

*In Loving
Memory
of*

Sunrise
April 3, 1931



Sunset
September 27, 2014

John Stephenson, Jr.

Thursday, October 2, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

ETERNITY FUNERAL SERVICES, LLC

129 Engle Street • Englewood, New Jersey 07631

Rev. Olivia Stanard, Officiating



Obituary

John H. Stephenson, Jr., was born on April 3, 1931 in Englewood Hospital, Englewood, NJ. Affectionately known as “Steve”, he was the eldest of two children born to the late John Stephenson, Sr. and Isabelle (Carter) Stephenson. He was preceded in death by one sister, Sylvia Drakeford. On the evening of September 27, 2014, Steve departed this earthly life.

Steve was a lifelong resident of Englewood, NJ. He attended Englewood Public Schools and graduated from Dwight Morrow High School in 1950. He joined the U.S. Air Force as an Airman First Class, Senior Firefighter and was Honorably Discharged in 1954. For most of his military career, he was stationed in Panama (Central America) where he also played baseball. Steve developed a passion for baseball during his youth. He was an avid sports enthusiast who found enjoyment watching all sports.

Steve met his love and life partner, Kathryn (Selletha) McCoy, in 1955. They were united in marriage on September 1, 1956. For fifty-eight years, the couple was blessed to share a special and loving bond.

Steve was employed for many years by Lowe Paper Company in Ridgefield, NJ and later as a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service where he retired in 1996. He was affectionately and respectfully known as “the old man” among his postal comrades.

After retirement, the couple’s affection for dogs inspired an entrepreneurial partnership and dog sitting business known as “Critter Care.” Steve, often referred to as the “dog whisperer” dedicated countless hours of his time and talent training and caring for numerous four-legged friends.

Steve touched the hearts and minds of all who knew him. Despite his quiet demeanor, Steve will be remembered as a jokester and for his witty sense of humor—qualities his family will greatly miss. He was a caring and devoted husband who cherished quality time with Selletha. Over the years, the couple enjoyed extensive travel, casino outings, socializing with friends and fine dining.

To cherish his memory with love, Steve leaves: his devoted and adoring wife, Kathryn (Selletha) Stephenson (Englewood, NJ); two nephews, Anthony Drakeford (Christina), Poughkeepsie, NY and Theodore Drakeford, Long Branch, NJ; two nieces, Terri Cosby, Virginia Beach, VA and Tracy Jones (Donovan), Virginia Beach, VA; two goddaughters, Demona and Donna Herrin (Teaneck, NJ); and a host of loving cousins, grand nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Invocation

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Isaiah 26:2-4

New Testament - Corinthians 13:1-13

Prayer of Consolation

Solo

Joel Parish

Acknowledgements

Reflections

Obituary

Solo

Joel Parish

Eulogy

Rev. Olivia Stanard

Recessional

Private Cremation

Cedar Lawn Crematory
Paterson, New Jersey

*A repast luncheon will follow the services at:
137 Reid Ave
Bergenfield, New Jersey*

The Family Chain - Until We Meet Again

*Little did I know that day,
God was going to call your name.
In life I loved you dearly,
It broke my heart to lose you,
You did not go alone.
For part of me went with you
the day God called you home.
You left me beautiful memories,
Your love is still my guide,
And though I cannot see you,
You are always at my side.
Our family chain is broken
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls me to be by your side,
Our chain will link again.*

Love always, Selletha

Acknowledgement

*The family of
John H. Stephenson, Jr.
Wishes to acknowledge with sincere and heartfelt
appreciation, all acts of kindness extended to
us during our hour of bereavement.*

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