



## Ava Stephens

July 26, 1920 - October 26, 2014

Our dear mother, Ava Marie Stephens, 94 of Bolivar, passed away at 3:10 PM Sunday, October 26, 2014 at the Citizens Memorial Healthcare Facility in Bolivar.

She was born on July 26, 1920 in Polk County Missouri the daughter of Harrison Needham and Georgia (Hensley) Needham.

Ava was a longtime resident of Polk County and a member of the Southern Hills Baptist Church in Bolivar.

On April 23, 1936 she was united in marriage to Keith Stephens in Eureka Springs, AR. To this union four daughters were born, Carolyn, Patty, Janice and Kathy. They enjoyed 65 years of marriage before Keith's passing on Jan. 28, 2002.

Ava retired from Teters Manufacturing in 1977. She worked for Commerce Bank in Bolivar until her full retirement in 1989. She enjoyed traveling, gardening, fishing and loved to be with her daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents Georgia and Harrison Needham, her husband Keith Stephens, granddaughter Vicki Lawrence and daughter Patty Dillabough.

Ava leaves many memories to those who knew her.

She was a loving Wife, Mother and Grandma.

She is survived by her three loving daughters, Carolyn and Norman Hall of Bolivar; Janice and Robert Campbell of Kimberling City, MO; and Kathy Skarvan and Paul Howard of Denver, CO. Eight Grandchildren Karla Harman and husband Billy, Larry Hall and wife Denise, Jerry Hall and wife Kelli, Theresa Ross, Earl Dillabough and wife Lydia, Ray Dillabough and wife Tara, Jamie Skarvan and Karen Williams and husband David. Also 25 great grandchildren, Bailey Harman, Paige Harman, Maysee Harman, Josh Marvin, Kelsey Marvin, John Hall, Amanda Troy, Kris Hall, Hope Hall, Maggie Troy, Jamie Troy, Anna Reeves, Grant Williams, Lane Williams, Tanner Ross, Janay

Ross, Dillon Clinkenbeard, Stephanie Clinkenbeard, Taylor Carlew, Tasha Carlew, Joel Dillabough, Caleb Dillabough, Sara Dillabough, Josh Dillabough, Kelli Dillabough and a host of friends.

A visitation will be held on Friday, October 31, 2014 at 12:00 PM in the Butler Chapel.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, October 31, 2014 at 1:00 PM in the Butler Funeral Home Chapel with Ray Dillabough officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery at Aldrich under the care and direction of the Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar.

Friends may sign the guest book at [www.butlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.butlerfuneralhome.com)

PDF Printable Version

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT **31**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar  
407 E. Broadway  
Bolivar, MO 65613  
(417) 326-5233  
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ava Stephens*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Ava Stephens*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *she was a very sweet person always a smile, so sorry for your loss.*

*Chris.*

**Chris Taylor and family.** - October 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ava Stephens*

**Dannie and Mary Jane Hubert** - October 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I worked with Ava at Teters. She was a great person and will be missed. God bless your family*

**Royce Slagle** - October 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KB

“Ava was one of the most welcoming and sweet women I know. I have known her about all of my life and she was a caring lady who always went out of her way no matter how she was feeling to make the day better for others! She was a big comfort to me and my family many times. God bless to all of her family.

---

**Karren Bruce** - October 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JA

“I am so sorry for your loss. I know you will greatly miss her, but we know she is in the most wonderful place now. I hope you find comfort in knowing that. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.

---

**June Allard** - October 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM