



Charles Stephens,

August 13, 1939 - January 30, 2011

Charles L. Stephens, Jr., age 71, of Minocqua and formerly of Auburndale, FL, died on Sunday, January 30, 2011 at Avanti Health and Rehabilitation in Minocqua. He was born on August 13, 1939 in Columbus, Georgia, the son of Charles L. and Barbara C. (nee Moore) Stephens, Sr. Chuk received a B.A in Physical Education, a M.A. in Physical Education for the Physically Handicapped and a M.A. in Guidance and Counseling from the University of South Florida. He retired as a Middle School Counselor at Stambaugh Middle School in Auburndale, FL in 2005. He previously worked as a Migrant Advocate at Boone Middle School in Haines City, FL, was the State Director for Illinois Special Olympics, Assistant State Director for Florida Special Olympics and a Teacher and Perceptual Motor Consultant. Chuk was a proud Veteran of the United States Marine Corps, having earned the rank of a Sergeant and serving from January 1958 – October 1966. During his military time, he was a radio operator, communications instructor and graphics illustrator while serving at the Marine Recruit Depot in San Diego, CA; the Marine Corps Air Station in Cherry Point, NC and the Marine Corps base in Hawaii. He served 3 tours in Vietnam. Chuk and his wife Kandace L. Lynn were married for 31 years. He enjoyed fishing, cooking, refinishing antiques, woodworking and traveling. Chuk was an avid reader and captured knowledge like a sponge, even to his last months. He was sharp witted, articulate and embellished stories with minute details of family history and historic details. He was the family historian. He loved to travel with his wife and enjoyed the

comfort of family and friends. Chuk is survived by his loving wife, Kandace Lynn of Minocqua; sisters, Jeanne Carter of Crestview, FL and Cecelia Sabri of Bowie, MD; sons, Charles Stephens-Baker of Volcano, HI and Sean Stephens of Tallahassee, FL; daughters, Lisa Adamson of Sarasota, FL and Stephanie Sanford of Tallahassee, FL; grandchildren, Austin Raffipiy, Daylen Raffipiy, Ka'ai Raffipiy, Georgia Lee Baker, Madison Baker, Cruz Sanford, Kyan Sanford, Alohikea Baker and Kaiwi'ula Baker. A Memorial Gathering will be held on Friday, February 4, 2011 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at the Bolger Funeral Home Minocqua Chapel. Burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery in Janesville, WI. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Charles to: Minocqua First Responders, Minocqua Fire Department, c/o Town of Minocqua, 415 Menominee Street Suite A, Minocqua, WI 54548.

Tribute Wall

GH

“ We met Chuck (with Kandy) for the first time at a New Year's eve celebration our first year in Oneida County. The next year Kandy and Ginger took the Master Gardener class together, followed quickly by regular social get-togethers. Our favorite regular event became "buck burger" Monday nights at The Refuge. Chuck was usually the center of attention, with his humorous stories and interesting tales. It will not be the same without him. We will miss him.

Ginger Davis / Tom Heilig - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

TL

“ Chuk, I always enjoyed listening to your story telling. You had details that most others didn't know and so many things you wouldn't normally think about. I will trully miss you and sharing a nice scotch.
Terri

Terri Lynn - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

BL

“ Chuk had an understanding heart and helped my son Brian by just listening. You will be missed as I have lost a fishing partner and friend.

Barb Lynn - March 22, 2013 at 11:54 AM

LL

“ *Chuk was an inspiration to people he didn't even know. I shared his story with several friends and relatives who were also struggling with cancer and treatments. His philosophy of taking an active role, keep living life, keep planning ahead, keep traveling, and basically to just keep moving helped so many of my friend to have the courage to do the same. Thanks Chuk, you will be missed.*

Linda and Alan Leach - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

SS

“ *Dad,*

I will miss you very much! Forever with us....

Stephanie Stephens Sanford - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

LA

“ *REST IN PEACE DAD*

Lisa Adamson - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

JC

“ *Brother, You were so brave. I love you with all my heart.*

Jeanne Carter - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

SK

“ My husband Steve and I had the pleasure of having Uncle Chuk and Aunt Kandy stay with us here in San Diego a couple of months ago. I myself had never met either of them and Steve hadn't seen them in many years. Uncle Chuk was a wonderful man and I am so glad I got to meet this funny and oh so interesting person. Aunt Kandy our hearts go out to you and your family at this time of sorrow. Please know our thoughts are with you.

Love Steve and Kim

Steve and Kim - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

CS

“ I love you sweet brother, I cannot believe what a brave man you are. I hope I can have half your strength. I miss you so much and am so sad that you did not have more time but am overjoyed with the full life that you had. Rest In Peace..I will see you again someday.

Cecelia Stephens Sabri - March 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM