Cornell Stephens age 83 of Center, Kentucky passed away Saturday, January 19, 2013 at T.J. Samson Community Hospital in Glasgow. He was born in Tompkinsville, Kentucky the son of the late Tim C. and Verda O. Williams Stephens. He was a member of the Center Church of Christ. He was a retired educator of 37 years having been principal of North Metcalfe Elementary School for 28 years (1959-1987). He is an Army veteran of the Korean War having served in Germany.

He is survived by his loving wife, Susan Gittings Stephens; three daughters Diana (Ronnie) Smith of Center, Connie (David) Travis of Owensboro; Susan Kay Stephens of Center; one son, Bennie C. Stephens of Center. Two grandchildren, Angela (Jamie) Powell of Irmo, South Carolina and Justin D. Smith of Center. Two great grandchildren, Kylie and Kellen Powell of Irmo, South Carolina. Two sister in laws; Dorothy Richardson and Blanche Stephens both of Tompkinsville. One brother in law Rex (June) Gittings of Tompkinsville. Four nephews, Tim Stephens of Texas, Clifford Stephens of Tompkinsville, Melvin and Tommy Lindsey both of Smiths Grove. Two great nieces, Chelsea and Courtney Stephens of Tompkinsville. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by a sister, Gladys R. Lindsey and a brother, Kenneth M. Stephens.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 PM Wednesday at Butler Funeral Home in Edmonton with burial in the Monroe County Memorial Lawn. Visitation will be from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM Tuesday and after 9:00 AM Wednesday at the funeral home.