



## Stephen Paul Stinson

November 25, 1952 - January 11, 2019

Stephen Paul Stinson, age 66, passed away January 11, 2019. He was born November 25, 1952, in Dallas, TX, to Vernon Edward Stinson and Doris (Townsend) Stinson. Stephen grew up in the Pleasant Grove area of Dallas and later moved to Garland, TX, where he remained until his move to Royse City, TX, eight years ago. He worked at Globe Battery Division/Johnson Controls and was previously a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Garland.

Stephen had a passion for playing guitar and singing. He was told he looked like Willie Nelson, so jokingly referred to himself as "Chili Nelson." He loved horses and was also a great cook. Those who knew Stephen will miss his engaging personality and his colorful storytelling.

He is survived by his sisters: Cynthia Stinson Johnson and Trudi Stinson; cousins: Reggie Hays, Zachary Hays and Michael Hays; nephew: James O'Neill; nieces: Stacy Hunter, Abby Stinson, Hannah Stinson and Sarah Stinson; great nephew: Matt Hunter; great nieces: Kylie Hunter and Katlyn O'Neill; and great-great nephew: Aiden Rodriguez. Stephen is also survived by his very good friends, Rich and Teri Miller, and so many others in his neighborhood and at the Royse City Senior Center.

Funeral services will be held 2:00pm, Thursday, January 17, 2019, at Rest Haven Funeral Home-Royse City Location. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park, Rockwall. A gathering of family and friends will be held at the funeral home, prior to the funeral service, beginning at 1:00pm.

# Cemetery

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**Rest Haven Memorial Park**  
2500 State Highway 66 East  
Rockwall, TX, 75087

# Events

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**JAN 17** **Gathering** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Rest Haven - Royse City Location  
141 West Main Street, Royse City, TX, US, 75189

**JAN 17** **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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Rest Haven - Royse City Location  
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# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Rest Haven Funeral Homes and Memorial Park** - January 16, 2019 at 08:33 PM

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“ Even though Stephen's health had slowly declined over the last few years, and he was able to see very little, and wasn't a big guy, he was a tough and fearless man in his youth, and my granddaughter and I knew he had our backs. If we were afraid, we knew who to call, and his house was just across the street. He also was one of the few who really understood and encouraged my musical interests. We had a few sessions at his house, but I wish I had taken more time to learn from, and play guitars with, him. We will miss you, Mr. Stephen.

**Carol Warren** - January 16, 2019 at 11:18 AM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



**Millie Coppedge** - January 14, 2019 at 09:24 AM

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“ Steve was the same age as Dan and I. He was a part of our table at the senior center. Dan liked it because, in the last few years, Steve and Dan were the only two guys at the table and they had guy stuff to talk about, since the rest of our table was all women.

He will be missed so much. I am sure he is singing with the angels about now.

**Peggy Barker** - January 13, 2019 at 01:38 PM



“ Steve was a friend and neighbor. He could tell some great stories, like the time he wrestled a bear at an event that Dr. Pepper sponsored. He loved to play his guitar and sing. He played at the Well coffee shop in Royse City at least twice. Doug Bostick, Linda and Steve often played and sang together at the Senior Center in Royse City. He was a good man with a loving heart. His best friends, Rich and Terri, were like brother and sister to him. His friend, Billie Leatherwood, made sure he took his medication properly every day for months. All his friends, including me, Caroline Moses, will miss him. He's with his mama, Bo, in Heaven now.

**Caroline Moses** - January 14, 2019 at 09:20 AM

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“ My Dear Stephen,

In October, 2012, I was privileged to spend many hours interviewing you for a feature story for the Rockwall County News, where I worked as a reporter. I came to appreciate your good character and cherish the good nature you possessed.

In your life, you overcame physical barriers that amazed most physicians and medical personnel, defied death several times, met blindness head on, and at all odds, faced life with a smile on your face. You never met a stranger. All who met you, came to love you.

One of your goals at the time was to enter the Royse City Fun Fest Truck Pull. You worked daily with Rich Miller, owner of the Royse City Fitness Gym, and as an 89 pound man, WON the contest! What joy the win brought you and all of us who watched you win.

So many have enjoyed your beautiful voice and the times you played your guitar and sang, especially at The Well. We have prayed for your recovery, but it just wasn't meant to be.

Now you are singing with the angels.

Your friend,  
Millie Jean Coppedge

**Millie Jean Coppedge** - January 12, 2019 at 11:00 PM



“ What a beautiful tribute. From Steve's extended family I say thank you. He was blessed to have such a friend.

**Linda** - January 15, 2019 at 07:21 PM