



## George Stevens

May 15, 1927 - June 19, 2012

### STEVENS, GEORGE MONTAGUE

In celebrating the long life of George Montague Stevens, his family will first remember his love and devotion to his beautiful wife of 65 years, Virginia Mignon (Scarborough) Stevens. Stevens, the grandson of New Mexico pioneer, Montague Sheffield Stevens, died Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at his home in Albuquerque, and is at peace with his Lord at the age of 85. George Stevens was born May 15, 1927 in Magdalena, N.M. on a ranch that Montague Stevens acquired shortly after moving from England in 1881. Montague Stevens, a descendant of the Duke of Buckingham, was a legendary New Mexico hunter and rancher as well as the author of the book *Meet Mr. Grizzly*. Montague first came to New Mexico to assist the U.S. Cavalry in their hunt for the Apache Chief, Geronimo. Like his grandfather, George Stevens was a great storyteller and blessed his family with tales of New Mexico's early history, stories of his long career as a Border Patrol agent and Federal Investigator for the Immigration Service, and tales of his amateur career as a boxer. George Stevens had many passions in life and his love of boxing was one that began at the age of four and was with him to the end. Stevens' boxing career began after a bout with typhoid fever that had led to a physician encouraging him to go through the rigorous training regimen of a boxer in order to help strengthen weakened legs. That advice helped produce one of New Mexico's top-ever amateur boxers. Known throughout the Southwest as Georgie Stevens, George posted an amateur record of 104-3. One of Stevens' favorite memories was a fight card in which he and his two brothers, Ricky and Gordon, all emerged victorious. His ring titles included: Golden Glove championship, a lightweight Southwest Amateur title (13 states) as well as was the U.S. Army's Middleweight Champion during his service in our Armed Forces, going undefeated at that weight. In his first Golden Gloves tournament at the regional level, Stevens established a Southwest Region Golden Gloves record with a knockout at the 38-second mark of the first round. Stevens had been listed among the nation's top amateur boxers and after his service in the U.S. Army, enrolled at the University of New Mexico to fight on the Lobos' boxing team. The UNM boxing coach at the time, Willis Barnes, said Stevens was the best amateur boxer I've ever seen. The legendary Albuquerque Tribune sportswriter, Carlos Salazar, covered Stevens' boxing career and used to tell of how Stevens once knocked an

opponent through the ropes and onto Salazar's lap. Salazar said Stevens had a Joe-Louis-like left hook. This same great World Heavyweight Champion later tried to sponsor Stevens' ascent into the pro ranks. Stevens turned away from a pro career to begin a new life as a husband and father. Instead of joining Louis' stable of young pros, Stevens joined the U.S. Border Patrol. Stevens, a 1945 graduate of Albuquerque High is survived by his wife, Mignon, his four children: Meave Stevens Dominguez and her husband Jerry; Tracy Ingles and her husband John; Richard Stevens; and Lynne LaBeau and her husband Wayne. He is also survived by eight grandchildren : John Ingles Jr., Cameron Ingles, Elisa (LaBeau) DiMenna, Holly LaBeau, Jared Dominguez, Jalen Dominguez, Trevor Stevens, Kelsey Stevens as well as two great-grandchildren; Kayley LaBeau and Madeleine DiMenna. He was preceded on the path to the Lord by his parents, Alice Romero and George Stevens Sr.; his brothers, Gordon, Patrick and R.G. and survived by his brother, Rickey Stevens as well as his sister Alice Best. His family is blessed with the knowledge that George is now with his Savior, Jesus Christ, but George will forever be in their hearts and their prayers. The Memorial viewing will be held between 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Friday evening, June 22, 2012 and followed by a Memorial service at 11:00 a.m. the morning of Saturday, June 23, 2012. The Memorial viewing and services will both be held at French Chapel located at 10500 Lomas Boulevard Northeast, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Please visit our online guest book for George Stevens at [www.RememberTheirStory.com](http://www.RememberTheirStory.com).

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# Tribute Wall

LL

“ (Today It has been over 2 and 1/2 years since my Dad's passing.) I still miss you Dad and love you with all my heart. Yesterday we gathered again at your grave to say good-bye to Mom. She missed you so and asked everyday how long you had been gone. So this morning I rejoice because I know you and Mom are together and seeing all of God's wonderful Kingdom. I am so thankful to of had such loving and giving parents. I can only imagine what glory your both experiencing seeing the Lord and all his angels. Say hello to Mamaw, Papaw ,Granny, Uncle Gordon and recently our sweet Chris. Give them all a big hug and kiss. I'll love you and Mom forever. See you again someday in God's Kingdom.  
Love always,  
Your baby daughter, Lynne

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Lynne LaBeau - February 08, 2015 at 06:54 AM

HL

“ It's been 2 years and I still think about you everyday. .I miss you Granddad. I love you to the moon and back!

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Holly LaBeau-BlueEyes - June 05, 2014 at 05:37 PM

TI

“ Giving Dad's eulogy was the hardest task I've ever had to do. How do you sum up him and his life in a few short memories? He was an adoring husband to our Mom and a strong influence in all of our lives. He was my Dad and my friend, I will miss him all of the days of my life, but I praise God that I will see him again in the next life. God please you Dad; I love you always. Tracy

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tracy Ingles - June 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ I'm sad to learn that George left our world and I wasn't in town to say goodbye. -- George, Don Eklund, Jimmie Elam and I were best friends for the two high school years that I lived nearby them around Forrester Street. We played basketball in George's driveway and palled around. I enjoyed his story of the three bullies that cornered him after school at Washington Junior High intending to "show him he wasn't all that good" in fighting. However, he quickly dispatched all three with just a few punches. And best of all, the short fight was witnessed by the principal who's office window happened to overlook the corner of the building. Instead of a reprimand for fighting, George got congratulations. -- Contrary to what one may expect of a boxer, George was a gentle boy and gentle man. I admired his calm and gentleness, and enjoyed occasionally visiting him over the last 70 years of our life after our paths diverged. In 1999 when I visited from California, I arranged for George, Tommy Cheney, Ray Brunacini - all high school friends - and I to share lunch and memories at Sadie's on 4th street. -- I'll miss you George.

George Oltman - June 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I remember that wooden chair! (from picture w Meave's boys). I was pulled without consciously knowing why to read today's article on the sports page and discovered that I know who this man is! I have very clear memories (from 1967, etc) of both your parents. How wonderful to see how wide the family is and to know that together you will celebrate and cherish his life.

Susan Warder - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ It was a joy to have worked with George and Mignon this past year. George was probally the nicest man I've ever known. He was kind, considerate and expressed his gratitude every day . George spoke often of the ranch where he lived as a boy. There wasn't a day that went by that he didn't mention something about their cows, horses or his families way of life back then. He loved the mountains of his childhood home. I was blessed to hear the stories of His and Mignons lives. I feel honored to have been one of Georges caregivers. I will miss him as I know all of his loved ones will. My thoughts and prayers go out to Mignon, their kids, grandkids and everyone who knew and loved him. May God Bless and comfort you all

Linda Bilbrey - June 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ I miss you Grandad. It's so hard to think of what to say in a post like this. For those of you who know our family, you know that he was a touchstone for all of us. He brought us together and kept us close. I am grateful that he has been with me through so many of my major (graduations, wedding, playing with my new baby girl...), and minor (fishing, hammock naps, Swenson's ice cream sundaes...) life events. Although I know that he is in a better place now, I still can't help feeling the gravity of his loss. Love Elisa

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**Elisa LaBeau DiMenna** - June 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Kelly, Sue and I will always cherish the memories of "the good old days" with George and his family. We had really nice times together over the many years we knew George, and those memories will remain with us forever. My condolences to each of you, and God bless you,Love,Margil

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**Margil Lyons** - June 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ I have nothing but fond memories of your Dad. I was saddened to hear of his passing. Growing up across the street, I don't think I ever heard a cross word out of his mouth and certainly not directed at me even though Richard and I could certainly be a couple of smart-alecks at times!Speaking of your Dad's boxing abilities, I remember watching him work out on the punching bag in the garage. I was amazed how hard he could hit that bag!God bless all of you and console you in your loss.Richard, would love to hook up with you for a lunch sometime and catch up. Let me know.My condolences to the entire family,Sam(my)

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**Sam Dominguez** - June 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies we want to express to you our deepest condolences.

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**Richard Stewart** - June 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM