



Philip Charles Stephens

August 18, 2022

Phillip Charles Stephens, our loving and very loved son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin and friend passed away to eternal rest on August 18, 2022 at the age of 28. Phillip was born on January 5, 1994 and grew up in New Orleans, LA. He was Christened at St. Raphael Catholic church in New Orleans, LA and received his First Communion and the Right of Confirmation at St Andrews the Apostle Catholic Church in New Orleans, LA. While in High School, he was in the Greater New Orleans Youth Orchestra as a Percussionist and was a member of the New Orleans chapter of Jack and Jill of America, inc. He graduated from Isidore Newman High School in 2012 and went on to graduate on a full scholarship from Morehouse College (Atlanta, GA), with honors and Phi Beta Kappa, in 2016, majoring in Chemistry with a minor in Mathematics. In addition to attending Morehouse School of Medicine, Phillip was a medical researcher, working at universities' labs all over the country including, University of Chicago, The Rockefeller University, Louisiana State University, Harvard College and Morehouse College. He was also the recipient of the D. Delmar Edwards, M.D. Endowed Scholarship and the Dr. Carol Epsy-Wilson STEM Initiative Pettigrew Scholarship.

Like most New Orleans natives, Phillip had a deep love of sports and food. Phillip was an athlete participating in football, javelin, hammer throw, shot put and discus in High School and College. He was a NCAA Division II South All-Region athlete, SIAC Conference Champion and SIAC Track and Field First

Team All-Conference. He loyally followed any basketball team that Phill Jackson coached and the Saints, spending hours watching and discussing sports with his brothers and friends. He was also a true polymath, avid reader, and student of excellence. Phillip was always providing the family with morsels of trivia, new practices or new book recommendations. Phillip loved to cook and try new recipes. While living with his brothers and parents during the COVID pandemic, Phillip and his mother found recipes and made new dishes almost every night. He introduced us all too various cooking styles such as sous vide cooking. He was also a foodie with a sophisticated and eclectic palate. He was frequently entrusted with picking out the best restaurants for family dinners. Lastly, if Phillip wasn't reading, cooking or traveling, you could find him immersed in a new video game. His favorite opponents were his brothers, but he was always ready to take on any challenger.

Phillip was preceded in death by Sharon K. Stephens (Denver, CO) and Charles H.D. Bowers, Jr MD.

Phillip is survived by his father and mother, Pastor Kevin U. Stephens, Sr. MD JD and Dr. Cheryll Bowers-Stephens MD; 2 brothers and sister-in-law, Dr. Kevin U. Stephens, Jr. MD and his wife, Vanessa Stephens JD (Atlanta, GA); and Jacob M. K. Stephens (New York, NY); his grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. Ulysse Stephens (Gonzales, LA) and Violet G. Bowers; his aunts and uncle Karla S. Lewis (Denver, CO), Phillipa L. Bowers, JD and Dr. Charles H.D.Bowers, III MD and his wife, Vicky Bowers, JD (Lafayette, LA); cousins, Karlise J. Lewis (Denver, CO) and Cassie P. Bowers (Lafayette, LA), and a hosts of relatives and friends.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a Funeral Service at Christian Unity Baptist Church, 1700 Conti Street New Orleans, LA 70112 on Saturday, August 27, 2022 at 1:00 pm. Visitation will begin at 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Interment: Lakelawn Cemetery, 5100 Pontchartrain Blvd, New Orleans,

LA 70124. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave, New Orleans, LA 70125. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the online guestbook. The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the overwhelming amount of love and support shown to them during their moment of bereavement. No act of kindness has gone unnoticed.

Please continue to keep this family in your thoughts and prayers. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in honor of Phillip's life to: New Orleans Culinary and Hospitality Institute (NOCHI). Donate Online: <https://www.nochi.org/donate-2>. If donating online, please write "In Memory of Phillip Charles Stephens" in the Comments section on the Donate page. Makes checks payable to NOCHI, with "In Memory of Phillip Charles Stephens" in the For/Memo section on the check, and send to the following address: NOCHI Development Office at 725 Howard Ave, Suite 101, New Orleans, LA 70130.

Cemetery Details

Lakelawn Metairie Cemetery

5100 Pontchartrain Blvd
New Orleans, LA 70124

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Christian Unity Baptist Church
1700 Conti St
New Orleans, LA 70112-3606
(504) 522-3493

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

BS

“ Dear Drs. Stephens, Kevin, Vanessa, Jacob, and family,
My deepest condolences to you for the loss of a sweet and caring person. Phillip enlivened my Latin classes at Newman throughout Middle and Upper School with his wry sense of humor and his love for percussion band. He was always surprising me with his contributions to class, a classical symphony to illustrate a Latin poem or his favorite website of Latin terms in anatomy. After a year at Morehouse College he came back to see me, so pleased with his accomplishment in Latin and excited about studying Greek. My heart is heavy at your loss.
all my love, from Bee Johnson Smith

Bee J. Smith - August 31, 2022 at 11:23 AM

BD

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. So very sorry for the loss of Phillip. I will always remember his wonderful smile and good nature.

Brian Dufour

Brian Dufour - August 30, 2022 at 05:13 PM

AW

“ My humbled sympathy to you all. May Gods comfort, peace and strength be with the family.

Arianne Wilson-Pearson - August 29, 2022 at 06:52 PM

CG

“ I am sorry for your loss! I am praying for your family in this time of bereavement.

Love you

Catina Griffin



Catina Griffin - August 27, 2022 at 03:42 PM

AL

“ Sending our deepest condolences to the Stephens Family. Our Love and Prayers are with you.

Angela Lawrence & Family

Atlanta, GA

Angela Lawrence - August 27, 2022 at 01:05 PM

WA

“ I express my sincere and heartfelt prayers to my family.

Willie Autry - August 27, 2022 at 12:37 PM

WA

“ Willie Autry lit a candle in memory of Philip Charles Stephens



Willie Autry - August 27, 2022 at 12:35 PM

EF

“ Much love too the Stephens family I know the hurt I lost my son2017 I'm praying for you all but God has a plan

Eric Winston and the Winston family - August 27, 2022 at 10:17 AM

WT

“ Kev, and Cheryl you have our deepest and most heartfelt prayers and condolences.

We lift you up for much hugs and mighty strength.

With Sincere love and respect,

Wanda Timpton, M.D.,

and our shared babies per delivery, Charlotte Holt, Temara Holt PHD, Robrielle Jemison Grisham, Rhaina J. Jemison

Wanda Timpton - August 26, 2022 at 11:16 PM

WT

“ Wanda Timpton lit a candle in memory of Philip Charles Stephens



Wanda Timpton - August 26, 2022 at 10:41 PM

JL

“ The Laborde family would like to send sincere condolences to the Stephens family during this time of deep sorrow. We pray that God put his loving arms around you and dry your tears.
Much love,

Joel & Eunice Laborde

joel laborde - August 26, 2022 at 08:54 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Philip Charles Stephens.*



August 26, 2022 at 03:06 PM



“ *The Longin family, Tampa Florida sends the condolences to the Stephens family. It's unbearable to lose a loved One so quickly, but The Lord would comfort.*

Suse Laborde Longin - August 26, 2022 at 01:22 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Philip Charles Stephens.*



August 26, 2022 at 01:20 PM



“ *I was fortunate to know Phillip as well as his two talented brothers, Kevin and Jacob, at Isidore Newman School. What i remember most fondly, was he wry sense of humor. and that twinkle on his eye as he was sharing his perspectives on things around him. He was a very accomplished young man, but his kindness was always present. I was saddened to hear his life was so short. Ed Graf*

Edward Graf - August 26, 2022 at 10:56 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Philip Charles Stephens.



August 26, 2022 at 10:23 AM



“ Just a few days ago we talked about his graduation, will miss him dearly, Blessed be the name of the Lord. Rev Emanuel and Melva W. Lain

Rev Emanuel Lain, Sr. - August 26, 2022 at 02:07 AM



“ Dear Kevin, Cheryl and family, I want to express my deepest sympathy for the loss of your son, Philip. He was an amazing young man who accomplished a lifetime of service that you can be extremely proud of and grateful for in his short time on earth. I pray that God will send the peace and comfort to you at this difficult time that only He can provide. You will be continuously in our prayers. May God Bless and keep you, Hattie Broussard

Hattie M Broussard - August 25, 2022 at 10:07 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Philip Charles Stephens.



August 25, 2022 at 08:35 PM

CM

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire Stephens family. May he Always rest in Perfect Peace 🌸*

Carla Gayle MD - August 25, 2022 at 05:13 PM

FV

“ *Dear Drs. Stephens and Family and Friends, I am saddened by your loss and pray that God's Peace rests upon you as you go through this tender season of your lives. I pray that as you daily draw nearer to God, you will be Comforted and Strengthened by His Love for you. Because He is yours, you are His, and He is always with you.*

God Bless and Keep You,

Your sister in Christ,

Frances Ventress - Franklin Avenue Baptist Church Holistic Health Ministry

Frances Ventress - August 25, 2022 at 05:09 PM

MJ

“ *Mama Jamilah lit a candle in memory of Philip Charles Stephens*



Mama Jamilah - August 25, 2022 at 04:35 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Philip Charles Stephens.*



August 25, 2022 at 01:39 PM