



Lester Stephen Stevens

April 4, 1941 - October 22, 2011

STEVENS Lester (Les) S. Stevens, 70, of Toledo, passed away Saturday, October 22, 2011, at Hospice of Northwest Ohio surrounded by loved ones. He was born in Adrian, MI on April 4, 1941 to Lester and Berdena (Canaan) Stevens.

Les had a quick wit, easygoing temperament, and generous nature that endeared him to his family, friends, co-workers, and customers. His laid-back disposition, sense of humor, and unpretentious personality not only served him well in developing friendships, but also led to a long and successful career in sales. He began his 50-year career at Driggs Dairy, and spent the last 13 years at Nollenberger Truck Center.

A natural athlete, Les was a standout football player at Adrian High School, an accomplished trap and skeet marksman, and an avid golfer. Les enjoyed spending his free time at Tanglewood Golf Club with his buddies.

Les was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his loving wife, Maria Ann Stevens; children and step-children, Mark (Amy) Stevens, Jill (Shawn) Walsh, Michele Trombley, Dan (Katrina) Trombley, Melissa (Matthew) Sattler; grandchildren, Zachary and Austin Stevens, Isabella and Anthony Trombley, James and Stella Sattler; mother Berdena Stevens; brother Richard (Linda) Stevens; and many more family members and friends. "Papa Les" will be greatly missed by his grandchildren. His generosity, kindness, and good nature are irreplaceable.

The family wishes to thank all those who provided their love and support

during Les' illness, as well as the caring doctors and nurses at UTMC. Friends are invited to visit from 2:00 to 8:00pm Wednesday at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 South Reynolds Road, Toledo, OH 43614. Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00am Thursday at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns. Interment to follow at Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make monetary donations are asked to consider St. Patrick of Heatherdowns, the University of Toledo Foundation in support of cardiothoracic surgery, or the charity of their choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *How sad to lose a friend, fellow athlete and classmate from AHS. My sincere condolences to the entire family. Please tell me where Berdena, his mother is now? I lost track of her after my mother passed away and she moved from the Riverview Terrace Apts. in Adrian.##imported-begin##Ellsworth L. Stout mestout@pobox.com##imported-end##*

October 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *For My Old Friend, Jill.*

Sorry to hear of your father's passing. He was always kind to us when we were young and managed to tolerate us as teenagers (all those crazy girl sleep overs and such). I saw this posted in the Adrian paper and wanted you to know that I was thinking of you.

Kris Albeck & Family##imported-begin##Kris Albeck & Family##imported-end##

October 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Maria - you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We are so sorry for your loss. I think of you so often and miss you. With fondest thoughts and sympathy - Becky and Jack Mansell##imported-begin##Jack & Becky Mansell jbmansell@frontiernet.net##imported-end##*

October 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Maria, so sorry to hear of Les's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. In Sympathy and Prayer, Phil and Kathy Meeker*###imported-begin###Phil & Kathy Meeker###imported-end##

October 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Maria - I'm on vacation this week, however, I saw the email about Les. I'm so very sorry. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and may you know God's love and peace at this time. May God hold you in the palm of his hand now and always. Thinking of you and your family.*
Donna Buza - UT RSC###imported-begin###Donna Buza###imported-end##

October 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Maria Ann and family.*
Please accept my deepest sympathy in your loss of Lester. He was one of my favorite classmates and friends. He always had time to talk to me no matter how many folks were around. It was so nice to share the table with you both on our 50th reunion. Again sorry for your loss. AHS Class of 1959###imported-begin###Patsy Ruff Mort mort62@comcast.net###imported-end##

October 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers to the family of Lester. I met Lester at Lincoln School back in the late 40's and we remained friends through high school. I only saw Les a few times in the past 50 years and that was at high school reunions, but Lester was always my friend.##imported-begin##Ken Fleming
gdchief43@aol.com##imported-end##

October 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Maria and family,
So sorry during this time for your loss of a fantastic, husband, father and grandfather. You all are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Deanna##imported-end##

October 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Maria and children,
We are so sorry for your loss of your best friend, father and step father. Bill and I know how special he was to you. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Love Sue Ellen and Bill##imported-begin##Sue Ellen and Bill Smith
sesmith25@gmail.com##imported-end##

October 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Maria our prayers are with you, we are blessed to have such fun and happy memories with both of you. We will be thinking of you always.*

*Love,
Jim & Cindy##imported-begin##Jim&Cindy Heimann##imported-end##*

October 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Les, we enjoyed being your neighbor. You were so welcoming to us when we moved into the neighborhood. We'll miss seeing you out in your yard, talking with the kids. Maria, we'll see you soon. Thanks for your kindness to us.##imported-begin##Bobby/Amber Thomas a.thomas@gmail.com##imported-end##*

October 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Maria,*

I'm sorry to hear of Les's passing. May God give you the strength and peace to bear your loss. I pray that God will show Himeself mightly in these days and that He would be your constant companion.

*Your friend,
Mike##imported-begin##Mike Metcalf
mmetcalf@adrian.edu##imported-end##*

October 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ A good friend. He will be missed by all of us.##imported-begin##Nollenberger Truck Center##imported-end##

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“ May all of the family have strength and peace at this sorry time. Les was my "best friend". We shared alot of time and memories together. We talked almost daily. I will never forget my dearest "old pal" and treasure the time we had together.##imported-begin##Dennis "Denny" Kusner##imported-end##

October 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Maria & Family - I am so sorry for your loss. May God give you peace that surpasses understanding in the days ahead. With much love, Dawn##imported-begin##Dawn##imported-end##

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