



In Loving Memory Of
Mary Allison Stephens

Sunrise
 June 20, 1947

Sunset
 July 6, 2021



Interment

Memorial Park Cemetery
 13313 North Kelley Avenue
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73131

Please drive with your lights on for safety and fasten your seat belts.

Acknowledgment

The family of Mary A. Stephens wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement.

Special Thank You

OU Medical Center
 Crossroads Hospice
 Robin Troutman
 Creston Hills Church of Christ.

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"We Care"

II Timothy 4:8

Services
 Friday, July 16, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.
Creston Hills Church of Christ

1901 North Martin Luther King Avenue
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111

Pastor Mark Vaughn - Officiating

Obituary

Mary Allison Stephens was born June 20, 1947 to Bernice Allison and Henry Jackson. Mary was the oldest of five children:



Frances Wilson, Barbara Allison and Larry Allison (whom preceded her in death). When Mary Allison was born, I can almost read her thoughts: *"I shall pass through this life but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness I can show, let me do it now. Let me not defer it or neglect it; for I shall never pass this way again."* And she practiced just what she preached. Therefore, let it be known: HER LIVING HAS NOT BEEN IN VAIN.

Mary accepted Christ at an early age; was baptized and joined the Creston Hills Church of Christ where she worshiped God in spirit and in truth. It is there that she started her pilgrimage in the work of the Kingdom. But most of all, she was a loyal and unwavering servant of the Lord. She was "Mother Mary" to many whom she loved equally.

Mary graduated from Central High School, Class of 1965, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mary worked at Four Seasons Nursing Home, OU Medical Center where she retired after 36 years of service in the Physical Therapy Department. In 2020, she received a well deserved award for "The Most Distinguished Woman Of The Year" by the Ladies of Christian Education.

Mary was united in marriage to the man of her dreams, William "Hurshel" Stephens on November 14, 1965. Hurshel preceded her in death on December 3, 2010.

Mary was granted her angel wings on Tuesday, July 6, 2021. She spread her wings and is now flying with the angels. A working soul is now at rest. Mary is survived by her children: Richard Allison and Felicia Stephens; and a host of grandchildren, extended children, nieces, nephews, family and colleagues; Patricia Edwards, Kenneth Berks (who preceded her in death), LaRhonda Dillard and TaShana Nesbitt; and one surviving sister, Helen Turner.



"Don't Grieve For Me"

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid, you see.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned around and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace on a sunny day.
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A family shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good family, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee.
God wanted me now; from pain I'm free.*

~ Anonymous



Order of Service

Processional Clergy, Funeral Directors, Family

Musical Selection Brother Maurice Jackson

Prayer of Comfort Brother Randy Harris

Scripture
Old Testament Brother Arthur Lewis
New Testament Brother Duranze Wade

Tributes & Remarks (2 minutes) Family & Friends

Musical Selection LaRhonda Dillard

Reading of Obituary

Eulogy Pastor Mark Vaughn

Video Tribute

Recessional Clergy, Funeral Directors, Family

*I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith.*

- II Timothy 4:7