



Heber James "Steve" Stephens

September 6, 2015

Stephens, Heber James "Steve" Age 100, of Eden Prairie, died on September 6, 2015. He was born in Winnipeg, Canada on November 6, 1914. "Steve" was predeceased by his wife of 72 years, Eunice, in February 2015. He was a WWII veteran and served as a Tech Sergeant in the Army in the Philippines. Steve enjoyed living at the Valley View Cooperative in Eden Prairie for the past fourteen years where he served on the Board of Directors and loved his 3 pm coffee conversations with his buddies. He enjoyed his family and friends, talking politics, watching TV, sports and news, and playing his guitar with his musician friends. He got great pleasure from working in his garden. Steve continued playing tennis throughout his life until about 10 years ago. His family hosted a "This Is Your Life" celebration for Steve's 100th birthday in November 2014. He began his career as a bell hop at the Minneapolis-St Paul Club. After a long career as a lithographer, he retired as long time President of the Lithographers and Photo Engravers Union in St. Paul and was on the International Council for the Union. He maintained meaningful friendships with many of his Union colleagues after his retirement. Steve is survived by his daughter, Jean Stephens, Hopkins, MN; sons, Daniel (Karen), Bloomington, MN and James (Louise), Lady Lake, FL; grandchildren, Abby and Jesse, step granddaughter, Kris Taylor and her family, Seattle, WA; and several nieces, nephews & their families. Ed & Lois Peterson are among Steve's many friends. A celebration of Steve's life will be on Sat., September 12, 2015, 1:00 pm at Washburn-McReavy Chapel, Eden Prairie, MN with Rev. Louise

Tallman, officiating. Contributions to Disabled American Veterans. Washburn-McReavy.com Eden Prairie Chapel 952-975-0400 7625 Mitchell Rd. (1 blk. N. of Hwy 5)

Tribute Wall

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“ We moved in next door to Steve and Eunice on Wedgeway Ct. in 1981, with our two toddlers and a dog.

Surrounded by young families and lots of little kids and dogs and no fences, they never complained about "toys and kids in the circle" and occasionally cutting across their yard. They said they enjoyed seeing all that energy and all the projects young families were tackling.

One frequent project at our house during the summer, was starting our ancient old lawn mower. He had witnessed me, many times, pulling, pulling, pulling to get the thing going. One day, he said, "why don't you put a little sugar in the gas tank...that thing will never work again!" Well, I didn't do that, but we had a good laugh about it.

Steve and Eunice were like the anchors in the neighborhood. They had built their home on the golf course and watched the area develop.

They also were examples of how to age gracefully. They enjoyed their hobbies and each other. When they decided to move to a Senior development...while they could "do it themselves"...we missed them, but appreciated their wisdom.

Thank you for sharing them with us.

Roger and Theresa Shipp

Roger and Theresa Shipp - September 11, 2015 at 08:38 AM

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“ *The Townsend Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Heber James "Steve" Stephens.*



The Townsend Family - September 09, 2015 at 03:30 PM