

IN LOVING MEMORY

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## Funeral Service

2 p.m., Sunday, July 14, 2024

Munden Funeral Home, Morehead City, NC

Officiant, John Carswell / Vocalists, Albert and Deanna McElmon

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Welcome, Scripture Reading, Prayer

Personal Comments by Richard Harrell

Stephen's Medley:

"Heavenly Sunshine", "Jesus Loves Me", "Do Lord"

Message

Closing Prayer

The service will conclude at Bayview Cemetery.

Please turn on bright lights and hazards in procession to the Cemetery.

### Pallbearers

Matthew Kangas  
Randy Kilgore

Mark Ashcraft  
Chuck Bryant

Albert Gent  
Huck Smith

Stephen Oglesby, 63, of Morehead City, NC, passed away unexpectedly in his sleep on Sunday, July 7, 2024, at the Tammy Lynn Center, a home for the mentally challenged.

Stephen was born on July 13, 1960, in Morehead City, to the late Edwin Priest Oglesby Jr. and Doris Pace Oglesby. Stephen and his preschool-age friends were the charter attendees of a day camp for mentally challenged children at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. First, from the initiative, The Trainable Class at Morehead Central evolved. Stephen began his education journey to 18 years old. At 18, he attended an adult day program at the Station Club where he remained until age 60.

In 2020, he then remained at home with his parents and enjoyed his daily visit by his caregivers. While Stephen loved all his caregivers, he was especially fond of Phoebe who worked with him through the Station Club and remained with him while home for a total of 14 years. You would often find them out and about all over Morehead City, shopping and eating lunch at many different restaurants. The servers would often see him coming in and get the sweet tea and French fries ready because all adored him. Stephen also looked forward to having Marilyn and Lori come and spend time with him. They spent hours in his office working with his stickers and crafts.

Stephen's next transition, was moving into Tammy Lynn Center of Raleigh where he received 24/7 care, along with interaction of his peers. He enjoyed his short time at TLC and quickly made friends with the staff and other residents. Stephen brought great joy to his family and he loved all unconditionally. He loved hard, and was still asking for his father, "Ed" who preceded him in death. Stephen also loved his mama whom he also referred to by her first name, "Doris". They were the "Terrific Trio". Stephen always teased he was moving to Raleigh to live with Shelly, his sister, but Shelly's culinary skills weren't quite up to his standards, set by mom. Stephen absolutely adored his niece Lauren and nephew Matthew. His face would light up at the mention of them and he spoke of them daily. He was very proud to show them his new room at TLC.

Stephen was well known for collecting tabs that were turned into the Ronald McDonald House to be melted and generate money to help support family members while their loved ones are in the hospital. Stephen had people collecting tabs and giving to him so that he could donate. He had people as far away as Alabama and West Virginia collecting along with many all over North Carolina including many employees of Kane Realty Corporation. We hope all will continue to collect and donate tabs to Eastern NC Ronald McDonald House.

Those remaining to cherish his memory are his faithful mama, Doris Pace Oglesby of Morehead City; his loving sister, Shelly Oglesby Kangas of Raleigh; niece, Lauren Elizabeth Kangas and fiancé Mark Franklin Ashcraft Jr. of Charlotte; and nephew, Matthew Edwin Kangas and fiancé Giovanna Jeanne Conigliaro of Raleigh. Stephen is also survived by his aunt, Lucille Pace Winstead; uncle, Daniel Clark Oglesby; and numerous cousins. Two of his cousins, Tammie and CJ chose to go in the field of Teaching Special Education because of their awareness and love for Stephen.

# Heaven's Very Special Child

A meeting was held quite far from Earth  
It's time again for another birth.  
Said the Angels to the Lord above,  
This special child will need much love.

His progress may seem very slow,  
Accomplishments he may not show,  
And he'll require extra care  
From folks he meets way down there.

He may not run or laugh or play  
His thoughts may seem quite far away,  
In many ways he won't adapt,  
And he'll be known as handicapped.

So let's be careful where he's sent  
We want his life to be content.  
Please, Lord, find the parents who  
Will do a special job for you.

They will not realize right away  
The leading role they're asked to play,  
But with this child sent from above  
Comes stronger faith and richer love.

And soon they'll know the privilege given  
In caring for the gift from Heaven,  
Their precious charge so meek and mild  
Is Heaven's very special child.