



## Mr. Tommy Michael Stephenson

October 1, 1954 - September 16, 2019

Mr. Tommy Michael Stephenson, age 64, of Commerce died Monday, September 16, 2019 at Northeast Georgia Medical Center. Mr. Stephenson, better known to everyone as just Tommy, was born in Commerce to the late, Willie ODell and Johnnie Sue Wood Stephenson. Tommy was a respiratory therapist at Wellstar Kennestone Hospital and a member of River of Life Worship Center. Tommy was also a former mayor of the City of Commerce, Jackson County Commissioner, GA State Representative, GA House of Representatives Majority Whip. In addition to his parents, Tommy was also preceded in death by his son, Bo Stephenson; brothers, Leon and Bobby Stephenson; sisters, Joan Stephenson and Kay Franklin.

Tommy is survived by his daughters, Kayla Smith (Charlie) and April Toney both of Commerce; sons, Jody and Steven Rogers both of Commerce; four grandchildren, Charlsey and Ceily Smith, Ella and Jack Toney; brothers, David and Jimbo Stephenson both of Commerce; and sisters, Linda Adams of Nicholson and Shirley Bell of Jefferson.

Funeral service will be held Thursday, Sept. 19th at 11:00 AM from the chapel of Little-Ward Funeral Home with Rev. Russ Brown officiating with the interment following at Grey Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Wednesday night from 5-8 PM.

In lieu of flowers, donation can be made to the Commerce Rec. Department or the Commerce Public Library.

Little-Ward Funeral Home, Commerce is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Grey Hill Cemetery

Clayton St.  
Commerce, GA 30529

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **18**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Little-Ward Funeral Home  
115 State Street  
Commerce, GA 30529  
(706) 335-3175  
lwfh@windstream.net  
<https://www.little-wardfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Chapel of Little-Ward Funeral Home  
115 State St.  
Commerce, GA 30529

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Tommy Michael Stephenson*

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October 09, 2023 at 05:17 AM



“ *Tommy Stephenson was a steadfast friend and supporter of the Commerce Public Library, and a quiet, frequent presence there. But when we needed help in getting the necessary state funding for an expansion of the library, Tommy stepped forward and offered his assistance. He still had powerful contacts from his days as our State Representative, and he reached out to them, making sure they knew that we were on the list for a state grant, and urging them to support our application. He also helped us understand how we could lobby the state legislature: to whom we should write, and what information we should supply in support of our case.*

*And then he receded into the background again, and became just another quiet reader. He was a modest man, and I think he was shy about our gratitude. But I still sometimes wonder how long it might have taken us to get that grant, without his very specific and generous help.*

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**Susan Harper** - November 12, 2019 at 12:44 PM



“ *Hey Tommy, I'm happy the last time I saw you we ate breakfast together. You touched so many lives, I've lost count of how many patients would ask for you everytime I went into the room. You made a difference in peoples lives by just being a wonderful person. You will be missed. So until we meet again, rest in peace Tommy.*

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**Natalie Mompont** - September 27, 2019 at 10:05 AM

 Erica  
Hicks

“ So sad to hear of this, yet so happy to have crossed paths with you Tommy! Thank you for the funny conversations and also the serious ones where you always expressed how happy you were for me to pursue my dreams! You will be missed. Your family and friends are heavily in my prayers! Until we meet again! ❤️

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**Erica Hicks** - September 26, 2019 at 08:22 PM

AB

“ Tommy! I will miss our spontaneous conversations about life and your excitement to see me succeed. Until we meet again my dear friend eternally. God is love.

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**Ashleigh Bellamy** - September 26, 2019 at 08:13 PM

FW

“ Wow Tommy... I'm Really gonna miss you my Sweet Friend. I always loved seeing your smiling face every time I worked at Kennestone and it definitely wont be the same without you. You were one in a million and I will never forget you Buddy. Enjoy Heaven and I hope to see you there one day....Xoxoxo

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**Felecia Willis** - September 25, 2019 at 07:22 PM

JT

*I'm so very sorry for your loss. I have worked with Tommy for several years as Kennestone Hospital, but only recently discovered we both discover that we knew each other well when we were at Georgia State in the Respiratory Therapy program. We had lunch together almost everyday and remember that he had to leave the class early the last week to take care of important mayoral issues in Commerce. He always seemed dedicated to his work no matter what it entailed. He will be missed by many of us at Kennestone. Goodbye my friend.*

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**John Thomas** - October 02, 2019 at 04:14 PM

DS

“ *Debbie Seagraves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommy Michael Stephenson*



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**Debbie Seagraves** - September 18, 2019 at 03:47 PM

DS

“ *Tommy Stephenson was the best friend I ever had. His family was like a second family to me throughout our school years. Although I was about four years older than Tommy, we were inseparable. Whatever sport was in season we played together. I would spend hours with his family watching TV. He and I had a great love for sports and along with Eric and Pat Hodson, also played many hours at both of their homes. With my military service and his service to his community, county and state, we lost personal contact, but he has always been on my mind and each visit to Commerce, I would inquire about him and his family! I am proud to have known Tommy and to have spent so many great hours with he and his entire family! Rest is peace my dear friend!*

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**DAVID SEAY** - September 18, 2019 at 03:12 PM

MA

*I grew up w Tommy and Linda. Good family. Also, worked with Tommy. Lived close to them growing.*

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**Margie Massey Adkins** - September 20, 2019 at 08:49 AM

BC

*I have always remembered the time we spent together working in Respiratory Therapy and the time spent together hanging out. I Googled you today and found this. Rest in Peace my dear Friend and Brother .*

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**Bill Casto** - September 07, 2021 at 09:04 AM

PN

“ Penny Scarborough Nunn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommy Michael Stephenson



Penny Scarborough Nunn - September 18, 2019 at 12:11 PM

PN

My prayers to Tommy's girls and family. So tragic and sad to all who knew him

Penny Scarborough Nunn - September 18, 2019 at 12:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommy Michael Stephenson.



September 18, 2019 at 10:07 AM

BD

“ TOMMY A TRUE FRIEND . ALWAYS HAD A KIND WORD AND A FRIENDLY HAND SHAKE. YOU WILL BE MISSED BY ALL.

Billy Davis - September 18, 2019 at 06:39 AM

DH

“ In Jr high He was the only boy brave enough to dance with the girls so we all shared him. My Girl was our favorite song. You were one of the good guys. So sad to say goodbye! Debra Mac Donald Hudson

Debra Hudson - September 18, 2019 at 05:59 AM

MJ

“ I have so many of my Uncle Tommy but the very best is the day he married Shane and I. We had to make him promise not to be long winded during the ceremony. He will be missed by so many and he left an amazing legacy for his girls and grandchildren. Until we meet again Tombo! ❤️

Misty J - September 17, 2019 at 09:43 PM

BM

“ Tommy was one of those friends from school years and the neighborhood that everyone seemed close to. As we all grew older we went our different ways. I saw him at Presto's a while back- maybe early Spring. We spoked and hugged. I will miss him..

Beth Whitehead Mattox - September 17, 2019 at 08:36 PM

DB

“ Danyelle Baird lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommy Michael Stephenson



Danyelle Baird - September 17, 2019 at 07:59 PM

ES

“ Tommy I will always remember you. You did make a difference.

Elaine Standridge - September 17, 2019 at 07:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommy Michael Stephenson.*



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September 17, 2019 at 07:15 PM



“ *Lisa Minish-Peck lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommy Michael Stephenson*



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**Lisa Minish-Peck** - September 17, 2019 at 06:33 PM



“ *Joyce Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommy Michael Stephenson*



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**Joyce Cooper** - September 17, 2019 at 04:54 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommy Michael Stephenson.*



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September 17, 2019 at 03:48 PM

RK

“ *Randell Clinkscales Kinsey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Tommy Michael Stephenson*



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**Randell Clinkscales Kinsey** - September 17, 2019 at 03:46 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Tommy Michael Stephenson.*



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September 17, 2019 at 03:20 PM