



Raymond Berkley Stephens

November 23, 1947 - October 5, 2024

On behalf of Raymond Stephens family, they request that No Flowers be order. You are not obligated to order any. Stephens family would like thank you if this was your way of showing your respect and condolences.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Estes Funeral Chapel
2201 Plymouth Ave N
Minneapolis, MN 55411
(612) 521-6744
<https://estesfuneralchapel.com>

Funeral Service

NOV 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

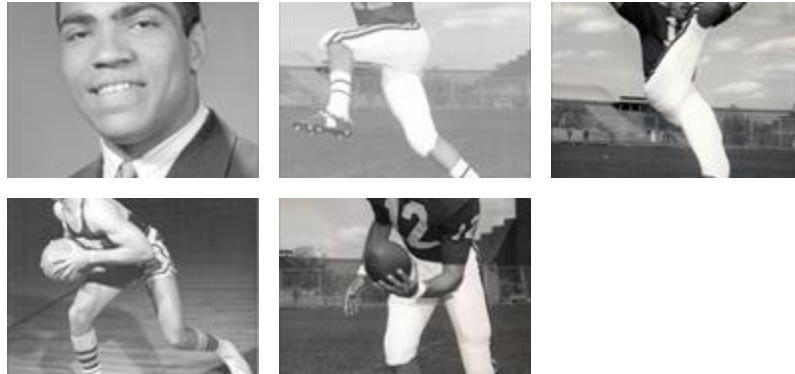
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“ *Sending my thoughts and Prayers to our extended Family today. May God give you the strength and Peace to endure this difficult day. Love you All Dearly. Sylvia Parson Buffalow*

Sylvia Parson Buffalow - November 01, 2024 at 10:49 AM

John
Thompson

“ *5 files added to the album Stretch*



John Thompson - October 23, 2024 at 10:50 AM

RP

“ *Raymond Stephen was my best friend. We have known each other since we were in the first grade. We grew up together in Uniontown Pennsylvania. Played together, went to school together and played sports on the same athletic teams. He was one of the main reasons I attended the University of Minnesota. I loved that Guy, and I will most certainly miss my brother Ray (Stretch). But I will definitely never forget Him.*
Ray Parson and Deborah.

Ray Parson - October 12, 2024 at 12:47 PM

JT

As teammates we all would spend hours together. working out, practicing, meetings, plane trips to other states, staying in hotels and of course the games. For me it was the quality times, hanging out setting around joking, telling stories, learning more about each other, singing songs, while stretch played the piano and harmonized. There would be Ray Parson, Vern Winfield, Richard Crawford, Curtis Mayfield, Mike Curtis and myself. Fun times we had, Stretches favorite was Van Morrisons "Brown Eyed Girl", he'd kill it. My most memorable time with the fellas, Stretch in particular, was learning to play chess. He was a great instructor, and I did not beat him until my THIRTY FOURTH game, he showed no mercy. I thought I'd won the lottery (the lottery did not exist back then, same feeling though) Miss the big guy and that laugh. Rest in Peace brother, teammate, Fraternity Brother, friend and instructor.

John D Thompson - October 14, 2024 at 10:30 AM