



## Dr. Gary Ernest Stephens

July 11, 1970 - October 4, 2024

Dr. Gary Ernest Stephens, 54 of Ocala, Florida, passed away on October 4, 2024 at home.

Gary was born in Ocala, Florida to the late George and Geraldine McCall Stephens on July 11, 1970. Gary was a 1988 graduate of Dunnellon High School, earned his Bachelors degree in Pre Med from University of Central Florida and went on to earn his Doctorate of Chiropractic at Life University in Marietta, Ga. He opened Stephens Clinic of Chiropractic in 2002.

Gary was an avid STAR Wars fan, loved to fish and hunt, and spend time enjoying his family. He was a member of Meadowbrook Church and also enjoyed attending The Chapel, Ocala, Fl.

Gary is survived by his wife of 22 years, Angela Carey Stephens of Ocala, whom he was married to on October 20, 2002. Those left to cherish his memory in addition to his wife are his four children, Sara, Noah, Sophia and Owen Stephens, mother-in-law Phyllis Carey of Weirsdale, Fl., brother-in-laws Brent Thompson of Coal Grove, Ohio, Joseph "Tony" Blevins of Weirsdale, Fl., and sister-in-laws Jolyna (Brian) Meadows and Tonya (Jared) Vickery both of Ocala, Fl., 6 nieces and 6 nephews, aunts, uncles, extended family and friends.

Funeral service will be held at Meadowbrook Church on Saturday, October 12,

2024 at 11am with Pastor Tim Gilligan of Meadowbrook Church and Pastor John Cannata of The Chapel, Ocala officiating. Burial will follow at Cedars of Lebanon Cemetery in Inglis, Florida. Friends and family may visit at Meadowbrook Church on Saturday. Public viewing beginning at 10:00 a.m. through 11:00 a.m.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT 12. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Meadowbrook Church  
4741 SW 20th Street  
Ocala, FL 34474

## Burial

OCT 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (est)

Cedars of Lebanon Cemetery  
S.E. 147th Place  
Inglis, FL 34449

# Tribute Wall

TV

“ You have been in my life for 32 years. You have helped me grow so much as a person and had such an impact on me and everyone who had the pleasure of meeting you. You could light up a room with your smile, and to not see that anymore, is truly heartbreaking. I love and miss you so very much

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**Tonya V.** - October 15, 2024 at 10:14 PM

PH

“ Always had a smile and the coolest Ford Probe! 🕯️🕯️🕯️🕯️🕯️

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**Patrice Hay** - October 12, 2024 at 09:58 PM

KW

“ Gary was a caring doctor and a friend. His sense of humor and big heart will always be what I remember of him.



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**kimberly ward** - October 12, 2024 at 09:31 PM

DR

“ Gary has become a part of my life in a very different way. 9 years ago, my wife & I came to know him professionally after an auto accident. Gary himself, was a savior to me. He would give me great care and assurance in my recovery and day to day life. We would share stories in all of our visits over time. A very special person indeed. A friend when I needed him to help, he would always be there. My deepest condolences to the Stephens Family.



Dennis R - October 12, 2024 at 09:01 AM

ES

“ Evelyn Spears sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Gary Ernest Stephens



Evelyn Spears - October 11, 2024 at 07:59 PM

ES

“ Evelyn Spears lit a candle in memory of Dr. Gary Ernest Stephens



Evelyn Spears - October 11, 2024 at 07:57 PM

ES

“ Words cannot express the sadness and heartbreak for the loss of such a good, kind, and caring individual. Gary will be sorely missed! Love and prayers to his wife, Angie, and his four children.

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**Evelyn Spears** - October 11, 2024 at 07:56 PM

AN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Andy** - October 11, 2024 at 06:09 PM

LC

“ Laurence C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Gary Ernest Stephens.

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**Laurence C.** - October 11, 2024 at 04:31 PM

SD

“ I have not seen Gary in years but growing up he was one of the most kind hearted people you could ever have the pleasure to be around, the last time i can remember spending anytime with Gary we sat at my Aunt Maggies dock talking about all the things we were going to do now that we were “adulging”  
I’m sure Jerry and George are waiting for you buddy

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**Scott Damewood** - October 11, 2024 at 03:03 PM

EH

“ Dr Gary and Family were my Florida Family, I was a long time patient of his, he always was there for us, Elaine

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**ELAINE HOFMEYER** - October 11, 2024 at 12:09 PM

SF

“ Gary was an incredible doctor and wonderful friend. He demonstrated the love of the Lord through his treatments, sense of humor and dedication to his profession. I once asked him what was his motivation in what he did. He replied, he couldn't bear seeing people in pain if he could help it.  
You touched so many lives and will be greatly missed by those that knew and loved you.  
My family and I will be forever grateful for knowing you.  
May you rest in peace my dear friend.

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**Shirley Franco** - October 11, 2024 at 10:38 AM

JL

“ As a massage therapist I always wanted to have a good chiropractor to keep me in line and to refer my clients to! When I met Gary both of those things came true he kept me working and when my hits clients would come to town they were so impressed with him I can't believe he's gone at such young age 🙏💔

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**Jena crane LMT** - October 11, 2024 at 10:29 AM

AW

“ Angela Waddell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Gary Ernest Stephens.

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**Angela Waddell** - October 11, 2024 at 08:32 AM

AW

“ *Angela Waddell purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Gary Ernest Stephens.*



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**Angela Waddell** - October 11, 2024 at 08:32 AM

PC

“ *God must have needed a special Angel in Heaven and I'm sure you have the biggest wings there because you had the biggest kind heart ❤️ here on earth, I loved you like my son,missing you so much. REST IN PEACE IN YOUR HEAVENLY HOME*



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**Phyllis Carey** - October 10, 2024 at 09:15 PM

AS

“ My family met Gary and then his beautiful wife Angelia when he opened his first Chiropractic office here in Ocala. He was always so out going, friendly and knowledgeable with our chiropractic aches and pains, but my most treasured memory is when he helped our son. Randy was having intense leg pain and I had taken him to every different type of Dr in town and everyone had a different diagnosis. I took him to Gary and just talking to us he said he was pretty sure what was wrong because he had just been to a seminar which spoke about it. An MRI had to confirm it but he was right. It ended up being an Osteoid Osteoma and required surgery which took care of it. A dozen Dr's had missed it, but not Gary. We were so impressed with him as a man, husband, father, Dr and friend. We are so saddened to learn of Gary's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with Angelia, the kids and extended family. Blessings and our condolences to all of you always, Roy, Amy and Randy Stokes.

Amy Stokes - October 10, 2024 at 09:11 PM

CM

“ Gary will always remind me to laugh, pray, love, to cherish my family, and most importantly to always trust in our Lord. I'm going to miss seeing you at birthday parties, Bagelicious, and church. Gary will always be “Gar-Bear” to me. ❤️



Corrie Marsh - October 10, 2024 at 03:33 PM

FL

“ From the Attorneys & Staff at Bagen Law planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Gary Ernest Stephens.

From the Attorneys & Staff at Bagen Law - October 10, 2024 at 12:56 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Dr. Gary Ernest Stephens.



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October 10, 2024 at 12:56 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Dr. Gary Ernest Stephens.



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October 09, 2024 at 01:20 PM



“ *Angie Quidley* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Gary Ernest Stephens.

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**Angie Quidley** - October 09, 2024 at 01:20 PM

TD

“ My parents moved to Yankeetown in 1965. One of my moms first friends was Mrs. Gerri, Gary's mom. Needless to say Gary and I have known each other all our lives. His parents owned the "Rock Store" in Yankeetown and we all shopped there. It was back in the day when a person's word meant something and the families would run a tab and pay the tab when you got paid. This is how I remember Gary and his family. They were people of their word and their word meant something. Gary was good to people and was just a good HUMAN and he will be missed. I didn't get to see Gary frequently, but my husband was a patient at one time and even though we didn't see each other often it was as if no time had passed. Maybe because we grew up in that small tight knit town. My heart breaks for his wife and family and I am so sorry for your loss. The world lost an amazing human and Heaven received a beautiful soul.

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**Terri Darnell** - October 09, 2024 at 11:23 AM

SM

I worked for George and Jerry when she was expecting Gary. They were so thrilled. Great people always made it possible for those who needed food to buy on credit. Gary was such a kind hearted person. My heart goes out to his wife and children. May his memory bring you peace and comfort.

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**Sally McCranie** - October 09, 2024 at 06:57 PM

LB

“ I have known Gary since I was 4. I went to his house behind the Rock Store for play dates when I was 4. We would go to the honey business on school field trips.

I lost a ring in Lake Richard when I was 6. Gary searched for the ring for hours, eventually finding it. He brought it to me. I still have that ring today thanks to Gary.

He will be missed.

Lynne Langley Bramlett

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Lynne Bramlett - October 09, 2024 at 11:07 AM