



Stephen Corkern

October 1, 1952 - March 14, 2026

Stephen Joseph Corkern, 73, of Huntsville; passed away Saturday, March 14, 2026, at his home, in Huntsville. He was born Wednesday, October 1, 1952, at Denver, Colorado; to Doris Elaine Hart.

Steve married Terry Lynn Hefner on Monday, September 26, 1983, in Huntsville, and together they raised four children, Tracy, Kimberly, Jimmy, and Joseph, with love and devotion. He faithfully served his community as Police Chief of the Huntsville Police Department for many years, dedicating his life to protecting and caring for others. He carried a strong sense of duty and quiet leadership, earning the respect and trust of those he served and worked alongside.

Steve had a deep and abiding love for the outdoors, where he felt most at peace and most himself. Whether he was deer or turkey hunting, casting a line in quiet waters, bowhunting, camping beneath the open sky, or floating along a familiar river, he found joy in every moment nature offered. The outdoors was not just a pastime to him, but a way of life, one he embraced wholeheartedly. He especially cherished sharing that passion with others, taking great pride in teaching children about hunting, passing down his knowledge, and instilling in them a respect and appreciation for the natural world. He was a loving, kindhearted, and deeply loyal man. Above all, he found his greatest joy in his grandchildren and family.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Doris Hart. He is survived by his wife, Terry Corkern, of the home; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Barry and Janice Corkern, of Little Rock; and Larry and Linda Corkern, of Fort Smith; one sister, Toni Valle, of Oceanside, California; two daughters and one son-in-law, Tracy and Junior Ramirez, of Huntsville; and Kimberly Drumwright, of Bentonville; and two sons and one daughter-in-law, Jimmy Corkern, and Joseph and Kathy Corkern, all of Huntsville. He is also survived by several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at Brashears Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 2:00 PM, Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at Brashears Funeral Home with Todd Thomas officiating. Pallbearers will be Mike Livermore, Dan Riveria, Josh Herring, Olen Thompson, Brent Owens, and Brad Owens. Interment will immediately follow services at Alabam Cemetery. Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of Huntsville.

Cemetery Details

Alabam Cemetery

355 Highway 127
Huntsville, Arkansas 72740
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Previous Events

Receive Friends

MAR 24. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory
509 North Gaskill Street
Huntsville, AR 72740
(479) 738-2123
<https://www.brashearsfuneralhome.net/>

Funeral Service

MAR 25. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SM

“ *Sunshine martin lit a candle in memory of Stephen Corkern*



Sunshine martin - April 05 at 04:07 AM

CG

“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Charlinda Reeves and Charles Gurley - March 24 at 08:14 PM

ME

“ *JG Metscher
Tontitown AR*

Metscher - March 21 at 01:53 AM

TP

“ *Terry, Tracy, Jimmy, Joe, and family, I am so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. He will be greatly missed, I know he touched so many lives in our county and our city, he always had a smile and time to visit. All the family will be in my thoughts and prayers, will be praying for comfort and strength as you face the difficult days ahead.*

Thelma Phillips - March 20 at 11:48 PM

SC

“ So sorry to hear of Steve's passing. I remember when he and Ralph we so quick on the scene of my mother's passing in 1989 in her home, in my arms. He and Ralph were so professional and went straight to work on her until the ambulance arrived 45 minutes later. They were amazing. Prayers for the family.

Susan Collins

Susan E Collins - March 20 at 05:55 PM

BW

“ Prayers and condolences to his family

Tom and Billie Whorton

Billie Whorton - March 20 at 03:19 PM

DG

“ I am deeply saddened to hear this awful news. I met Steve while we were both with Bikers Against Child Abuse. We did not change the world, but I know that we helped some children in the most unfortunate circumstances learn that they were loved by strangers that quickly became their friends and protectors. Steve and I became personal friends and shared a few drinks and many laughs. One of my most memorable motorcycle trips was with Steve when we rode through the Blue Ridge mountains during the day and camped at night. One evening we got to a campground late and all the local restaurants were closed. We were told the campground store was open and all we found were beans and Spam, but it seemed like the best meal ever at that time. RIP Brother



David Gustin - March 20 at 02:10 PM

JS

“ Janice Smith lit a candle in memory of Stephen Corkern



Janice Smith - March 20 at 01:00 PM