will join his wife's in Owyhee Cemetery in Nyssa, Oregon later this year.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the American Heart Association, sent in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 NW 5th St, Corvallis, OR 97330.