



Mr. Thomas Lewis Stephens

January 9, 1923 - September 22, 2014

Funeral services for Mr. Thomas Lewis Stephens, 91, of El Dorado, Arkansas formerly of Gary, Texas will be 2:00 p.m. Friday September 26, 2014 at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dale Walker and Dr. P.A. DuBose officiating. Burial will follow in the Gary Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Family visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m. Thursday night at the funeral home. Mr. Stephens died September 22, 2014 in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Mr. Thomas Lewis Stephens was born January 9, 1923 in Houston, Texas. His parents were Lewis and Dewise Kuhn Stephens. He was raised and schooled in Houston graduating from Austin High School. Mr. Stephens served his country through the U.S. Navy. He married Ida Laird and together they celebrated years of marriage. Lewis worked for United Gas over 25 years. He served in Rotary International in Houston and served as past president in Carthage, Texas. He loved camping, tinkering and could fix most anything. Mr. Stephens was a member of the Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in El Dorado, Arkansas. He is preceded in death by his parents, and step father, Slim Shelton, sister, Vivian Scovel and son, Tommy Stephens.

Mr. Stephens is survived by his devoted wife, Ida Stephens of El Dorado, AR, daughter, Gay Cunningham and husband Mark of El Dorado, AR, sister, Frances Lively of Houston, grandchildren, Sterling and Jennifer Claypoole of El Dorado, AR, Melissa Czeschin of Mountain Home, AR, Sara and Adam Gardner of New Bruansful, great grandchildren, Brennan and Bradley

Claypoole, Haley and Trey Czeschin, nieces and nephews, Mary Scovel, David Scovel, Annelle Graham and Troy Lively all of Houston, Charlie Taylor of Leona, Lou Taylor of Carthage, special friends, Al and Mary Partin, F.G. and Gail Burns and Lee and Nancy Beal, other relatives, and a host of friends. Serving as pallbearers will be Troy Lively, Adam Gardner, Dean Hopkins, Johnny Woodfin, Robert Williams, Sidney Burns, honorary pallbearers will be Al Partin, F.G. Burns and Lee Beal.

Cemetery Details

Gary Cemetery

176 Bobcat Trail
Gary, TX 75643

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

SEP **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel
307 W Wellington St.
Carthage, Tx

Tribute Wall

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“ *I have only now learned of his passing.
Enjoyed very much visiting with him as I was
working in my yard and he was driving by.
Always so positive about life.
My sincere sympathy to Ida and Gay and his
extended family.*

Harvey Saxelid

Harvey Saxelid - December 22, 2014 at 11:04 AM



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“ *Hello Ida,
So sad to hear about Lewis. It just so happens I was thinking of you
and him just last week. He meant so much to me in so many ways.
He was so supportive of my membership and service as president
in the Rotary Club. He let Ute and I catch catfish and ended up
catching them all. But he did not mind. I remember also a few trips
we made together to visit other Rotary clubs.
We are praying for you and God bless you.
Jack Hardy*

Jack Hardy - October 05, 2014 at 08:35 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the
family of Mr. Thomas Lewis Stephens.*



September 24, 2014 at 02:28 PM

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“ *Ida and Gay, My last and sweet memory of Lewis was the first night I was out in public after my dreadful fall. We were eating at Flying Burger when your family arrived. He made a special effort to come back over to our table and tell me that you (Ida) had told him about my fall. With loving words he explained how he cared for us. That will always be how I see Mr. Stephens, "as a man who went beyond his duty to bring cheer to others". No doubt you will miss this valuable member of your family who loved to make you happy as well. We both send our sympathy and are praying for God's extra strength as you travel this difficult journey of grief and loss.*

*With Heartfelt Love and Sympathy,
Cliff and Nettia Hale*

Clifton and Nettia Hale - September 23, 2014 at 11:51 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Lewis Stephens.*



September 23, 2014 at 10:50 PM