



IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF  
LARRY DALE STEPHENS  
AUGUST 31, 1950 - AUGUST 21, 2021

GRAVESIDE SERVICE  
SATURDAY AUGUST 28, 2021 AT 10:00AM  
HILLCREST MEMORY GARDENS  
12825 N.E. 50TH ST., SPENCER, OK 73084

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## Order of Service

Greetings - Rev. Elvyn

Prayer - Rev. Elvyn

Old Testament Scripture - Psalm 145: 10-21 - Rev. Erica

New Testament Scripture - Matthew 5: 1-12 - Rev. Elvyn

Acknowledgements/Resolutions - Rev. Erica

Musical Selection - Rev. Erica - *Amazing Grace*

Words of Comfort - Rev. Elvyn

Committal - Rev. Elvyn

## Obituary

*Larry Dale Stephens was born August 31, 1950, in Davis, Oklahoma, to Ann L. and Ed. L. Stephens. He was the third of four children. He is preceded in death by his father.*

*The family relocated to Oklahoma City at an early age for Larry, where he was educated in the Oklahoma City Public School System. After Larry's formal education, he pursued several occupations, including stints at University Hospital and Remington Park. Larry truly had an entrepreneurial spirit. He was a talented, self-taught drawing artist who preferred being his own boss, selling his work to those who commissioned it. Had Larry been born at a different time or in a different place, who knows what he might have become. He could have very well been our own local Rembrandt.*

*Larry loved working with his hands and took pride in maintaining his neatly trimmed lawn. With his landscaping skills and his mother's love of flower gardening, their yard was easily the best looking one in the neighborhood.*

*Larry was an advent sports fan. He loved everything OU to a fault! Whether it was Oklahoma football, basketball or softball, he was always tuned in. He would even forgo Thunder basketball if it conflicted with OU sports. But there was one team he rooted for that surpassed his love for OU sports: the Dallas Cowboys. Poor Larry suffered so much with Dallas during the last few years, but no matter how many times they disappointed him, he was a diehard fan of America's Team. On many Sunday evenings he cried his eyes out and dreamed of glory years gone by saying, "we'll get'em next year."*

*Larry, who had accepted Christ as his personal savior, was a devoted son who watched over his father and mother in their later years. He could have been anyplace but he chose to be near them. God called Larry home on Saturday, August 21, 2021. Larry leaves to mourn him: his mother, two brothers, Michael (Sharon) and Kenneth (Gloria), and one sister, Barbara Hardimon, his Aunt Eva Lucas, his Uncle David Owens, many cousins, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, and friends.*

## THE ARTIST IN ME

*The artist in me,  
sees beauty in every place.*

*The artist in me,  
sees poetry in every face.  
I paint a picture with every  
word that I write.*

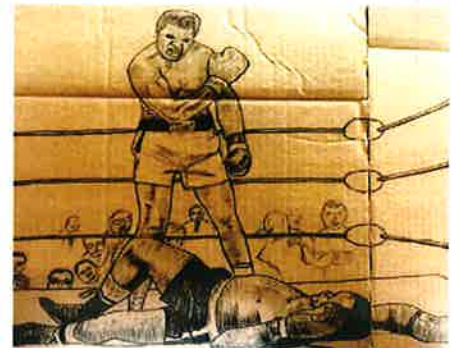
*Whether it is peace and love,  
or stars shining in the night.*

*The artist in me,  
hears music everywhere.*

*The artist in me,  
feels heaven in the air.  
I see a vision and strive to make it real,  
so others can see and hear,  
the magic that I feel.*

*The artist in me, see's oceans in the sky.  
The artist in me, imagines all the why.  
I take all the impossible and  
allow it to be free.  
for it's my life, my love, my destiny  
to be, the artist in me!*

- Rebecca Wiles



## Family Acknowledgement

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