



Gary Stephens

July 9, 1941 - April 28, 2010

Gary L. Stephens, 68, of Kearney died Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at the Golden Living Center Lakeview in Grand Island. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM, Saturday, May 1 at the First Christian Church in Kearney with Rev. Lew Champ officiating. Interment will be in the Elm Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Friday, April 30 at the O'Brien - Straatmann Funeral Home in Kearney. Memorials are suggested to the church. Online condolences or personal reflections may be submitted at osafh.com. O'Brien - Straatmann Funeral Home of Kearney is in charge of arrangements. He was born July 9, 1941 in Elm Creek to Robert and Loraine (Glaser) Stephens. He grew up in Elm Creek and graduated from Elm Creek High School. On July 8, 1962, he married Janice Barnes in Elm Creek. In January of 1966, he graduated from the culinary school at the Occupational Training Center in Sydney, NE. He lived his adult life in Kearney. He was an insurance salesman for Nebraska Farmer and Security Specialist. He also owned G & M Tree & Lawn from 1993 until 2001. He retired for health reasons in 2002. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Elm Creek until transferring his membership to Kearney in the early 1980s. Survivors include his wife of Kearney; daughters, Janet Stephens, Melinda Schwarz and husband Damian, Kristine Hill and husband Tiny, Cindi Bednarz and husband Mark and Susan Ballain and husband Bob, all of Kearney; brother, Craig and wife Vicki of Bertrand; sister, Arlys Lange and husband Roger of Overland Park, KS; eleven grandchildren; and five great grandchildren. He was

preceded in death by his parents and granddaughter Brittany.

Tribute Wall



“ Gary Stephens

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of your family. George and Sharon (Wagner) Stovall--former members of FCC

George and Sharon Stovall - August 21, 2013 at 06:00 AM



“ My heart felt memories of you when I would come over with Janet. My prayers are with the family-may God help you find peace and may you find comfort in the days ahead. I am truly sorry for your loss. Anna Hisey-Henke

Anna Hisey - August 21, 2013 at 06:00 AM



“ sorry to hear about Gary , I didn't know he was that bad. HE'S WITH GOD AND HE HURTS NO MORE GOD WILL HOLD HIM IN HIS ARMS AND HE WILL HAVE JESUS BY HIS SIDE TOO.

SHARON JAMES - August 21, 2013 at 06:00 AM



“ We are so sorry for you loss. We will be thinking of you during this hard time. -Brent, Kristi, Caden, Riley and Dill Pickle

Kristi Johnson & Family - August 21, 2013 at 06:00 AM