



Mr. Robert Oscar Stephens

April 15, 1932 - November 22, 2021

Robert Oscar Stephens, Born April 15, 1932, went Home to Lord on November 22, 2021. He was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Billie Jean Stephens. He leaves behind two sons: Robert David Stephens & wife Mary, and Terry Charles Stephens, both of Brandon, Fl. He was blessed in life to have two grandchildren who loved him very much: Jaclyn-Marie Svetlana Stephens, and Robert Igor Stephens.

In his teens, He started a band known as “The Blue Valley Boys” and played country music with them all over Tennessee, and on Radio and on Television for the next 40 years. He was a regular performer on the “Cas Walker Farm and Home Hour” televised Monday thru Friday on WBIR out of Knoxville, Tennessee from the mid 50s till the mid 60s He played with Dolly Parton, Roy Acuff and the Tennessee Mountain Boys, and numerous other “Grand Ole Opry” personalities over his career.

He gave life to the comic character “Jake” and was well known on the music circuit for his comedy skits in addition to his masterful playing of the “Doghouse” (upright acoustic) Bass and his “Gibson” acoustic dreadnought guitar. In 2002, he was inducted into Tennessee’s “Country Music Hall of Fame” as well as Campbell County’s and the City of LaFollette’s “Country Music Hall of Fame”.

He and his wife moved to Florida in 1992, where he became a performing member of “The Society for the Preservation of Early Country & Western Music” and performed weekly with the Society. He continued to play music after moving to Florida and served as the Church Music Director and leading the Church Choir for as long as he was able to perform. He will be missed by his Family, but they take comfort in knowing that now he is singing and playing with the angels.