



## Robert Lewis "R.L." Stephens

June 3, 1933 - August 23, 2014

Robert L. "R.L." Stephens, age 81, of Sweetwater, passed away on Saturday, August 23, 2014, at Sweetwater Hospital. He was a member of Fairview Baptist Tabernacle in Sweetwater where he served as a deacon and assistant Sunday School Superintendent. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served during the Korean War, also served for 20 years in the Tennessee National Guard Reserves. Retired from the Sweetwater Utilities Board after 40 years of service. Preceded in death by his wife of 53 years: Shirley Robinette Stephens, parents: Robert and Rosa Stephens, sister: Ada Oliver, son: Ronald Stephens. Survivors include son and daughter-in-law: Danny and Evelyn Stephens, of Sweetwater, daughter and son-in-law: Debbie and Tom Rauschert, of Madisonville, sister and brother-in-law: Betty and Joe Reed, of Murfreesboro, grandchildren: Tracey and Mike Watson, Jamie Price, Lori Stephens, Samantha and Dustin Kerr, Amanda and Nick Devine, Brittney and Michael Wiggins, Robbie and Nick Rauschert, great-grandchildren: Jacob Stephens, Isbella Hunt, Emily Devine, Justin and Carson Wiggins, several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends on Monday, August 25, 2014, at the Fairview Baptist Tabernacle in Sweetwater from 5:00P.M. until 7:00P.M. with the funeral service to follow at 7:00P.M. with Rev. Johnny Carr and Rev. Denny Moore officiating. Interment 11:00A.M. Tuesday in the Sweetwater Memorial Park with full military honors provided by members of the Sweetwater V.F.W. Gold Star Post 5156 and members of the Monroe County D.A.V. chapter #93. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, in charge of

arrangements. [www.kykerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 25. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fairview Baptist Tabernacle  
Sweetwater, TN 37874

## Funeral Service

AUG 25. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *In remembrance of a very loving man to family, relatives, and friends. Betty Robinette Gibson, Carolyn Robinette Costner, and Jean Robinette Anderson*

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**Carolyn Costner** - September 02, 2014 at 04:17 PM

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“ *So sorry to hear of R.L.'s passing. It is so hard to lose a loved one. Prayers for you and his extended family.*

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**Deborah Sluder Stewart** - August 26, 2014 at 09:40 AM

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“ *I'm sorry to hear of your loss. I surely wish I could be at the funeral but my wife had a stroke several month ago. I cannot leave her for extended amounts of time. You are in my prayers. Your cousin James Sluder*

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**James Sluder** - August 25, 2014 at 04:54 PM

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“ *I will always remember the warm 'hugs' that R.L. gave me during Church Fellowship....I would always go to shake his hand and he would say...."do I get a hug?"....I will miss him.....Susan Shultz*

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**Susan Shultz** - August 25, 2014 at 12:35 PM