



Claude R. "Steve" Stephens Jr.

August 3, 1952 - March 1, 2025

Claude R. "Steve" Stephens, Jr., age 72 of Glen Dale, WV passed away Saturday, March 1, 2025 at WVU-Ruby Memorial Hospital.

He was born August 3, 1952 in Wheeling, WV the son of the late Claude R. and Norma Jean Gregg Stephens.

Steve was an outdoor enthusiast and delighted at spending time at his camp on Fish Creek where he loved passing the day fishing and hunting. He was also a grass mowing aficionado and thoroughly enjoyed biding his schedule trimming the green blades on his tractor of choice. He was an avid fan of WVU athletics and St. Louis Cardinals baseball .

He enjoyed good quality music, cranking up the knob on the stereo to full blast, jamming on his bass guitar, playing in the band, and also had an enormous affection for The Beatles and classic rock.

Steve was a true companion of "man's best friend" and held a special place in his heart for German Shepherds. His favorite vacation spot was at the Outer Banks, NC. His 1969 Z28 Camaro was one of his prized possessions.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Cheryl Stephens; two sons, Curt (Emily) Stephens of Lincoln, Nebraska and Eric (Sabrina) Stephens of Pittsburgh, PA; a daughter, Jenna Stephens of Lexington, KY; two sisters, JoAnne Hartzell of Bluefield, WV and Cynthia (Ivan) Antill of Glen Dale; a brother, Edward Stephens of Glen Dale; and several nieces and nephews, including a special nephew, Sam Renzella.

He was retired from Bayer/Covestro where he worked the majority of his

career.

Family will receive friends on Thursday from 5-7pm at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Road, Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV.

Cemetery Details

Grisell Crematory

Moundsville, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory- Wheeling/Bethlehem

1 Ridgecrest Road

Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV 26003

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<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Grisell Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Claude R. "Steve" Stephens Jr.*



Grisell Funeral Homes - March 06, 2025 at 11:30 AM

MG

So very sorry to hear of Steve's passing. We shared childhood memories of family reunions. Great to see the memorial video. He had such a full life, lots of friends and family. I know he will be missed by so many. He was a wonderful, fun person in this world. Many memories to hold dear. May you be comforted by those great times and memories. We shall all see each other again at the great reunion in heaven. RIP Steve. Love, your cousin, Mary Beth

Mary Beth Gaston - March 07, 2025 at 02:58 PM

JM

“ *Can't believe my good friend is gone. Claude, you have taken a huge part of my childhood with you. I'll truly miss our discussions about the Mountaineers and our vintage cars, and I'll never forget how much Judy and I enjoyed our get togethers with you and Cheryl at Pasqualies Pizza. Those were special times that I'll never forget. RIP good buddy and keep a spot open for me at that great car show in the sky! The Glendale Gang has truly lost one of its charter members. What a sad, sad, day for us all. Jeff McCheskey*

Jeff McCheskey - March 07, 2025 at 11:22 AM



“ 92 files added to the album Life Tributes



Grisell Funeral Homes - March 06, 2025 at 11:03 AM

CR

“ Our condolences to Steve's family, we are sorry for your loss. Tim McMillan and Carol Ryan

Carol Ryan - March 05, 2025 at 04:43 PM

JZ

“ Cheryl, I'm sorry to hear of Claude's passing. We go way back as good friends ,co workers and even neighbors on 5th st Glen Dale going to Glen Dale Grade together in the early days. We had so many great memories of those times which will last forever. We had great memories from JM and the years following. The old Warsaw days will never be forgotten! Claude and I talked not so long ago about going out to his property at Fish Creek I believe. I will certainly miss him. Cheryl, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. May he RIP.

Jim Zorn - March 04, 2025 at 09:33 PM

DB

My condolences to the family. Steve was a sweet cousin, we captured lighting bugs at Dad and Mom Greggs as young children plus played in the creek. Loved talking with him in recent years on Facebook. So thankful we got to make connections in our later years. Prayers for the family. 🙏

Deborah Blankenship - March 05, 2025 at 08:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Claude R. "Steve" Stephens Jr..

March 04, 2025 at 08:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Claude R. "Steve" Stephens Jr..



March 04, 2025 at 08:26 PM

RW

“This is Steve from the Glen Dale Gang!” Steve would say every Wednesday night during the WVU football call-in show dating back to the Don Nehlen days! We had a following, merchandise with our trademark Glen Dale Gang, and most importantly shared a bond with passionate Mountaineers fans! Stories from these Wednesday nights alone and trips to watch games, could fill a book. To me Steve was so much more, great neighbor, great friend, great to hear from even after moving away, and I'll miss him terribly. My heartfelt prayers to all of you. It always felt as though the sunset lane folks were part of an extended family and so Steve's passing will be felt by many. Love you guys. 🙏🙏🙏

Rich Wilson - March 04, 2025 at 06:40 PM

BY

“ Dear Stephens family, So sorry for your loss of husband and father..I can still see him sitting at our kitchen table with Hank as a puppy laying at his feet. Praying for you all!!!-The Yoders Dan Barb Lonnie,Kenny,Jamie and Marcy

Barbara Yoder - March 04, 2025 at 03:47 PM

TR

“ 2 files added to the album Band Days



Tim McMillan & Carol Ryan - March 04, 2025 at 01:52 PM

MP

“ Cheryl and family, so sorry for your loss, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Michele Neubauer Page

Michele Neubauer Page - March 04, 2025 at 11:19 AM

JK

“ Shocked and saddened to look at the obits this morning and see Claude's name. It's been a few years since I've seen him, but he was one of the characters from my past it was always enjoyable to run into. Claude was anything but boring. Besides being a classmate at WLSC, I remember playing against him in the early days of slow pitch softball, and his quote after a long flyout. "A fresh new Dudley on an autumn morn, and it's over his (leftfielder) head." My condolences to all of his family and many friends. Through his humor and music, Claude made this small part of the world a better place.

Jay Knapp - March 04, 2025 at 10:57 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Claude R. "Steve" Stephens Jr..



March 04, 2025 at 10:23 AM