



## Jeri Ann Stephens

July 21, 1953 - February 8, 2018

Jeri Ann Stephens of Garland, Texas, passed away at the age of 64 on February 8, 2018, after a lengthy illness. She was quiet, thoughtful, and loved learning. Fluent in five languages, Jeri was always reading at least two books. She had a phenomenal mind.

Born on July 21, 1953, Jeri grew up in Texarkana, Arkansas, where she excelled at showing horses. She won many writing and science awards and graduated as a top ten scholar from Arkansas High School. She attended the University of Dallas in Irving, Texas, where she graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in English and philosophy. After studying for a semester in Rome, she took graduate courses at Texas Women's University in Denton, where she won a writing award and also taught English. Jeri worked as a logistical manager/purchasing agent at Marine Plastics, Inc., in Denton. She continued her career as an editor and logistical manager at Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service in Mesquite. Throughout her life, she was a dog enthusiast. Jeri bred, showed and trained Weimaraners. She was an advocate for the breed and a mentor when people needed help. She was also a self-taught chef who studied Julia Child's methods and put them into practice. In spite of life's hardships, Jeri always had a positive attitude.

Jeri was preceded in death by her parents Edwin Stephens and Betty Stephens Jennings; Uncle Jere E. Stephens; Aunt Carol Jean Stephens, and

a very special aunt, Lee Bosley. She is survived by partner, Jeanna Jenkins of Garland, and extended family members Rebecca Melton of Longview, Texas; Ann Crews Melton and family of Bismarck, North Dakota; Emily Melton Harris and family of Frisco, Texas; and Elizabeth Melton of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Other survivors include her beloved aunt Marjorie Stephens of Ashdown, Arkansas; cousins Pam Pearson and family of Washington, Arkansas, Trevor Pearson and family of Lockesburg, Arkansas; and many other cousins and friends.

A Graveside Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, February 18, 2018, at 1:30 pm at the Ashdown Cemetery in Ashdown, Arkansas. Memorial donations may be made in Jeri Stephens' name to the Weimaraner Foundation Fund, online or mail to: WFF, 14 Lashley Estates Drive, Swansea IL 62226.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jeri Ann Stephens*

October 08, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family for your loss, Please take comfort from knowing that our Heavenly Father cares about you and what you must be feeling at this difficult time. (1 Peter 5:6,7) My thoughts are with you.*

**L P** - June 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am devastated. I will sorely miss conversing with Jeri. She was brilliant, kind and thoughtful. I am at a loss for words and, oddly, I "felt" her loss before finding it out for certain via email. I am so sorry for Jeanna. I am absolutely stricken with grief. Jeri was such a good person. Such a marvel. I will miss Jeri deeply.*

**Patricia Mora - Littleton, CO - Friend** - February 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM