



Rev. Donald Stiens

September 5, 1943 - October 20, 2011

Conway, SC... Rev. Donald R. Stiens, 68, husband of Sandy Stiens, died Thursday, Oct. 22, 2011 at Conway Medical Center.

Rev. Stiens was born in St. Louis, MO, a son of the late Louis Donald and Lois Georgette McCormick Stiens. He was a graduate of Florida State University with a degree in Criminology. He went to work in the airline business with National Airlines and Pan Am and helped to create Dolphin Airways. In 1983 Rev. Stiens was called into the ministry and then graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary. He served as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of St. Marys, Georgia from 1986 to 1994 and then moved to Conway, SC where he became minister of Kingston Presbyterian Church. He retired in August of 2010.

Surviving in addition to his wife of Conway is a son Donald Eric Stiens and wife Jenn of St. Marys, GA. A daughter Heidi Lynn Stiens of Jacksonville, FL. 2 grandchildren, Brynlee Rayne Stiens and Calysta Sage Elwood. One brother David Stiens of Sylva, NC.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. at Kingston Presbyterian Church with Rev. Rhett Talbert and Rev. Gary Lowe officiating.

The family will receive friends in the fellowship hall following the service.

Memorials may be made to Mercy Care Hospice, 8216 Devon Ct., Myrtle Beach, SC 29572 or International Essential Tremor Foundation, PO Box 14005, Lenexa, Kansas 66285-4005 or Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 537 Long Point Rd., Suite 203, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Service

OCT **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Kingston Presbyterian Church
800 Third Avenue
Conway, SC 29526-5141

Tribute Wall



“ *Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Donald Stiens*



Goldfinch Funeral Home - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Dear Sandy Eric and Heidi and all your family. Over four years now. We hope you have wonderful new memories helping to heal your hearts. We still miss Don very much though. Love and prayers. Pat and Brenda Hill*

Brenda Hill - January 26, 2016 at 11:18 AM

RE

“ *Dear Sandy,*

Our heartfelt sympathy for your loss. Don was a wonderful person and a wonderful pastor. We fondly remember moving to Conway and discovering Kingston Church just as Don arrived. His presence made our decision to join easy and we enjoyed our time with him. Our prayers and blessings.

Roger and Shirley Erickson

Roger Erickson - October 25, 2011 at 06:44 PM

TP

“ Dear Sandy and Family and the Kingston Church Family,

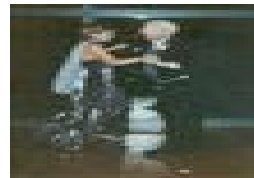
I am so saddened at Don's leavetaking from us but thankful for the resurrection life he now leads. He was such a gift and good friend to me from seminary on - especially in these years we shared in New Harmony together. Please know you all are in my prayers. I wish I could be there for the service but I will be in spirit.

Jeri Parris Perkins

The Rev. Dr. Jeri Parris Perkins - October 25, 2011 at 11:11 AM



“ 28 files added to the album Don Stiens



Goldfinch Funeral Home - October 25, 2011 at 10:56 AM

FL

“ Dear Sandy - We were so sad to hear about your loss of Don. The mention of your names brought back a flood of wonderful memories of our time together at National Airlines and Pan Am. It seems like yesterday. We were so young and so energetic! We can still hear Don's booming voice! You all have lived a wonderful life together and we know he was doing exactly what he was meant to do. Your friendship is enduring and we loved hearing about your children. We pray for you and your family to have peace, and feel God's arms around you. Love to you, Clarice and Fred Luhm
feluhm@aol.com

Fred and Clarice Luhm - October 25, 2011 at 10:08 AM

DM

“ Our first memory of Don was when he made his first visit to our home. Ken mistakenly wrote our house number from Charleston. Our street of course only had one block so Don stopped a police officer and got an escort to our home. Oh we love to hear him laugh and tell stories. Sandy, Eric and Heidi our love & prayers are with you, Ken & Diane Miley

Diane Williams Miley - October 24, 2011 at 07:54 PM

RI

“ To me Don was a gentle giant; warm, polite, inviting. Such a nice person to talk to. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to talk with Don while he was in the hospital a couple of weeks before his death.

Rev Bo Yates
Conway, SC

Rev Bowling C. Yates III - October 24, 2011 at 07:06 PM

HS

“ Sandy, we extend our sympathy to you and your family on Donald's death. We met at the rehearsal dinner last November as we prepared to celebrate Ryan and Julie's wedding. Our conversation with you and Donald was supportive and uplifting as we for the first time was having one of our children make the faith commitment of marriage. I remember his smile and seriousness and great handshake the next day. We, Kaye, Karl and I extend our heart felt concern and care as you face this loss. Hold on to the wonderful memories; and be strong to rise above the sadness and empty moments as they come. And Sandy, dare to hope in this mysterious Spirit already present in us and "for us" in the mixture of life. Shalom, Henry henryschwarzmann@hotmail.com 864 229 2065

Henry F. Schwarzmann - October 24, 2011 at 05:50 PM

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“ (Cricket) Dawn Sommer lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Stiens



(Cricket) Dawn Sommer - October 24, 2011 at 03:07 PM

SJ

“ Suzanne C. Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Stiens



Suzanne C. Johnson - October 24, 2011 at 09:26 AM

LL

“ Even though its been many years, I can still hear his voice as he is giving the Benediction at the end of Service. It was always followed with a big beautiful smile. He laughed, smiled and served his church and family with his whole being. He embodied love, friendship and compassion. Rev. Don is an inseparable part of my adolescence. He will be truly missed by all who had the pleasure to know him. Sandy, Eric and Heidi you are all in my prayers!

Laurie McDowell Levine - October 24, 2011 at 09:10 AM

TM

“ Don was a great friend and brother in Christ. He will be missed by so many yet we know that Don's spirit goes on. From his booming laughter to his tender prayers he will be remembered, and when our sadness passes we can celebrate that he has earned his reward. God's blessings and mercy comfort you during this time. Troy Metzner

Troy Metzner - October 24, 2011 at 08:34 AM



“ Don was a great man and a great friend! It was a joy to have him with us in the booth when we did the Wildcat games together! Lawton and I will miss him greatly! We have had the pleasure of having 2 great men (Dr. Edwin Davis and Don) with us on the broadcast who now broadcast in Heaven for Our Heavenly Father!! To Mrs. Sandy and all the family; you are in our thoughts and prayers!!
"Voice of the Cats", J.C. Outlaw III and Lawton Teston

J.C. Outlaw - October 23, 2011 at 10:45 PM

JS

“ My heart is so very heavy tonight as I learned of your passing. You were the voice we listened to on the radio on Friday nights as the Wildcats played and the voice we listened to on Sunday morning as you delivered God's word for all of us to hear. You joined us in marriage and christened our children and even buried our loved ones and did it all with so much compassion. I am blessed to have known such a wonderful man. Thank you for all that you gave to us. Sandy, Heidi, Eric, Jenn, Calysta & Brynlee I'm so sorry for your loss, you are all in my prayers.

Jennifer Sheppard - October 23, 2011 at 09:15 PM

GD

“ Gwen DuPree lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Stiens



Gwen DuPree - October 23, 2011 at 07:53 PM

DM

“ Words and tears are not enough to take away the pain when a great person is no longer with us. Rev. Stiens will be missed by everyone who ever knew him.

donna mcdowell - October 23, 2011 at 05:46 PM



“ Rick Douylliez lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Stiens



Rick Douylliez - October 23, 2011 at 04:13 PM

TC

“ Tom and I have had tears in our eyes for several days now, knowing that we'll miss Don so much. We have so many wonderful memories of him. What a wonderful friend and pastor. Sandy, Eric and Heidi....you are in our prayers. We wrap our arms around you in spirit. God keep and comfort you all.
Tom and Peggy Carter

Tom and Peggy Carter - October 23, 2011 at 03:39 PM



*Bigger than life! Cathy and I have said those words over and over again as we remember Don. Every visit back to Saint Marys, the community of faith that loved him first, we would see him walking up the sidewalk leading to our historic sanctuary with those arms open wide enough to embrace us all! And now we embrace his family with God's grace and compassion.
Rick and Cathy Douylliez*

Rick Douylliez - October 23, 2011 at 04:07 PM

HS

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Heidi Stiens - October 23, 2011 at 12:58 PM

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Heidi Stiens - October 23, 2011 at 12:56 PM

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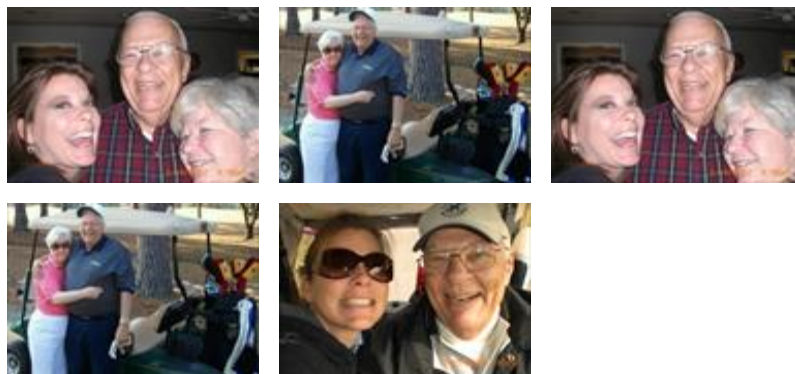
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Heidi Stiens - October 23, 2011 at 12:54 PM

HS

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Heidi Stiens - October 23, 2011 at 12:53 PM

Sara
Voyles
Massey

“ *Sara Voyles Massey lit a candle in memory of
Rev. Donald Stiens*



Sara Voyles Massey - October 23, 2011 at 12:12 PM

JK

“ *James Kiegel lit a candle in memory of Rev.
Donald Stiens*



James Kiegel - October 23, 2011 at 07:34 AM

DD

“ *Debbie And Cliff Davenport lit a candle in
memory of Rev. Donald Stiens*



Debbie and Cliff Davenport - October 23, 2011 at 07:25 AM

HF

“ *He was such a peaceful and sympathetic man. I always loved his
gentle spirit. Thanks be that we'll see him again in the hereafter!*

Heather Ferguson - October 23, 2011 at 12:05 AM

DW

“ Don and I were colleagues when we both were in Savannah Presbytery. He was a good friend to me and many others. His faith, humor, and life touched my life and I am grateful. Thanks be to God for a life well lived and God's good gift of life in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Dudley Weaver,
St. Augustine, Florida

Dudley Weaver - October 22, 2011 at 09:30 PM

SS

“ The Stiens' family was a big part of our lives, as our children grew up together. The Steins lived right around the corner in St. Marys and our kids were always together, especially Heidi and Robin. We all look forward to seeing our friend again one day. We take comfort in that. Sandy, Heidi, and Eric, we love you all so much. Love, Jimmy, Sandra, and Eric Street. Robin and Brian Hendrix.

Sandra Street - October 22, 2011 at 06:53 PM

HS

Love you too mama Street!! XOXO

Heidi Stiens - October 23, 2011 at 08:48 AM

JG

“ When we first moved to St. Marys in 1991, we went looking for a church home. It just took one visit to FPC to know that was where we belonged. Don shaped our church and shaped our lives as well. He was always full of laughter and joy! He was the type of person who you just wanted to be around. Hugs and kisses to you, Sandy, Eric, Heidi and family. Don will be forever in our hearts and minds. Love, Julie and Matt Graham

Julie Graham - October 22, 2011 at 05:51 PM

CB

“ *Rev. Stiens was a part of many events in my life, to name a few - my wedding, my son's christening, a house blessing. His booming voice and larger than life personality will remain in my heart forever. My prayers go out to all your family -*
Crystal Bunkley
Waverly, Georgia

Crystal Bunkley - October 22, 2011 at 05:44 PM

PO

“ *Rev. Don Stiens will be missed greatly by so many. Don was a wonderful man and he knew how to encourage others as well as make them laugh. We are praying for Sandy, Eric, Heidi and the whole family during this time. May the Lord comfort all of you today and in the days to come.*

Pastor Greg & Pam Schmidt, Oklahoma - October 22, 2011 at 04:43 PM

NH

“ *Nicole Hatcher lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Stiens*



Nicole Hatcher - October 22, 2011 at 04:36 PM

GO

“ *Greg & Pam Schmidt, Oklahoma lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Stiens*



Greg & Pam Schmidt, Oklahoma - October 22, 2011 at 04:35 PM

KM

“ *Kathy Kisby McCormick lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Stiens*



Kathy Kisby McCormick - October 22, 2011 at 04:30 PM

TH

“ *To the Stiens family....I met Rev. Stiens through Conway Medical Center. He was such a joy to talk to and he always put a smile on my face each time I saw him. My thoughts and prayers go out to each of you....he will be surely missed!!*

Teresa Hucks - October 22, 2011 at 04:20 PM

HS

“ *Heidi Stiens lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Stiens*



Heidi Stiens - October 22, 2011 at 02:24 PM

HS

I love you so much daddy!!!! I miss you terribly, but know you are in the Lord's hands and I will see you again one day. My days just aren't complete now.....miss talking to you!!! :(I love you with all of my heart!!!! Your Princess, Heidi

Heidi Stiens - October 22, 2011 at 02:26 PM

DM

“ Although I did not know Rev. Don Stiens personally, he was always a gentlemen wherever you saw him. He was in Rotary with my late husband, Jim Polatty. Jim always said Don was a great man. I especially loved his blessed words during the Easter and Christmas get togethers at the many churches. Conway has truly lost a wonderful, caring man. My thoughts and prays are with the family.
De Lis Melton Polatty

De Lis MeltonPolatty - October 21, 2011 at 10:17 AM

DM

“ De Lis MeltonPolatty sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Donald Stiens



De Lis MeltonPolatty - October 21, 2011 at 10:11 AM