



## J L Stephens

May 4, 1931 - July 4, 2020

JL Stephens, 89, of Lone Wolf, Oklahoma passed away on July 4, 2020. He was born on May 4, 1931 on the Stephens family homestead northwest of Lone Wolf to parents Marion and Pearl Stephens. JL's father Marion, was born on the same homestead in 1903. JL was raised on the family farm and attended Lone Wolf School where he graduated with the class of 1949. He attended college at Cameron State often hitch-hiking his way to Lawton. His life-long love of aircraft led him to join the newly-formed United States Air Force in 1950. He served during the Korean War and his final assignment in 1953 took him to Luke Air Force Base in Arizona where he once had the unique chance to witness an atomic bomb test. After he finished his enlistment in the Air Force, JL's skills in aircraft avionics and jet engines led him to employment with AiResearch in Phoenix. The highlight of his time with AiResearch was when he was asked to serve as Chief Inspector for components used on President Eisenhower's Columbine II; the first ever "Air Force One". While in Phoenix, JL attended a Fourth of July picnic in 1955, where he met Dora Guerra. The two quickly fell in love and were married on October 23, 1955. JL continued his work at AiResearch, but the farm boy from Lone Wolf had been away long enough. In 1962, he and Dora, along with his family returned to Lone Wolf to fulfill his dream of continuing the Stephens family farm heritage. Over the course of his lifetime, JL was a part of farming from the days of horse drawn one bottom plows to massive tractors that could in his words: "plow half the county in one pass." Even though he had "retired"

in 2000, he still remained involved with farming but now had time to enjoy travels with Dora, attend aviation events, and restore antique tractors. His favorite time though, was the precious time spent with family and friends. JL was an avid historian with a vast knowledge of family history and the Lone Wolf area. His family and friends were fascinated by his accounts of farm life during the dust bowl, World War II, and the Korean War. He was a proud patriot and veteran, a husband and father, a friend and farmer; a part of so many lives, a part of Oklahoma's history, and now that he's reported for his final duty, a part of God's world. JL is survived by his sons Jon L. Stephens, Joe Herman, George Herman, his two daughters Donna Clemmer and Kathy Micaletti, his grandchildren Jackson Stephens, Chelsea Mitchell, Kyle Crisler, Mary Catherine Ferrell, Jessie Baldwin, Rachel Clemmer, Stephen Clemmer, Christina Ford, Collin Herman, Joseph Herman Mike Herman Michael Micaletti, Mike Patrick Micaletti, William Micaletti, Caleb Micaletti, his 19 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. JL is preceded in death by his wife Dora Stephens, his parents Marion and Pearl Stephens, his two sons baby J.L. and Mike Herman, his granddaughter Gina Micaletti, and his sister Naomi Meinert.

Public viewing for JL will begin Wednesday, July 8, 2020 from 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at People's Cooperative Funeral Home located at 1400 W. Main, Lone Wolf, Oklahoma 580-846-9018.

Graveside Services for JL will be held Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 10:00 A.M at the Lone Wolf Cemetery with the United States Air Force Honor Guard performing Graveside Rites.

Memorials for JL can be made to the Lone Wolf Senior Citizens Center. Online condolences can be made by visiting [www.peoplescooperativefuneralhome.com](http://www.peoplescooperativefuneralhome.com)



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“ *J L Stephens*

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“ *J L Stephens*

October 04, 2023 at 11:28 PM



“ *My name is Silvia Vergueiro Vattuone,I had the great pleasure to meet the Stephen's family,I come to Lone Wolf in 1974,I was a exchange student from Brasil,didn't speak English at all,I knew Spanish and my 'mom' Doris spoke Spanish,so I stay almost 3 months and went to Lone wolf high school.This was the best time in my life!My new parents,J I and Doris were wonderful for me,they made me feel like home and my sister Donna and brother Jon welcome me so loved in their home!! never forgot then!! I love then from the bottom of my heart!Rest in peace with mom.All my love to you.*

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“ Lots of memories. don't think I can make service due to virus but you will be in my thoughts and prayers.  
*Linda cornwell*

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