



## Larry M Stephens

June 26, 1947 - May 29, 2018

Professor Larry Marion Stephens, age 70, died May 29, 2018. Born June 26, 1947 in Frankfurt, Germany, he was the son of the late Lawrence W. and Alice F. Stephens. He received a B.S. in electrical engineering from the University of South Carolina and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in electrical engineering from Johns Hopkins University. He also served honorably as an officer in the U.S. Navy. After returning to Columbia, he enjoyed over thirty years of teaching and research in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at the University of South Carolina.

He loved God and country, family and friends. He enjoyed playing guitar, sailing, flying gliders, and hiking, and was keenly interested in the exploration of the universe. Willing to tackle any project with enthusiasm and abandon, he was truly a skilled handyman.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen Carruth, whom he called "Rock"; his two sisters, Ann Carlson (Randy) and Polly Nodine (Larry); niece, Katharine Moody; nephews: Jay Carlson, Jeremy and Max Nodine; Clay, George, and Cotton Carruth; and cousins.

A private memorial service for the family will be held in the Rutledge Chapel on the Horseshoe of the University of South Carolina, where he and Ellen were married. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, is assisting the family.

# Comments

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“ Dr. Stephens was my dissertation advisor and I enjoyed his mentorship greatly. He used to tell me to go "that" and "which" hunting meaning to remove unnecessary words in my writing and I do the same to my students every semester now! I was a student of his in the 1990s finally finishing up in 2002.

Dr. Ron Fulbright, USC Upstate, Department of Informatics & Engineering Systems

**Ron Fulbright** - May 14, 2019 at 10:23 AM

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“ Dear Ellen, I want to say that I admire you for your unrelenting support and love for your husband Larry. You were his “Rock” as he called you. It was a privilege to meet you both.

Sincerely,  
Kelly Carson, RN

**Kelly Carson** - June 17, 2018 at 09:59 AM

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“ I was so sorry to hear about Larry's passing. I remember he had a great sense of humor. My sincere condolences to Ann and Polly and their families and to his wife, Ellen.

Peggy Marks

**Peggy Marks** - June 06, 2018 at 07:46 AM

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“ Ellen you have been in our thoughts and prayers and will continue to be. You certainly have been a rock to Larry,

Love, Carolyn B

**Carolyn Boney** - June 03, 2018 at 09:45 AM