



## Mrs. Ceatrice Stephens

November 19, 1947 - October 10, 2015

STEPHENS, Mrs. Ceatrice - Age 67, passed away Saturday, October 10, 2015 at her residence. Family hour 1:30 p.m. Thursday, October 15, 2015 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 2 p.m. Rev. Michael Lewis officiating. Interment New Hope Cemetery, Doddridge, Miller County, AR 71801. Family and friends will assemble at the funeral home 1:30 p.m. Thursday. After which Mrs. Stephens will be taken to J. S. Williams Funeral Home, 1104 Pierre Ave. Shreveport, LA. 71103 (318) 470-5817 Fax (318) 226-7874. Mrs. Stephens will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12 p.m. - 8 p.m. Wednesday, with the family present from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Ceatrice Williams Stephens "Tippy" went home to be with the Lord on Saturdayber 10, 2015. Born and raised in Kiblah, Arkansas, as the youngest of nine children, Ceatrice attended New Hope Baptist Church and accepted the Lord as her Savior at nine years old. In 1965, at age 17, she graduated from Kiblah High School and moved to Flint, MI to continue her education at Baker Business College. That same year, she united with Gospel Temple Missionary Baptist Church and became active on the Young Adult Usher Board and Young Matrons. In 1966, she met her husband, Earl Stephens of Hosston, LA and was married on June 10, 1967. Ceatrice began her career as a Store Clerk, while attending school and in 1968, she went to work for the

City of Flint, where she retired after almost 25 years of service. Soon after, she enrolled full-time as a student at the University of Michigan-Flint and obtained her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology in 1999.

Ceatrice had a life-long dedication to her community and her church. She was a member of the Flint Chapter of Jack and Jill of America for over 15 years, where she held a variety of officer roles and was voted family of the year in 1982; a member of the Greater Flint Afro-American Hall of Fame, and Treasurer for the Boy Scouts Troop No. 27 of Norwegian Pine. She also served on the Flint Municipal Credit Union board for nine years and on the Credit Union Supervisory Committee for three years; she was a member of Gospel Temple's Senior Usher Board and served as their Chairperson of the Deaconess Board. Also, she was a member of the Royal Star Chapter No. 27, O.E.S.-P. H.A, Past Loyal Lady Ruler-Light of Hope Assembly No. 64 and she served as Commandress and Treasurer of Oman Court No. 132; and elected Grand Loyal Lady Ruler of the State of Michigan in 2014. She enjoyed playing the piano, cooking for her family, shopping, traveling and watching TV.

Ceatrice leaves to cherish her memories: her husband of 48 years, Earl W. Stephens; daughter, Latricia Stephens (Marc C. Turner) of Westfield, NJ; son, Royce Stephens (Anitra Webb) of Flint, MI; three grandchildren, Christian, Dy'Man, and Kaelyn; brother, Henry (Sadie) Williams; three sisters, Hather (George) Wallace, Jr., Olevia (Joe) Legardye and Versie Robinson; four brothers-in law, Sam, James (Gail), Paul (Viola), and Martin (Angela) Stephens; five sisters-in law, Addie Stephens, Jerlyn (Joe) Jackson, Clarice Stephens, Georgia (Jerry) Jackson and Clarencetta Stephens; niece, Katherine Legardye; god-daughter, Kristala Smart; special friend, Nancy Pouncey; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends.

Ceatrice was preceded in transition by her parents, Rebecca Quinney Williams and L.W. Williams; sisters, Lue Delphia (Perry) James and Cleonia Padilla; brothers, Robert "Chuck" (Francine) and James Williams.

The family would like to express special thanks to Pastor Michael Lewis and the Gospel Temple Missionary Baptist Church family, the Princess Hall Masonic family, Hurley Medical Center Staff on 4th and 7th Floors, Briarwood Rehabilitation and Heartland Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted in Ceatrice's memory at the Lupus Foundation of Michigan at 1-800-705-66777, [www.milupus.org/donate](http://www.milupus.org/donate) or Michigan Lupus Foundation, 29433 Southfield Rd., Suite 210, Southfield, MI 48076.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

OCT **14.** 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present

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## Service

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OCT **15**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Ceatrice Stephens* ”



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - October 15, 2015 at 10:04 AM



“ *Mrs. Ceatrice Stephens* ”

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October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Kissa Harden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ceatrice Stephens* ”



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**Kissa Harden** - November 03, 2015 at 08:54 AM



“ *Kevin & Pat Spencer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ceatrice Stephens* ”



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**Kevin & Pat Spencer** - October 16, 2015 at 02:24 PM

VS

“ *Versie Lee Robinson Sister lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ceatrice Stephens*



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**Versie Lee Robinson Sister** - October 15, 2015 at 10:26 PM

KR

“ *Klisby & Pam Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ceatrice Stephens*



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**Klisby & Pam Robinson** - October 15, 2015 at 10:24 PM

VN

“ *To The Stephens Family,*

*Our sincerest prayers are extended to you during this difficult time. Just wanted to extend our love and acknowledge the special memories that we share for Ceatrice.*

*May the peace of God be with you forever and always.....*

*Love Always,*

*Mr. & Mrs. Haron L. Nelson and Family  
Dallas, TX.*



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**Verna Nelson** - October 15, 2015 at 09:23 PM

KE

“ From Kendrick Macon & family we send our prayers and love and know that she has s in a better place now hevaen has gained another angel. Love y'all uncle Earl and cousins god bless.



kendrickmacon - October 15, 2015 at 12:43 PM

JL

“ Jenise Lewis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ceatrice Stephens



jenise lewis - October 15, 2015 at 12:43 PM

DP

“ Dee Perry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ceatrice Stephens



Dee Perry - October 15, 2015 at 10:12 AM

EW

“ Our family has suffered a great loss. I pray that God's peace and comfort abides during this difficult time.

Elizabeth Wilson - October 15, 2015 at 10:01 AM

RO

“ *Rev. Andre` And Mrs. Kimberley Ogburn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ceatrice Stephens*



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**Rev. Andre` and Mrs. Kimberley Ogburn** - October 14, 2015 at 04:57 PM

FG

“ *Freddie & Linda Gaddis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ceatrice Stephens*



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**Freddie & Linda Gaddis** - October 13, 2015 at 08:12 PM

FR

*With deepest sympathy.*

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**Freddie** - October 13, 2015 at 08:13 PM

KS

“ *Kenja Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ceatrice Stephens*



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**Kenja Smith** - October 13, 2015 at 08:10 PM

MB

“ *Marchel Brown, Lee Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ceatrice Stephens*



Marchel Brown, Lee Brown - October 13, 2015 at 08:04 PM

PH

*Keeping the Stephens family in my prayers. With Love Patricia Hairston & family*

Patricia Hairston - October 14, 2015 at 11:16 AM

FG

“ *With deepest sympathy. You all are in our prayers. Freddie & Linda Gaddis*

Freddie & Linda Gaddis - October 13, 2015 at 08:01 PM

EB

“ *Eddie And Linda Booth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ceatrice Stephens*



Eddie and Linda Booth - October 13, 2015 at 03:19 PM

RR

“ *RuTonya Riley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ceatrice Stephens*



RuTonya Riley - October 13, 2015 at 01:06 PM

HC

“ Henry & Opal Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ceatrice Stephens



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**Henry & Opal Coleman** - October 12, 2015 at 05:06 PM

DB

“ David And Dana Bush lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ceatrice Stephens



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**David and Dana Bush** - October 12, 2015 at 04:37 PM

JM

“ James & Barbara Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ceatrice Stephens



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**James & Barbara Moore** - October 11, 2015 at 07:44 PM