

## Mark A. Stephens,, Sr.

November 4, 1953 - April 4, 2016

Fripp Island, SC—Funeral Services for Mr. Mark Alan Stephens, Sr., 62, of Fripp Island, SC, who passed away peacefully into the arms of his Savior on April 4, 2016, after a valiant battle with pancreatic cancer, will be conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the First Baptist Church of North Augusta. Private Family Interment in Pineview Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Stephens was a native of North Augusta, a former resident of Atlanta and Charlotte, having recently made Fripp Island his home. He was a member of Ballantyne Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, NC. Mr. Stephens' career in the oil industry began as President and COO of Charter Triad Terminals, followed by service at Kinder Morgan, then becoming Tank Division Manager with FHG, Inc., where he retired as a Consultant and Chaplain. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas J. and Ethelyn Shuford Stephens and a brother, Alva Stephens. A loving husband, daddy, papa and friend, Mark lived his life for his family and the people around him, living out his life verse, "He must increase, but I must decrease"(John 3:30).

Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Linda Timmerman Stephens; a son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Michelle Stephens, Atlanta; a daughter and son-in-law, Livia and Brandon Auten, Columbia; four grandchildren, Gray Auten, Cohen Auten, Noah Stephens and Braden Stephens; two brothers, Ted Stephens and Gerald (Susan) Stephens, all of North Augusta; a sister, Donna

Stephens, North Augusta; a sister-in-law, Dawn Stephens, Evans; many nieces and nephews.

Active Pallbearers will be Ted Stephens, Gerald Stephens, Ian Stephens, Shuford Stephens, Nathanael Stephens, Doug Tice, Douglas Tice, Benjamin Tice, Benjamin Timmerman, DDS, Clayton Timmerman, David Timmerman and Greg Shuford. Honorary Pallbearers will be John Murdock, Roy Smith, Barry O'Neill, Robb Adams, Jack Alexander, Clay Boardman, Gary Williams, Jay Letchworth, Reggie Williams, Ben Wright, Dan Wray, Ben Wilson and Josh Baker.

The family will receive friends at the church from 12 noon until the hour of the service.

Memorials may be made to Camp Hope, 7011 Pony Lake Road, Dahlonega, GA 30533.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803-278-1181). Visit the registry at [www.poseycares.com](http://www.poseycares.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Pineview Memorial Gardens

450 West Five Notch Road  
North Augusta, SC 29841

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 12. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of North Augusta  
602 Georgia Ave  
North Augusta, SC

## Service

APR 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Mark A. Stephens,, Sr.



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**Posey Funeral Directors** - April 11, 2016 at 10:24 AM



“ Mark A. Stephens,, Sr.

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October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ Mark A. Stephens,, Sr.

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September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM

GS

“ Linda, Livia & Little Mark,  
We are so sorry for your loss. I was shocked when I received this.  
Mark was a good boss, friend and family man. He will be missed  
by many because he had a big heart. I will remember always the  
time  
we shared in front of the Stephens family television together. He  
took  
me in not just as an employee but as a friend. Our hearts and most  
of all our prayers are with you. We love you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Gary, Marleene,  
Cameron, Holden, Jadin, Lexan.  
The Schneider Family

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Gary R Schneider - May 09, 2016 at 12:01 PM

TF

“ Linda, Livia & Brandon, Mark & Michelle, Aunt  
Eusteen, Tim & Andrea, Kellie & Doug,  
We were so sad to hear about Mark passing.  
He had such a gentle sweet spirit about him  
that was admired and respected by everyone  
who had the pleasure of knowing him.  
He will be missed greatly. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.  
With Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy,  
Marie, Phillip, Kristy,  
Kayla, Kendra, Kyle Pruitte



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The Pruitte Family - April 19, 2016 at 11:47 AM

DS

“ Linda very sorry to learn of Mark's passing. Mark was that person  
who never meet a stranger. Mark left his mark on this earth and in  
our hearts, he will never be forgotten!

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Debra Smith - April 12, 2016 at 03:55 PM

DL

“ Linda,  
So very sorry to hear of Mark's passing. Will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.  
With Deepest Sympathy,  
Dena Long  
Traditions In Tile

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**Dena Lonf** - April 12, 2016 at 07:56 AM

PR

“ 'Cuz' Mark was always there for me. Starting with Marvin's death, Cathy's, Mama's and Bunk's. He was a ray of sunshine whenever he was around. God Bless his family. With all my love, Peggy Rachels



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**Peggy Rachels** - April 11, 2016 at 05:31 PM

RW

“ I had the honor of knowing Mark thru Charter Oil Company. I was a senior operator for Colonial Pipeline Company and we were the shipper for Charter Oil Company, all of my business dealings with Mark were always above board and his word was his bond. Mark will be missed.

*Bob Weldon*

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**Robert Weldon** - April 11, 2016 at 11:57 AM

LC

“ I met Mark in 2005 and instantly thought that this guy would be a great person to get to know and to have as a friend. Fortunately for me I did get to know him and we did become friends. His calmness, his never ending smile, the way he could comfort you, his love of GOD and family, his sense of humor and how he could make you feel at piece are just a few of the things I will never forget. In an 18 month period between 2013 and 2014 my wife and I helped to take care of and lost 5 family members and 2 very close friends. It was the most challenging thing the 2 of us had ever had to go thru and very hard to cope with physically and mentally. Mark is the person I turned to for guidance, strength and support and without him I often wonder how we would have made it. He was always there for you no matter what.

I loved him as a dear friend and his presence will always be felt by me and everyone he ever had contact with. Mark said something to me once that is so fitting for him. Life is a gift to you. The way you live your life is the gift to those you leave behind and to the ones that come after you.

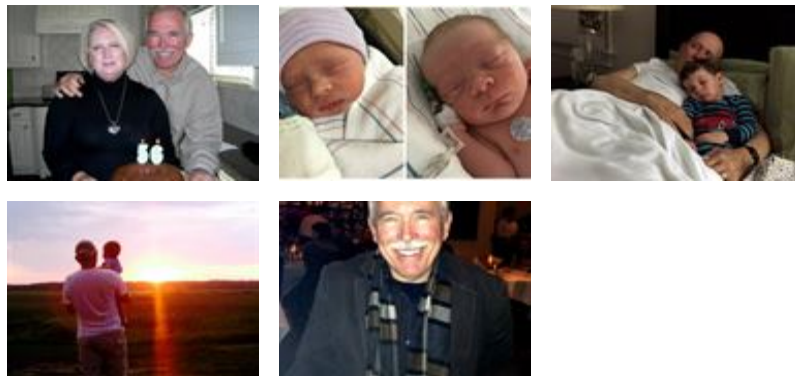
Larry Catlett

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Larry Catlett - April 11, 2016 at 09:58 AM



“ 35 files added to the album Life Tributes



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Posey Funeral Directors - April 10, 2016 at 02:11 PM

SS

“ Mark will be missed by everyone that knew him. When my son Robbie Gay was young, Mark was his Sunday School teacher at Bethany. He made such an impression on a young man's life. The whole Stephens family walked the walk and talked the talk. I am sure Mark and Robbie will "run" into each other in their Heavenly home.

*Rob passed away from cancer in 2011.*

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**Sharon & Bobby Sims** - April 10, 2016 at 08:30 AM

RM

“ I had the pleasure of working with Mark and learned a lot about his faith in Christ and how much he loved his family. When he told a story it's like you were there. My favorite story is when he was a young man and went to a golf/resort with a friend. The first night they got there Mark and his buddy slipped out of the room and went out to the golf course lake and went diving for golf balls. They got a good amount and went back to the room. The next morning they woke up and found his buddy's family standing in front of the lake they were diving in. They asked "hey what are ya'll looking at? They all pointed and said Alligators !!! ☐ We will all miss you Mark. - Robert E McKinley

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**Robert E. McKinley** - April 08, 2016 at 08:21 AM

JD

“ Mark had a nifty sense of humor and told me one of the funniest stories I've ever heard ... because he said it was true. When Mark Jr. was young and in school, Mark was summoned to school to meet with his teacher. She told Mark that the boy had used bad language in class. Mark Sr. asked what he'd said, and when the teacher told him, he thought it was funny. The teacher said that the youngster had been calling a road he was talking about "the damn road". Mark said he informed her that they had a lake on the farm, and a dam forming the lake, and a road going to the dam. The family all called it "the dam road". No N.

Mark had a good smile and a big grin. One morning I told him about going home and getting behind and grumbling to myself about the old guy going so slow. When I passed him, he wasn't any older than me. Then I got behind another slow poke and grumbled about why the old bald headed jerk didn't go on, and when I passed, he didn't have any less hair than me. Mark smiled really big and laughed and said, "John, be honest. Both of them were going the speed limit, weren't they." Of course they were.

Mark is sorta like the Cheshire Cat in Alice in Wonderland. He disappeared, but his smile didn't. As long as we remember it.

John Dalton

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John Dalton - April 07, 2016 at 08:07 PM

JB

“ I had the pleasure of working for Mark for a brief time until he moved along within the company. I've never been drawn to someone as quickly as I was to him. He had a contagious smile and you could tell that he sincerely cared about his employees. I never saw him take a meal without giving thanks. A man of faith who walked the walk. The world is truly a little sadder place without him.

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Jason Brock - April 07, 2016 at 10:45 AM

SS

“ The year was 1993 the first time I met Mark, the first day I knew this would be a good guy to work for, and right I was, Mark, Ms.linda and family even opened their house and fish pond up for us. That would be the beginning of a great friendship both working for and then with him. He was also a great inspiration, my heart is broke. May the family continue to be Blessed.

Stan Smith

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Stan Smith - April 07, 2016 at 08:17 AM

WN

“ I only had the honor of calling Mark my friend for twelve years, although the first time we meant it felt like we had known each other all our lives. I value the friendship we shared, our time working and talking together and the life model he leaves behind as example for me to follow. He was family man, a friend, a southern gentleman and a man of GOD. I have no doubt that Mark was greeted in Heaven with these words from Matthew 25:13 The master said, “Well done, my good and faithful servant.” And as the poem “Should You Go First and I Remain” says “memory is one gift of God that death cannot destroy.” My wife and I will always remember our friend Mark.

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Wayne Nash - April 06, 2016 at 07:28 PM

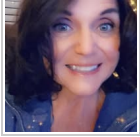
 John  
Kiser

“ I was fortunate enough to work with Mark. The first time I met Mark, it was instantly apparent how important God was to him. It was also obvious that employees, their lives, and their families were a priority to him.

Although his passing is a blow, I can smile thinking about his big grin up there in Heaven.

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John Kiser - April 06, 2016 at 05:47 PM



“ We love you Mr. Mark! We were given the best gift when you and Ms. Linda came into our family lives. We will cherish the memories, the lessons in life, the guidance and your incredible smile. Until we meet again in Heaven!



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**Peggy Haun-Franken** - April 05, 2016 at 04:56 PM