



# Leroy Edward Stephens

June 16, 2016

## Obituary of Leroy Stephens

Leroy Edward Stephens, 86, of Loogootee, Indiana, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 16, 2016, at his home in The Villages. Leroy is survived by his children, daughter Suzanne (Sue) Stephens, and sons Leroy C. Stephens and Mark A. Stephens.

Leroy was an Air Force veteran who was part of the Berlin Airlift. He served in the Korean War as a crew chief and flight engineer for C-54's and C-124's. He was a decorated war veteran and served with distinction. He met his wife Ruth while both were stationed at Donaldson AFB in South Carolina. After leaving the military he worked as a manufacturing engineer. He retired from John Deere Dubuque Works.

Leroy and Ruth spent several years touring the country on his motorcycle before Ruth died in 2007. He moved to The Villages in 2009. He was active in The Villages euchre card club. And he loved his golf cart and riding through The Villages.

A special thank you to Home Instead Care for their care and support during his last nine years. Thanks also go out to Cornerstone Hospice who helped with his final days.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00pm Sunday, June 19, 2016 at Beyers Funeral Home Chapel, 134 N. US Highway 441, Lady Lake, FL.

Online condolences may be left at [www.beyersfuneralhome.com](http://www.beyersfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Mark, Sue, and Leroy, I just wanted to drop you a note and let you know that your father was a good friend and will be miss. We not only played cards together but we spent many hours, as old guys do, talking about the past. I heard about all the motorcycle trips he and your mom took all over the country. She must of been a great woman to ride on the back of a motorcycle for all those trips. He really loved her and really missed her. I also heard some stories about you kids and the gray hair you gave him. We had a good laugh when I told him about my troubles with a John Deer tractor in my teens. I was a town kid and a farmer hired me to help him in the summer. Of course the first day he put me on the biggest John Deer tractor I'd ever seen and told me to go mow hay in third gear full speed ahead. The mayhem that resulted was epic. After three days of disaster I respectively resigned never to set on a John Deer again. Leroy knew that thumping two cylinder tractor and had a good laugh out of my misfortune. We talked a lot about his time at John deer. I want you to know I will miss Leroy and loved him dearly. I know that soon we will be playing bid euchre in heaven and I can't wait to really "shoot the moon". God Bless Harry and Sharon

Harry Westacott / Sharon - June 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ It was an honor taking care of Leroy, and I will always think of him when I watch any home improvement shows.

Caroline Collins - June 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Leroy Edward Stephens

October 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM