BENTON - A graveside service with Masonic Rites for Gene Overton Stephens will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, September 29, 2012 at Silver Creek Cemetery, Vernon Parish, LA. Officiating will be Pastor Jeremy Blocker. Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, September 28, 2012 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home, Bossier City, LA.

Gene was born December 16, 1934 in Slagle, LA and died September 25, 2012 in Benton, LA. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a retired District Manager for Southland Corporation. Gene was a member of Simpson Baptist Church and Past Master of the Broadmoor Masonic Lodge.
Gene is preceded in death by his parents, William Daniel Stephens, Sr. and Susan Anna Catherine Grant Stephens and siblings, Willie Stephens, Cecil Stephens, Hattie Stephens Pope, Clifford Stephens, Dan Stephens, Jr., Wanda Stephens Roth and Billy Stephens, Sr.

He is survived by his wife, Patsy Harville Stephens; son, Danny Stephens and wife Vicky; daughters, Debbie Stephens Font and husband Chris, Delisa Stephens Cohen and husband Brett and grandchildren, Christopher Font, Jr., Sarah Font, Haley Stephens, Hunter Stephens, Grant Cohen and Blake Cohen.

Honoring Gene as pallbearers will be Christopher Font, Jr., Hunter Stephens, Billy Stephens, Jr., Craig Mitchell, Clint Mitchell, Curtis Mitchell, Chris Pope and Scott Stephens.

The family would like to express their thanks and appreciation to St. Joseph Hospice for the care of our loved one and the support of our family.

The family suggests memorials to Shriners Hospital for Children, 3100 Samford Ave, Shreveport, LA or to the Alzheimer's Foundation.