



Joe C. Stephens

May 25, 1932 - May 6, 2026

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

Joe C. Stephens, 93, of Nesbit, MS, passed away Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at his home after a lengthy illness. Friends are invited to a visitation with the family at Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch on Friday, May 8, 2026, from 10:00 until the time of the service at 11:00 am. Burial will follow at New Bethlehem Cemetery. Chaplain Don Goodrum will officiate.

Joe was born on May 25, 1932, in Watson, MS. He proudly served in the United States Army before working at the Ford Motor Company in Lorain, OH for 32 years as an assembler. He was also a member of Carriage Hills Baptist Church in Southaven. In his free time, he loved to go fishing, play checkers and cards, spend time with his grandchildren, and frequent garage sales looking for treasures. He also loved traveling in the spring and the fall to the Smokey Mountains looking for bears.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents, Ethie Mae (Campbell) Stephens and John Andrew Stephens, and brother Frank Stephens.

Joe is survived by his wife of 71 years, Shirley Ann (Waldrop) Stephens; daughters, Barbara Seymore (Andy) of Collinsville, IL, Tammy Stephens of Highland, IL, and Deborah Stephens Teno (Chris) of Highland, IL;

grandchildren, Brian Debolt, Vicki Debolt, Aaron Ramos (Bonnie), and Amber Ramos; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; sister, Nellie Mae Rikard of Olive Branch, and brother, Jim Stephens (Zet) of Olive Branch.

In honor of Joe's service to our country, the flag of the United States Army will be flown at Coleman Funeral Home the day of the services.

Online condolences may be placed on his tribute wall at www.colemanfuneralhomeob.com.

Cemetery Details

New Bethlehem Cemetery

3995 Church Road
Nesbit, MS 38651

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAY 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



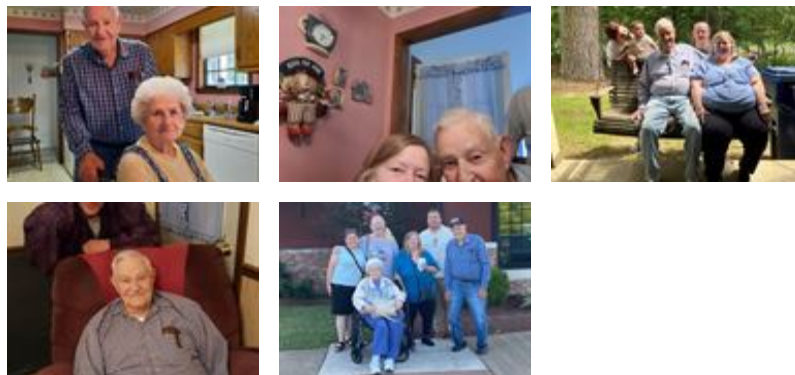
“ Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch created a Tribute Video in memory of Joe C. Stephens



Coleman Funeral Home (Olive Branch) - May 07 at 04:35 PM



“ 72 files added to the album Life Tributes



Coleman Funeral Home (Olive Branch) - May 07 at 04:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joe C. Stephens.



May 07 at 10:10 AM

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“ I'm Gabe Ramos (ex son-in-law). I worked with Paw, Joe, Chalmus first repairing grandma's porch. We then did lawn service and odd jobs for Jim and others. Joe was a great worker and father-in-law. He always was kind and square in all his dealings. I would paw through his sheds, and always came home with some treasure he'd found somewhere. A very good man who blessed me in many ways.

Gabriel Ramos - May 07 at 09:04 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joe C. Stephens.



May 07 at 04:10 AM

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“ Philip, Beth Anne, Taylor, & Reagan purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Joe C. Stephens.



Philip, Beth Anne, Taylor, & Reagan - May 06 at 06:20 PM