



Thomas Joy "Tom" Stephens

February 26, 1934 - November 26, 2023

In loving memory of Thomas Joy Stephens who passed away November 26, 2023, in Orlando, Florida. He was preceded in death by Joan M. Stephens (2008), his beloved wife of 53 years. He is survived by his four loving daughters, Pam (Tim) Winings, Janyce Stephens, Caryn (Roy) Williams and Kim (Mike) Olson. Loving grandfather of Colleen (Will) Chamberlain, Jenny Winings, Stacey Winings, Matt (Kelsey) Olson, Cody Olson, Devon Alsept and Josh Darden (deceased). Great grandfather of Maddex Olson, who put an extra special sparkle in his eyes. Preceded in death by his parents, Gertrude and Lester Stephens, and his three brothers, Lee, Robert (Jane) and Jack (Mary Jo). He was also uncle to multiple nieces and nephews.

Tom was a 1952 graduate of Elder High School in Cincinnati, OH. He then enlisted in the Army and, after serving his country, pursued a career at Delta Air Lines where he retired as a supervisor with 33 years of service. Tom was heavily involved with his Sacred Heart Traditional Catholic Church family. His favorite times were spent with family and playing Keno in Las Vegas with his loving wife.

A celebration of his life will be held Monday, December 4, 2023, at Sacred Heart Traditional Catholic Church, 1018 36th Street, Orlando, FL 32805. Visitation is at 11:00 a.m. followed by mass at 12:00 p.m. Arrangements are being handled by A Community Funeral Home and Sunset Cremations, 910

W. Michigan Street, Orlando, FL 32805. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Sacred Heart Traditional Catholic Church (address above). Please leave a message for the family on the tribute wall (blue tab).

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Traditional Catholic Church
1018 36th Street
Orlando, FL

Catholic Funeral Mass

DEC 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ I know a fella that has been waiting to share a “Saturday Morning Breakfast” with you- Enjoy!
Rest in Peace with Miss Joan by your side - smile down on your Girls and their families. The Braves and the Knight’s games will be much better from your new seat in Heaven. You were a pleasure to know. Sacred Heart has lost a true Disciple of God. Blessings.....

Jo Beach - December 04, 2023 at 01:35 AM

PW

I know Merle was waiting for him at the breakfast table.
Pam

Pam Winings - December 04, 2023 at 04:19 PM

JS

“ I always remember Mr. Stephens smiling. He was such a kind man. I have many memories of all the fun we would have on Doss Avenue. Also, that he was a proud Delta Airlines man. To this day, every time I board a flight I think of him. I send my condolences to the family. He is up in heaven now with his lovely wife.

Jeff Smyk - December 03, 2023 at 06:36 PM

PW

Thank you, Jeff.

Pam Winings - December 20, 2023 at 12:10 PM

BS

“ We lived across from the Stephens on Doss Avenue. Tom and Joan were the best neighbors. Our two families spent a lot of time together. We will miss him. We send our condolences to the family. We know he is in heaven smiling down on us all.

Betty & Mike Smyk - December 03, 2023 at 06:22 PM

PW

*From one best neighbor to another, thank you.
Pam*

Pam Winings - December 04, 2023 at 04:21 PM

MR

“ Such fond memories of Mr. Stephens & the entire family growing up on Doss Avenue. Whether assisting me as an unaccompanied minor on Delta flights or that big smile at home, lovely man. He even brought me Peter Tork's (The Monkees) autograph - knowing what a crazed fan I was. We thought so highly of him, we asked he & Mrs. Stephens to be our eldest son's godparents. Truly, a life well-lived. God rest His faithful servant & hold His loving daughters close as they say farewell for now.

Marian Ross - November 30, 2023 at 09:49 AM

PW

Thank you, Marian. Those were really good times back on Doss Avenue. He brought me an autograph from Paul Revere (And The Raiders). He will be greatly missed.

Pam

Pam Winings - December 01, 2023 at 07:22 PM

AM

“ Tom was the first person to welcome us to Sacred Heart Traditional catholic church. I remember we sat in the back rows because we felt lost and not able to follow. The next time I saw Tom, he said why don't you both seat up front? We then explained, we are new and don't know what to do and then Tom replied, we'll if you seat with me I will teach you and you won't be lost! That was the beginning of a great friendship during the past couple of years, which I valued tremendously! Thank you Tom, I will miss talking with you and drinking coffee!

Abnel Massa - November 29, 2023 at 08:09 PM

PW

He thought so highly of you, Abnel. You were a true friend.
Pam Winings

Pam Winings - November 30, 2023 at 06:21 PM

RS

“ Tom and I WENT TO ATL TO THE UNIFORM STORE. AFTER GETTING WHAT WE STARTED TO GATE WHEH TOM SAID LETS GO SAY HELLO TO MR WOOLMAN ,HE HAS A OPEN DOOR POLICY. TO MAKE THIS SHORT HE TALKED WITH FOR MAYBE 10 mins BECAUSE OTHERS WANT TO TALK WITH HIM. WE WERE TALKING TO THE FOUNDER OF DELTA AIR LINES.. THANKS TO TOM I GOT TO MEET HIM ALSO.

richard surrency - November 29, 2023 at 05:34 PM

PW

Dad told me about this and it made him happy.
Pam Winings

Pam Winings - November 29, 2023 at 06:12 PM

KI

Rest in peace Mr Stephen it was nice working with you. You was a good man you wall be missed.B Malcolm

kimron - December 04, 2023 at 10:23 AM

PW

Thank you

Pam Winings - December 20, 2023 at 12:12 PM