



Mrs. Gloria Stephens

June 10, 1950 - June 6, 2018

Mrs. Gloria Stephens 67 of Stone Mountain GA passed away on June 6, 2018.

Gloria Jean Lockhart Stephens was born Saturday, June 10, 1950 in Columbus, Georgia to the late Alma Quinn Lockhart and the late Johnnie Lockhart. The youngest of four, Gloria was raised in a tight-knit community entrenched in love, faith, and solidarity in the midst of Phenix City, Alabama's Jim Crow South. She accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age while a member of Liberty Hill Baptist Church in Phenix City, AL. She had since been a dutiful servant of Our Lord through service in her church choir, prayer team, usher board, steward board, as well as, a class leader for her church.

Gloria attended and graduated from South Girard High School in 1968 in honor of her parents who were unable to complete their education. Upon her graduation from high school, Gloria matriculated to Talladega College where she was initiated into the Alpha Zeta chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in Fall of 1970 as the Ace of the Fascinating Foxes line. Gloria earned her bachelor's degree in Math with a Minor in Physics in 1972 and realized her love for teaching during her student-teacher practicum of the same year. From 1972-1974, she was employed in the Muscogee County School System in Columbus, GA as a school teacher at Rothschild Junior High School and Jordan High School.

On Saturday, March 30, 1974, she joined her best friend Richard Lamar Stephens of 11 years in Matrimony and fell in love with him over and over again for the remainder of her days. Gloria's husband moved to Atlanta to build a better life for them, and she was not far behind, eventually moving to Atlanta in 1975. Upon arriving in Atlanta, motivated to continue her education and hone her craft, she worked diligently to earn her Master of Education from Georgia State University. Also, in 1975, Gloria cherished the opportunity to teach math at Lakeside High School of DeKalb County, where she would work in the service of educating DeKalb County youth for 37 years. In total, Gloria worked diligently for 41 years to educate over 6,000 students throughout the State of Georgia. As an educator she reached countless peers and students alike through her unique approach to teaching, and is remembered by her students for introducing each school year with the following: "You have the right to pass, just as you have the right to fail – let's get started".

Throughout her life, Gloria Jean Lockhart Stephens has dedicated her time, energy and joy to the support of others through self-sacrifice and service to GOD's Kingdom. Her many affiliations and memberships include the Organization of DeKalb Educators, the Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the South Girard Alumnae Association, and most importantly the African Methodist Episcopal Church where she could fellowship and find joy in praising her Heavenly Father and Savior Jesus Christ.

Gloria is survived by: her husband, Richard Lamar Stephens of Stone Mountain, Georgia; her oldest son, Rev. Richard Lamar Stephens, II and his wife Latisha Heartfield Stephens of Stonecrest, Georgia; her youngest son Dr. Dyron Jetrell Stephens and his intended Karris Mirchelle Whaley of Decatur, Georgia; her older sister Veverlyn Lockhart Lee and her husband Karl Lee of Hampton, Virginia; her older brother Lamar Lockhart and his wife Eulalia of

Richmond, Virginia and her eldest brother Johnnie Lockhart and his wife Sarah of Dresher, Pennsylvania. She is also remembered and survived by 15 nieces and nephews and 12 great nieces and nephews along with a host of friends.

Celebration of Life Services will be held on Thursday June 14, 2018, 11:00 AM at First Saint Peter AME Church, 1074 S Indian Creek Dr. Stone Mountain GA 30083.

Family and friends may visit Mrs. Stephens on Wednesday June 13, 2018 from 10 AM to 6:30 Pm with the Delta Service beginning at 6:30 at the South DeKalb Chapel of Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home.

Please express your condolences here on our website. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home. 4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy. Decatur GA 30034. 404-241-5656

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.
Decatur, GA 30034
(404) 241-5656
info@levettfuneralhome.com

Celebration of Life

JUN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

First St. Peter AME Church
1074 S. Indian Creek Drive
Stone Mountain, GA 30073

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Stephens Family: Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. May the love and support of family and friends comfort you greatly during this difficult time. The Bible also gives us comfort and hope to see our loved ones again by means of the resurrection. “There will be a resurrection of the righteous and the unrighteous. May you have peace as you think about this beautiful hope for the future.



Faye Ethridge - October 17, 2018 at 07:34 PM

SC

“ Wonderful teacher and very passionate about being one of the best math teachers around. It was a privilege to be under her leadership.

Samuel J. Carthan - June 20, 2018 at 07:25 PM

EF

“ Our thoughts are with the Stephen family. In just a little while all of the pain and sorrow that we feel from the death of our love ones will cease and be replaced with joy, because the former things have passed away.

Evans family - June 16, 2018 at 04:38 PM

CS

“ I am going to truly miss my sister-in-law, Gloria. She was a beautiful person. She was the big sister I did not have: shipping homemade cookies to me as a college student, the White Diamond perfume Christmas presents... She was a role model to me and many others, especially, her students. Her husband and sons have an angel because she is home in Heaven. Rest In Peace Gloria!

Chandra Stephens - June 13, 2018 at 04:06 PM

SB

“ Stanley & Billie Browne purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Gloria Stephens.



Stanley & Billie Browne - June 12, 2018 at 04:19 PM

CM

“ Dear Rickie & Family, My prayers are with you all. May God provide you with peace & comfort at this sad time. Love, your cousin, Connie Moore

Connie Moore - June 11, 2018 at 12:19 AM