



Drusilla O. Stephen

November 7, 1942 - October 3, 2016

On the beautiful brisk afternoon of October 3, amidst the early display of fall colors and a sky full of billowing white clouds I, Drusilla O. Stephen slipped peacefully from my life here on earth to join my family and friends in heaven. I was surrounded by loved ones and a skilled staff who had been keeping a steady vigil.

Dru as many would call me was the first born child born to Robert Owens and Cora Simmons Owens, who preceded me in death. A few years later my siblings; Robert J. Owens, Cora M. Owens, and Charles E. Owens joined me in forming a dynamic sibling bond. I will truly be remembered for my love of fashion, poise, and never meeting a stranger.

To cherish my memory, I leave my Daughter, Angela D. Stephen; Granddaughter, Kea'nah (Alonzo) King-Davis; Grandson, Nijeal T. Stephen; Great-Grandson, Keyon M. King; a Special Sister-in-law, Donna S. Owens; Nephew, Steven C. Owens, Nieces, Collette C. McLaughlin, Tekeshia P. Owens, & Ta'Juana M. Owens; Great-Nephews, Christopher R. McLaughlin and Chase M. McLaughlin; Great-Nieces, Ashaunti S. Owens and Israel M. Pate, God-Daughters, Lisa H. Anderson and Selana M. Holt, my extended Tiny Tot children, and a host of devoted family and friends.

I Graduated from Dunbar High School in 1961 and furthered my education at Bennett College. I am a proud Graduate of the Class of 1986 from Shaw University with a BS degree in Behavioral Science with a concentrated minor in Sociology.

My employment history includes working as a Nursing Assistant at New York University Medical Center and Lead Teacher at Tiny Tot Daycare located in Lexington, NC. I would eventually serve as the Director of Tiny Tot. Throughout my life I have touched the lives of many children in and out of Davidson County. I had a great influence on their impressionable early educational years, a job I did not take lightly. Mrs. Stephen as my former students would call me, would recall my authoritative manner but generous spirit.

God was central to my life and I devoted much time to my local church as a dedicated member of New Jersey AME Zion. My involvement included President of Life Members, a member of the Missionary Group, Home Missions, the Welcome Committee, Steward Board, Choir, Christian Education, and a volunteer of areas where help was needed.

My community involvement included Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated Lexington (NC) Alumnae Chapter and a past member of the Ebonettes Social Club.

After retiring from teaching I devoted my time as a volunteer within the community, spending time with my family and friends, continuing my daily work for the Lord and working with Urban League.

Those who knew me would know I would say, I have fought the good fight I have finished the race I have kept the faith. (2 Timothy 4:7) Choose God because I want to meet you on the other side.

Funeral services for Drusilla Stephen will be conducted 3:00 on Sunday, October 9, 2016 at First Baptist Church 201 W. 3rd Strret, Lexington, NC. The family will recieve friends from 2:30 until 3:00 at the church. Interment will follow at New Jersey A. M. E. Zion Church Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Gilmore Memorial Funeral Service

Previous Events

Service

OCT 9. 3:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church
201 West 3rd Street
Lexington, NC 27292

Visitation

OCT 9. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. The Bible makes this comforting promise: "Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted, he saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18) It also assures us: "Throw your burden on Jehovah, and he will sustain you." (Psalm 55:22) May these thoughts bring you a measure of comfort at this difficult time.

K - October 20, 2016 at 08:58 PM



“ Dru was one of a kind she fought a good fight may the work she' s done speak for her.
Regina Martin



Regina Marin - October 10, 2016 at 05:20 PM



“ Cindy Miller lit a candle in memory of Drusilla O. Stephen



Cindy Miller - October 10, 2016 at 12:53 PM



“ Ms. Dry was a sweet woman who will be missed. Rest on Ms. Dry, rest on.

Subrena Sullivan - October 10, 2016 at 09:20 AM

DJ

“ *Drusilla love for her family, our community and the love of our children will greatly be missed in Lexington. To the family continue to share her love for family members and the children of our commiunity.*

Debera Cole Jones - October 09, 2016 at 02:53 PM

CF

“ *Caroly Pompey Wright And Family lit a candle in memory of Drusilla O. Stephen*



Caroly pompey wright and family - October 09, 2016 at 09:37 AM

MH

“ *Dru you will be miss. Your smile and the love that you showed to each person that you met will be miss so much. I know that you are smiling on us now. Family keep your head up and always she is better now and in good hands.*



Mrs. Hamilton - October 08, 2016 at 01:01 PM

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“ *Dru I will miss your smiling face and good heart*

Shelley owens - October 07, 2016 at 04:03 PM