



Mabel Stennies

November 29, 1927 - August 21, 2017

On November 29, 1927, Mabel Holt Stennies was born in Elkton, TN, to Mr. Tazzie Holt and Mrs. Ruby Bledsoe Holt. She spent her childhood in Elkton and Indianapolis, IN.

Mabel graduated from Indianapolis' Crispus Attucks High School then moved to Cleveland, OH, where she met James Willie Stennies, Sr. Their union in 1955 produced three children, Pamela, James Jr., and Gail. Mabel was a devoted mother who supported her children through many activities. During her many years in Cleveland, Mabel exemplified a life of caregiving and service as a homemaker, retail clerk, and housekeeper. She was a long-time, active member of the Nurses Guild of the Good Shepherd Baptist Church. As the bedrock for her family, she tirelessly raised her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, and lovingly cared for her mother, Ruby Holt Gee, until her passing at the age of 101.

In 2011, Mabel moved to Atlanta, GA, where she easily made wonderful new friends at the Briarcliff Oaks Apartments, the Never Too Old Seniors Group, the North DeKalb Seniors Center, and Briarcliff Baptist Church. The active social life she quickly built could have one thinking she had lived in the area her whole life.

As a faithful Christian, Mabel found a new church home and joined Briarcliff

Baptist Church, where she was an active member of her Sunday School class and the seniors group. Pastor Paul J. Millarc and the members embraced her as they fellowshiped together.

Mabel had an intrepid spirit that propelled her to far-flung destinations that many only dream about. She vacationed in North America, the Caribbean, Asia, French Polynesia, the Middle East, Europe, and Africa.

Mabel went home to the Lord on August 21, 2017. She leaves to mourn her daughters, Pamela Gee Stennies Johnson and Dr. Gail Marie Stennies Shelley (Larry); two grandchildren, Kimberley Johnson Aaron (Michael, Sr.) and Herbert Johnson, Jr.; six great-grandchildren, Shyonté, Naja, Isiah, Makaila, Malissa, Michael, Jr; one great-great grandson, Kai; lifelong friend and brother, Oscar Grundy; three nephews, David Lynn Holt (Patti), Derrick Holt, and Don Holt; one grandniece, Dawn Holt; many cousins and friends. Her parents, brother David Holt, and son, James Willie Stennies, Jr., preceded her in death.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **25**. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Avondale-Scottdale Chapel
351 North Clarendon Ave.
Scottdale, GA 30079
(404) 294-5500
info@levettfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

PB

“ Gail,
We are so sorry for your loss. We remember meeting your mother once and thinking what a sweet person she was. We'll be keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.
Peggy and Gaines Burnette

Peggy Burnette - August 24, 2017 at 06:45 PM

GS

Dear Peggy,

I thank you and Gaines for your kind message and prayers. It is good to hear from you and I appreciate you taking the time to write. The support of so many has been heart warming during this time. I hope you and your family are well.

Best regards,
Gail

Gail Stennies - September 10, 2017 at 11:37 AM

LL

“ Gail;
Nothing prepares you for saying good-bye to someone who's always been such a big part of your life. But we hope it comforts you to know your Mother will always be remembered, always be loved, and always be someone so many people were glad to know.

North DeKalb Senior Center Site Council
Lavern Lane, President

LaVern Lane - August 24, 2017 at 04:36 PM

GS

Dear Ms. Lane,

My family thanks you for your kind words. It is heart warming to get the support of so many and hear how well my mother was liked. She did a great job of creating a social network in her new hometown and was not afraid to live life as fully as she could. Please share my thanks with others at the center.

*Best regards,
Gail*

Gail Stennies - September 10, 2017 at 11:43 AM

TM

“ *Gail, please accept my deepest sympathy. I remember your mom visiting NE Baptist with you. What a lovely and gracious lady! The bond of love between you and her was apparent. Love and prayers are with you.*

Tommye Morris

tommye morris - August 24, 2017 at 03:42 PM

GS

Dear Tommie, I hope you, Bob, and the girls are well. Thank you for your kind message. I was blessed with a loving mom and will hold onto many memories.

*Best,
Gail*

Gail Stennies - September 10, 2017 at 11:29 AM

GS

Dear Tommye,

I apologize for not realizing auto spell changed the spelling of your name in the last message.

Gail

Gail Stennies - September 10, 2017 at 11:39 AM