



George E. Stevens, 75

Professor George E. Stevens, age 75, of Lafayette, passed away at his residence at 1:48 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, 2012, surrounded by his family. Born on July 12, 1936, in Portland, Oregon, he was the son of the late Herbert and Esther Scheidt of Vancouver, Washington.

Professor Stevens received his bachelor's degree from Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon. After graduating from Pacific University he spent 2 years with a weekly newspaper in Ellensburg, Washington, covering the local news. He received his Ph.D. in Mass Communication from the University of Minnesota. He was then a professor at the University of Cincinnati for 5 years. Professor Stevens retired in 2001 from Purdue where he was Assistant Department Head and Professor in the Department of Communication. He wrote over 70 articles in various law and communication journals. He also authored two books pertaining to high school journalism: "Law and the Student Press" and "Public Opinion Polling."

He married Laura J. Stoner in Cincinnati, Ohio on December 20, 1969, and she survives. Mrs. Stevens is a research associate in the Department of Nutrition Science at Purdue University. Surviving with his wife are two sons, John H. "Jack" Stevens, of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, and Jeffrey G. Stevens, of Indianapolis; a brother-in-law, David M. Stoner and David's wife, Rosemary Stoner, of Cincinnati; 3 nieces, Pamela Cruckshank, of Milwaukie, Oregon, Joan Gaul, of Vancouver, Washington, and Diane Pierok, of Cincinnati; and a nephew, Robert Stoner, also of Cincinnati. Professor Stevens was preceded in death by a sister, Lorene Lacy, of Vancouver, Washington.

He enjoyed playing tennis with his buddies. Later in life he even tried to play while wearing an oxygen tank as his health declined due to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.

When he first visited Charlevoix in 1970, he instantly fell in love with the Belvedere & always loved spending time in Charlevoix each year in June August & October.
A Celebration of Life will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 14, 2012, at Hippensteel Funeral Home in Lafayette. In lieu of flowers donors may make memorial contributions to St. Ann's Soup Kitchen, 612 Wabash Ave., Lafayette, IN 47905 or Almost Home Humane Society, 1705 S. 2nd St., Lafayette, IN 47905 or a charity of the donor's choosing.

Following the Celebration of Life, friends and family are invited back to the Stevens home for a light lunch.

Hippensteel Funeral Home is entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.hippensteelfuneralservice.com.

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