
 A TRIBUTE 
"GREG" STEPHENS

Gregory Ray Stephens was born January 16, 1962, at Lexington Park, Maryland, to Mary Evalyn and Clyde Stephens. His arrival complemented the presence of a two year old sister, Denise, who became his playmate, partner, and confidant as they grew up together.

The family moved to the Fairport area in 1967 and Greg attended Fairport Schools, graduating from High School in 1980. He enjoyed sports and was a member of the Fairport Lacrosse Team and the Green Dolphins Swim Team. He also played trombone in the Jazz Ensemble.

Over the years he enjoyed being part of family sporting activities including skiing, snowmobiling, power boating, water skiing, fishing, and sightseeing. During the summer of his 16th year he was able to learn a different way of life by working on his Uncle Jim's Kansas farm, thus earning enough money to buy his first car.

He received a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Syracuse University in 1984. While attending Syracuse, Greg held different part time and summer jobs to help defray his college expenses.

After graduation he returned to the Fairport area and accepted a position with the Digital Equipment Company (DEC) servicing computer systems. During this time he met a wonderful young lady, Nancy Ann Gee. They were married August 26, 1989, and started their present home in Macedon, New York. Greg completed numerous computer/systems training programs, eventually being designated a Senior Network Engineer. In 1998, he accepted a position with the Electronic Data Processing Corporation (EDS) where he was most recently assigned to support the Xerox Corporation Worldwide Communications network.

On July 1, 1991, a son, Adam, was born and on September 10, 1993, a daughter, Kimberly was added to the family. Greg was as proud of his family as any father could possibly be - actively participating in their care and growth in spite of his heavy work schedule. When the children got old enough he coached them in different sports activities. He volunteered his coaching talents to various sports in the Palmyra-Macedon Recreation League and served as "Commissioner" of the Youth Baseball Program. Greg also loved playing tennis with Kimberly.



Greg's "hobbies" were auto racing and motorcycles. He was a serious NASCAR fan and a member of the pit crew for local race car driver, Tom Keyes, competing on Friday nights during the summer at Spencer Speedway, Williamson, New York. Greg's Harley-Davidson was his mechanical pride and joy and a short ride or the ride to/from work was his solace from a hectic day.

In December, 2005, he was diagnosed with esophageal cancer but was able to see Adam move from 8th grade basketball to becoming a regular on the junior varsity team before the cancer prevented him from attending any further athletic events. He fought bravely to the last without complaining and enjoyed the many visits from his family, friends, and co-workers at home and during his extended hospitalization. Greg began his eternal rest on Wednesday, April 5, 2006. He will be sorely missed by everyone whose lives he touched with his kindness and compassion!



Greg leaves his wife, Nancy; son, Adam; and daughter, Kimberly; all of the home: his parents, Mary Evalyn and Clyde Stephens, of Fairport; his sister, Denise Hibbard, of Webster; his mother and father-in-law, Sally and Don Schindler, of Pittsford; his sister-in-law, Cathy Griffio, of Farmington; his uncle, James Stephens, of Inman, Kansas; his niece and nephew, Stephanie and Jeffrey Hibbard, of Webster; nephews-in-law, Joey, Chad, and Gregg Griffio, of Farmington.

The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation and thanks for the many, many wishes of encouragement, heartfelt prayers, and acts of kindness presented during Greg's illness and passing.

