



Kenneth Lamar Stephens

April 18, 1958 - May 18, 2025

Kenneth Lamar Stephens, age 67, of Flowery Branch, GA passed away on Sunday, May 18, 2025. He was preceded in death by his father, Lamar Stephens; mother, Ellen Warbington Moore; brother, Ronnie Stephens; brother-in-law, Scott Dowdy; father-in-law, Harold Dowdy. Mr. Stephens is survived by his wife of forty-seven years, Deedee Dowdy Stephens of Flowery Branch, GA; daughters, Nicole (Josh) Lineberry of Flowery Branch, GA, Brandy (Greg) Hooper of Flowery Branch, GA; grandchildren, Gavin Lineberry, Ella Grace Hooper; sister, Karen (Danny) Wigley of Sugar Hill, GA; brothers, Scott Stephens of Duluth, GA, Tim Stephens of Buford, GA; mother-in-law, Patricia Deaton Dowdy of Cleveland, GA, brother-in-law, Chuck Dowdy (Sheina Bailey) of Jefferson, GA; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was born on April 18, 1958 in Duluth, GA. Mr. Stephens graduated from North Gwinnett High School located in Suwanee, GA in 1976. He was the owner of Stephens Upholstery Shop in Buford for eighteen years. He also worked for General Motors Assembly Plant in Doraville, GA for twenty-five years. Mr. Stephens was a member of the Lanier Church of God where he was an Elder of the church. He also taught Sunday School and sang in the Choir. He was a member of the American Street Rodders, member of the Atlanta Street Rodders and several other car clubs. Mr. Stephens was well known for his upholstery work and for his show cars. Mr. Stephens loved coaching his children and grandchildren in softball. He enjoyed putting on car shows and the Tours of World Wheels for several years. Mr. Stephens was a

Georgia Bulldog fan and an avid NASCAR fan. He enjoyed spending time with his granddaughters and coaching them in softball. Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. at the Buford Church of God with Rev. Jimmy Dunn and Pastor Bob Trejo officiating. Interment will follow at Broadlawn Memorial Gardens in Buford with a Graveside Service with Pastor Joey Grizzle officiating. The family will receive friends at Flanigan Funeral Home on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

The family would like to invite all Street Rodders to drive their cars in the funeral procession on Thursday. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Hospital or to the Shriner's Children Hospital in memory of Kenny Stephens.

Cemetery Details

Broadlawn Memorial Gardens

5979 New Bethany Rd
Buford, GA 30518

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 21. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home
4400 South Lee Street
Buford, GA 30518

Funeral Service

MAY 22. 12:00 PM (ET)

Buford Church of God
4800 South Lee St
Buford, GA 30518
jeflanigan@flaniganfuneralhome.com

Graveside Service

MAY 22 (ET)

Broadlawn Memorial Gardens
5979 New Bethany Rd
Buford, GA 30518

Interment

MAY **22** (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Kenny was a very nice man. He will be missed. My prayers for his family at this difficult time.* ”

Rebecca Sarabia - May 22, 2025 at 02:33 PM

DH

“ *we played ball together growing up, we raced car as we got older, and used the upholstery shop every time we needed something starting out with his dad all the way through Kenny he will be missed* ”

Dennis Holman - May 22, 2025 at 11:48 AM

RL

“ *Kenny was a wonderful sweet man and was a mentor to me when I went to Lanier Church of God. Good memories of him and I and two other church members playing corn hole game together. He will definitely be missed. All the family is in my thoughts and prayers 🙏* ”



Rebecca Beasley Lee - May 21, 2025 at 10:48 PM

MM

“ *I've known Bro Kenny almost his entire life! I called on his Dad for many years until he passed and Kenny took over. Last week I delivered some upholstery fabric and Kenny and I lifted up the LORD. We talked about his Dad and he said that he would see him soon. AMEN!! Mike Mayo* ”

Mike Mayo - May 21, 2025 at 11:06 AM

DP

RIP Kenny Stephens gone but never forgotten fly high brother

Debbie Parker - May 22, 2025 at 07:25 AM

DB

“ *Diane Greer Bain lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Stephens*



Diane Greer Bain - May 21, 2025 at 09:37 AM

PA

“ *I knew Kenny from high school. He was a great guy and we had fun together. Although, those years seem long ago, my fond memories have not faded with time. I wish to extend my sincerest condolences to Kenny's family and friends for their loss. May GOD bless you and give you strength during your time of sorrow and beyond. Rest in Peace Kenny.*



Phyllis Duncan Alayyah - May 20, 2025 at 01:35 PM

DP

Condolences too dede kids and grandkids Karen and Danny tim and Scott Stephensmy the Lord give you peace and comfort

Debbie Parker - May 22, 2025 at 07:27 AM



“ *Well, where do I began, took care of you when you were little, would not trade that time, we had so much fun, love you my favorite cousin, save room for me,see you on the other side! lavonia hudson.*

Lavonia Hudson - May 20, 2025 at 12:59 PM



“ Kenny was a great friend of mine. He trained me as a personal trainer for 3 years.. I never had been pushed so hard in my entire life.Ill never forget his humor and the way he loved and talked about his family.Youre gonna be missed buddy.



Angie Johnson - May 20, 2025 at 12:08 PM

CR

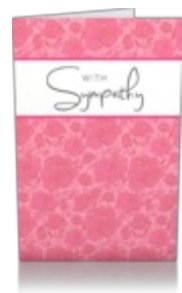
“ Kenny was a great man of God! He hardly met a stranger. Loving always! We grew up at the Buford Church of God. His family was a great part of our church. All of us kids played together. Kenny coached my brother in baseball. William and Kenny graduated from North Gwinnett the same year. He was a great friend and brother in Christ! Always showing Gods love! He will be so missed. Prayers for his family and friends.



Cyndee Richey - May 20, 2025 at 10:05 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Kenneth Lamar Stephens.



May 20, 2025 at 09:59 AM

PT

“ *Phyllis Townsend lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Stephens*



Phyllis Townsend - May 20, 2025 at 09:34 AM

RR

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*
Ruth Towe Reynard

Ruth Reynard - May 20, 2025 at 07:00 AM

MI

“ *Melissa Ingram lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Stephens*



Melissa Ingram - May 20, 2025 at 03:32 AM

PS

“ *I met Kenny when I asked him to do the upholstery and top on my 1928 Ford. He did an incredible job at a fair price. It wasn't quite as good as he wanted and he made a trip all the way to Pendergrass to make it perfect. That's the kind of guy he was. At his last car show a few weeks ago we had a great conversation about spending eternity with our Lord and Savior. I am convinced our Lord said, "welcome home my good and faithful servant." Kenny was truly a man of God. Rest in peace my friend and someday I will let you show me around your new home.*

Phillip Shelton - May 19, 2025 at 08:29 PM

SJ

“ Kenny was a Wonderful person never will be another kenny always the same i !loved him like my own rest in peace Sweet kenny

Shirley jones - May 19, 2025 at 08:01 PM

RH

“ I met Kenny while participating in the International Show Car Association World of Wheels in 2010 and 2011. He was very competitive as we competed against each other in the show truck class, but we became friends. I was shocked when I learned he had passed away! So glad Kenny was a Christian. He has finished his race and is now in glory. My prayers and sympathy go out to his wife and family. God Bless you all during this difficult time. Roger Hogan Farmington, MO.

Roger Hogan - May 19, 2025 at 07:49 PM

PA

Little Kenny, that's what I called him, and he called me aunt Patti... he heard my niece, call me that.. so it was a good cut up for us.. I met Kenny in 2016.. I true man of God, and he loved his family, his eyes always lit up like stars when he talked about his wife and his children, grandchildren... Kenny always puts 100% and everything he did.. we appreciate everything Kenny, did to help his tanning salon girls..... we love the Stephens family, and may God wrap his arms around you... those famous pants, I wanted to get a picture, Kenny and his and me and mine-we matched... I could never say enough about Kenny, he was thoughtful. He was kind he was respectful., Yes, I felt like I knew his entire family, just from Kenny talking about how much they mean to him... he worked hard for his family, and harder for God... I have nothing but love and respect.. sending my love and prayers today to the Stephens family

Patti - May 22, 2025 at 08:09 AM

DG

“ He coached a softball team I played on, then when I was able to coach he helped me with a little league team. He preached my mom funeral, and then his family purchased the house I grew up in. I can always go back to and still feel at home. He and his family are very loving folks.

Destiny Gilstrap - May 19, 2025 at 05:43 PM

DF

“ Destiny Gilstrap & Family lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Stephens



Destiny Gilstrap & Family - May 19, 2025 at 05:40 PM

FM

Kenny was one of a kind, him and his family were warriors for Jesus. He is sed to be a regular customer on main St at our service station. When he seen us in public anywhere, he would stop you, talk to you, lhe was a GOD loving man, do anything for anybody. He will be greatly missed, he knew not a stranger, that is the man he was, his soul is in heaven with Jesus, our Lord an Savior, he was like a brother to everyone, one day I hope to see you in heaven, Bo Marsingill

Forrest Marsingill - May 20, 2025 at 01:24 PM

FB

Kenny, Even though we only met a few years back, you were an inspiration to so many that you came in contact with , Your love for cars and car shows was at the top, We Will miss seeing you, But we will always remember you. R.I.P. My Friend..

"Free Bird"

Free Bird - May 21, 2025 at 03:44 PM

SS

Kenny was one of the most frequent, if not the most frequent shopper of S&S Ace Hardware. Usually looking for a certain fastener or screw for a project he was working on, he was always quick with a smile, sunny and pleasant. He was universally liked by our entire staff, and one of our all-time favorite customers. He will be missed!

*Scott Snedecor-Former Owner/Mgr S&S Ace Hardware
Julie Pirkle-Current General Manager
S&S Ace/Bolster Hardware, Buford*

Scott Snedecor - May 23, 2025 at 11:32 AM

FR

I thought a lot of Kenny. I'm loss of words to express my condolences. May God Bless. Love you.

Frankie - May 24, 2025 at 04:47 PM