



## Mr. Charles W. Stephens

October 3, 1936 - April 27, 2014

Funeral services for Charles Wilson Stephens, 77, will be held at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church. The Rev. Gregg Varner will officiate with burial in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home.

Mr. Stephens died Sunday, April 27, 2014. Born in Darlington County, SC, he was a son of the late Lawton and Ella Welch Stephens. He was a member of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church. He served in the United States Army for two years in Korea. Upon his return home he served in law enforcement from 1971 until his retirement. He held the position of Chief Investigator for 11 years with the Darlington County Sheriff's Office. He loved to hunt deer, both dog hunting and then still hunting.

In his early years he also loved to compete in Field Trials with his beagles. He and Scott would travel out of state and would come home with the winning trophies for his champion dogs. After he got dementia, he loved riding the golf cart and watching the birds.

Surviving are his wife, Alice Faye Melton Stephens of Hartsville, SC; Children, Chris Stephens of Timmonsville, SC, Scott (Kim) Stephens of Darlington, SC; Tonya "Dottie" (Chris) Phelps of Hartsville, SC; brothers, Ron (Judy) Stephens

of Darlington, SC, Larry (Marie) Stephens of Timmons ville, SC; sister, Gracie Dease of Timmons ville, SC; grandchildren, C.J. Stephens, Elizabeth Stephens, Reagan Stephens, Payton Stephens, Stephen Phelps, Bryson Phelps, Emily Phelps. He is preceded in death by his brothers, Gerald Stephens, Franklin Stephens; sister, Doris Stephens.

Memorials may be made in his honor to New Generations Adult Day Care, 2111 West Jody Road, Florence, SC 29501-4929.

Online condolences can be given at [www.bpafuneralhome.com](http://www.bpafuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Wesley Chapel Methodist Church of Lydia Cemetery

3061 Wesley Chapel Road  
Lamar, SC 29069

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home  
306 W. Home Ave.  
Hartsville, SC 29550  
(843) 332-6531  
info@bpafuneralhome.com  
<http://www.bpafuneralhome.com>

## Service

APR **30**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Wesley Chapel Methodist Church of Lydia  
3061 Wesley Chapel Road  
Lamar, SC 29069

# Tribute Wall

JW

“ So sorry for your loss I will be praying for the family. He was my cousin and I didn't even know him. I remember his mom and dad and a couple of his brothers. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.  
Juanita Welch



juanita Welch - May 06, 2014 at 09:26 AM

BB

“ So sorry for your loss- will be thinking of you all during this difficult time

bobby and violet bragdon - April 30, 2014 at 02:38 PM

JC

“ Mrs Alice and Family- My thoughts and prayers are with you during this sorrowing time. We know Charlie will be dearly missed. I have very found memories that go way back when I was about 7 years old. He was a great man, and God knew just what he needed. No more sorrow and no more pain. He has a new body and mind and he will be looking down on us forever. May God touch your heart during this time of need. Jonna Carter

Jonna Carter - April 30, 2014 at 11:38 AM



“ Bryan Braddock lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles W. Stephens



Bryan Braddock - April 29, 2014 at 10:25 PM



*Charlie was always wonderful to work with. He was dedicated to his job, but fair. He had a wonderful personality, and I always enjoyed being around him. God rest his soul, and God bless the family.*

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**Bryan Braddock** - April 29, 2014 at 10:25 PM



*Alice, Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and family. You and your family have always been so dear to me! May God give you all peace and comfort in this time of grief.*

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**Betty Skoler** - April 30, 2014 at 06:32 AM



*“ My prayers go out to the family. I had the opportunity to meet Charlie and work with him during my time in law enforcement. He was always a gentleman in every way. Those who had the opportunity to work with him knew a true professional officer. Go rest high on your mountain Charlie.  
Geraldine Jordan Griggs*

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**Geraldine Griggs** - April 29, 2014 at 09:31 PM



*“ Charlie was truly an inspiration to those who had the opportunity to work with him in the law enforcement profession. I considered him one of the best law enforcement officers I ever had the opportunity to work with. He was a good, considerate, and caring man. He will be missed. My prayers go out for Charlie's family... may the Lord comfort you in this time of loss.*

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**Tom Gainey** - April 29, 2014 at 08:19 PM

CG

“ *Cindy Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles W. Stephens*



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**Cindy Griggs** - April 29, 2014 at 02:09 PM

KN

“ *The Darlington City Police Department has been blessed to have shared in the life of such a great man and leader of Darlington County. He has left a positive and lasting impression on so many lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during their time of loss. May God continue to strengthen you during the days ahead.*

*Chief Daniel Watson and Staff*

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**kimberly nelson** - April 29, 2014 at 10:03 AM

PS

“ *Alice and Family, I am very sorry for your loss. My Prayers are with you.*



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**Paula P Shay** - April 29, 2014 at 09:50 AM

JW

“ *I worked with Charlie at the sheriff's office. He was truly a wonderful person. He treated all of us very good in the office. My prayers are with you all and may God give you comfort through this time.*  
*Janice Walters Woodham*

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**Janice Woodham** - April 29, 2014 at 09:18 AM

CF

“ R.I.P. Uncle Charlie.



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**Crystal Phillips & Family** - April 29, 2014 at 07:50 AM

GG

“ To the family and friend my prayers go out to you. I worked with Deputy Stevens for several years and he was always such a pleasant gentleman. Lean upon the Lord and know that God holds today and tomorrow and He will never give us more than we can bear.  
Retired Sgt. Geraldine Jordan Griggs/HPD  
Santa Fe, Texas



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**Geraldine Griggs** - April 29, 2014 at 03:44 AM

RB

“ So sorry for your loss Alice. Will keep you in my prayers .

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**Rita Bullard** - April 28, 2014 at 09:19 PM

MA

“ Mitzie Alexander lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles W. Stephens



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**Mitzie Alexander** - April 28, 2014 at 08:01 PM

MA

*Alice, William and I are praying for you and your family. Lots of love!*

**Mitzie Alexander** - April 28, 2014 at 08:02 PM

TM

“ *My prayers are with you and your family Mrs. Alice. TEMEKA McNeil*



**Temeka McNeil** - April 28, 2014 at 02:49 PM

LF

“ *Lynn Johnson And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles W. Stephens*



**Lynn Johnson and family** - April 28, 2014 at 02:07 PM

JT

“ *Sorry for your loss. Alice, and family, know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*



**Jessica Turner** - April 28, 2014 at 12:24 PM

JG

“ Dear family, On behalf of Embrace Hospice and the Howard Family, I would like to express a heartfelt sorrow for your loss. In the book of John chapter 14, it reminds us that in our Father’s house are many mansions; if that were not so, he would have told us and He has gone there to prepare a place for us. Family this earth is not our home, and we are only passing through this land, so hold on to the promise, for one day you will see your loved ones again. Jesus is the way, truth and the life. My prayer is that God will continue to hold you close as you press on and tunnel through this process.



*In His Grasp,  
John “ Bootsie” Griggs*

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**John "Bootsie" Griggs** - April 28, 2014 at 12:13 PM

KN

“ Alice and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God give you strength as you trust His great love. Love and prayers to you all. Dan and Kathy Newsome

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**Kathy Newsome** - April 28, 2014 at 09:33 AM

KD

*I will always remember Mr. C .Stevens ,I Will keep the family in our prayers*

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**Kenneth Downey** - April 28, 2014 at 06:24 PM

RB

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. When we lose someone in death, the pain, the grief and the feeling of helplessness can seem unbearable. The Bible promises: "He will swallow up death forever. And will wipe the tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25:"8) Also, John 5:28,29 reads; "Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all that are in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." I hope this message will offer some comfort in your time of sadness.

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**R Brown** - April 28, 2014 at 08:50 AM

DD

“ Dale Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles W. Stephens



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**Dale Davis** - April 28, 2014 at 07:39 AM

PB

“ Phyllis Driggers Braddock lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles W. Stephens



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**Phyllis Driggers Braddock** - April 27, 2014 at 11:01 PM

DS

“ *Alice and Family, please know you will be in our thoughts and prayers, God bless each of you. Danny and Phoebe Stokes*



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**Danny and Phoebe Stokes** - April 27, 2014 at 10:04 PM

RB

“ *So sad to hear of Charlie's passing. We have truly lost a legend of law enforcement, in this county. Charlie was the one who got me to come to the sheriff's office. I will miss him.*

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**Robin Bryant** - April 27, 2014 at 05:08 PM