



Carolyn Diane Hughes Stephens

January 17, 1954 - December 4, 2024

Carolyn Hughes-Stephens was born in Spartanburg South Carolina to the late Foster and Sarah “Loease” Hughes. She was the third of eight children.

After completing high school in 1972, Carolyn graduated with honors from Morris Brown College in Atlanta Georgia with a Bachelor’s degree. She later received a Master’s degree from Mercer University.

Carolyn accepted Christ at an early age and after relocating to Atlanta, continued her spiritual journey as an active member at Hillside Truth Center. Later, Carolyn joined the Ray of Hope Christian Church in Decatur where she served with several ministries including the Greeter’s Ministry, Finance Ministry, and a volunteer for the annual Hope Health Clinic and Hope Holiday Store until her health declined.

Carolyn had an exemplary career in Human Resources Management with Grady Health Systems for over 45 years. She received the highest honors and recognition for her outstanding leadership, dedication, and service to the organization.

Additionally, Carolyn was affiliated with the national civic and social organization, Charms, Inc. She was an active member of the Atlanta Chapter of Charms, Inc. for greater than 20 years and was honored with many awards, both locally and nationally.

She was united in holy matrimony on November 23, 1996, to Kenneth Stephens and remained in a dedicated and loving relationship until her demise.

Carolyn was preceded in death by two brothers, Joe Haywood, Lawrence "Truman" Hughes and one sister, Cathy Delores Fowler all of Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Carolyn's memory will be cherished forever by her many friends and family, especially her beloved husband Kenneth Stephens of 28 years. She is also survived by two brothers Michael Hughes and Abraham Hughes, both of Spartanburg, SC; two sisters Monica Harris of Spartanburg, SC, and Ruby Colbert of Stone Mountain, GA; two brothers-in-law, Mark Stephens (Moshe') of Atlanta, GA and Gary Stephens (Hope) of Washington, DC; and two sisters-in-law, Alethea Stephens of Colorado, and Angela Stephens of Atlanta, GA.; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, goddaughters and devoted girlfriends.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rainbow Park Baptist Church
2941 Columbia Drive
Decatur, GA 30034

Celebration of Life Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Ray of Hope Christian Church
2778 Snapfinger Rd
Decatur, GA 30034

Burial

DEC 16. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Georgia National Cemetery
2025 Mount Carmel Church Lane
Canton, GA 30114-7670
<http://www.georgianationalcemetery.com>

Tribute Wall

MB

“ We are the Mae Brockman family. Sending blessings to our beloved cousin's family. Carolyn's spirit will be missed.

Mae Brockman - December 14, 2024 at 11:02 AM

SW

“ I worked with Carolyn at Grady and couldn't admire her more: smart, hardworking, and such a warm and kind human being. I know she's whole and at peace now, but those left behind will miss her.
Sara Winship

Sara S Winship - December 12, 2024 at 05:02 PM

PM

“ It was truly a blessing to have had Carolyn as a friend for over 30 years. We met at Grady Hospital in HR and became a family. Carolyn was a great friend to so many at Grady and beyond. Carolyn- we know for sure you are among the angels in peace along with our other sister/friend Betty Ruth and so many we have lost but still love with all our hearts.

Pauline W Mansfield - December 12, 2024 at 12:49 PM

MS

I met and worked with in human resources at Grady. She was not only a coworker but a true friend for many years. She was genuine.

Marilyn smith-robinson - December 13, 2024 at 07:05 PM

PM

“ Carolyn will always be remembered as a sweet and gentle spirit. I was blessed to be a part of our Grady HR circle of close friends who were like family. So glad we had such good times together for over 30 years.



Pauline W Mansfield - December 12, 2024 at 12:40 PM

MD

“ i worked with Carolyn for several years at Grady Health System. She was always - always - someone who was ethical, kind, helpful, hardworking. She was such a blessing to all of us who worked with her in Human Resources. I was so sadden to hear about her death, but wanted to add my condolences with many others who respected and loved Carolyn, God bless her husband and family. She was a person who lived her faith in the love and kindness she showed to others Rest in peace, Carolyn...you have finished the race and fought a good fight. Well done.

Minister Hazel Daniel - December 12, 2024 at 07:35 AM

SH

Heartfelt sympathy to Carolyn's family. I worked with Carolyn at Grady Hospital. She was a very kind and thoughtful person. Shelia Head.

Shelia Head - February 03, 2025 at 03:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carolyn Diane Hughes Stephens.

December 11, 2024 at 04:46 PM



“ *Blue & White Mixed Half Casket Cover was purchased for the family of Carolyn Diane Hughes Stephens.*



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