



Mr. Dalton "The Button King" Stevens

April 28, 1930 - November 21, 2016

Mr. Dalton J. Stevens, 86, known to all as "The Button King", died peacefully on Monday, November 21, 2016. Funeral services will be held at 12 o'clock on Saturday, November 26, 2016, in the Robert E. Lee Academy Gymnasium. The Rev. Randy Wilson and The Rev. Hazel Mixon will officiate the service with a private burial to follow. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 pm on Friday, November 25, 2016, at Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to The Button Museum, 55 Joe Dority Road, Bishopville, SC 29010.

Dalton Stevens, The Button King, passed away on November 21, 2016 at 4:15 PM. Born on April 28, 1930, he was a son of the late William and Susie Stewart Stevens. Dalton was a wonderful husband and father and a beloved member of the community. Most of his life revolved around music and entertaining. He bought his first banjo in 1962 and played up until his passing. People said he was the best banjo player around. In the 1960's, he played on WIS-TV with Hill Billy John. He taught all of his children to play an instrument and formed a band called The Stevens Family.

In 1983, The Button King was coined. He sewed, glued, and collected buttons from all over the world. This endeavor opened many doors and took him to many places with his wife by his side. In the 1980s, you could see him on national TV shows, such as The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson, The David

Letterman Show, Regis and Kathy Lee, and on the road with Charles Kuralt, just to name a few.

He was not only an extraordinary entertainer; he was a generous and giving human being. He could be seen delivering sweet potatoes or peaches throughout the community. He simply loved people and they loved him. He will be missed.

He is survived by his son, JD (Vicki) Stevens of Bishopville, SC; daughters, Mary Frances (Ted) Crolley of Camden, SC, Carolyn (MD) Stevens of Bishopville, SC; grandchildren, Stephanie (Johnford) Murray of Florence, SC, Adrienne (Jeremy) Murphy of Mt. Pleasant, SC, Nikki (Dustin) Thompson of Hanahan, SC; great-grandchildren, Kailee Murray of Florence, SC, Taylor Murphy of Mt. Pleasant, SC, Harrison Murphy of Mt. Pleasant, SC, Sydney Thompson of Hanahan, SC.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Ruby Smith Stevens, and infant daughter, Terry.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home
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Service

NOV **26**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Robert E. Lee Academy
630 Couser Street
Bishopville, SC 29010

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Thank you Mr. Dalton for making me smile and laugh too! Just watched a re-run of *The Johnny Carson Show*. What a neat idea you had. Amazing!

Judy Burlingham - March 11, 2024 at 10:57 PM



“ Mr. Dalton "*The Button King*" Stevens

October 08, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ Mr. Dalton "*The Button King*" Stevens

March 25, 2023 at 11:01 AM

KB

“ Thank you for being you, Mr. Dalton. Just watched you on a 1987 re-run on *The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson*. What a gem you were! A people lover who made us laugh. Hilarious, lovely and talented man. May you rest in God's peace. Blessings to your loved ones who share your memory. 3/10/2020

kathryn Bornhauser - March 11, 2020 at 12:01 AM

JG

“ Judy Groves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dalton "*The Button King*" Stevens



Judy Groves - November 28, 2016 at 08:21 AM

JG

“ To the Stephens Family: My heartfelt condolences. The Button King loved people and we all loved him. It was obvious to anyone who had the privilege of Dalton's company that he was a devoted family man. He delighted in sharing the special gifts of each.
: "What a Blessing"! He was a unique celebrity who typically brought joy and happiness to those he encountered. We love you Dalton Stevens. Your presence will be sorely missed Thank you for the great memories. We treasure them. Judy Groves & family.

Judy Groves - November 28, 2016 at 08:18 AM

KE

“ Karen & Ernie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dalton "The Button King" Stevens



Karen & Ernie - November 25, 2016 at 11:33 AM



“ Steve Winburn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dalton "The Button King" Stevens



Steve Winburn - November 24, 2016 at 04:41 PM