



## Dr. Robert "Bob" Stephens Jr.

March 30, 1935 - October 20, 2018

Dr. Robert O. "Bob" Stephens, Jr. passed away peacefully on October 20, 2018 at the age of 83. After a long battle with Lewy body dementia, he died the way he lived — with grace, dignity, and surrounded by those he loved.

Bob was born in Rutledge, GA on March 30, 1935 to Robena Burnett Stephens and Robert O. Stephens, Sr. He graduated from Lanier High School in Macon, then attended Moody Bible Institute, where he met his future wife, Vivian DeLacy. He completed his undergraduate education at Mercer University and received his medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia. He served as a pediatrician in the Army, including a tour in Korea, then moved to Marietta in 1970 to join Ralph Fowler and Judson Trippe in private practice. He and Dr. Trippe later founded Kenmar Pediatrics, where children from all over north Georgia were lovingly treated by Dr. Bob. He retired from private practice in 1990 and became medical director of Kennestone Hospital, then of Wellstar.

He gave freely of his time and energy, volunteering countless hours at the health department, with Boy Scout Troop 252 as Scoutmaster, and at First Presbyterian Church, where he was a longtime Sunday school teacher, elder, and served on many committees. After his retirement, he worked many hours a week as a volunteer at MUST Ministries. He always gave of himself quietly and humbly, looking for ways to serve those less fortunate and in need of care.

Bob was defined by his deep faith, his character, his commitment to doing what was right, and his strong work ethic. Those who knew him admired him. He had an unflinching moral compass, and he was a role model and inspiration to everyone who was fortunate enough to cross his path.

Bob is survived by his wife of 61 years, Vivian; son, Tom (Mary) Stephens of Wilmington, DE; daughter, Angela Stephens of Marietta; his beloved grandchildren, Keegan and Callie Stephens, and Sophie Brondos; his sister, Nancy Minshew of Venice, FL; as well as extended family who he greatly loved. He was preceded in death by his sister, Ann Bailey. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held on Thursday, November 8 at 2:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Marietta, GA, with visitation beginning at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to MUST Ministries, PO Box 1717, Marietta, GA 30061; or to Wellstar Community Hospice, Attn: Tranquility at Kennesaw

Mountain, 805 Sandy Plains Rd, Marietta, GA 30066.

# Cemetery

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## Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Veterans Cemetery Rd.

Canton, GA,

# Events

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**NOV** **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:30PM

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First Presbyterian Church

189 Church Street, Marietta, GA, US

**NOV** **Memorial Service** 02:30PM

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First Presbyterian Church

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# Comments

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“ my first daughter was born in 1971. dr. stephens was both my kids pediatriation. he would call you back in the middle of the night if you had any problems with your baby. he was a very nice dr.

**linda morgan** - August 18 at 11:23 PM