



Helen Marie Stephens

May 15, 1946 - June 24, 2020

Helen Marie Stephens, 74, passed away on June 24, 2020 at the Parkview Healthcare Facility in Bolivar, Missouri.

Helen was born in Kansas City, Kansas on May 15, 1946 and raised in Goodson, Missouri. Her parents were Dean and Mary Lou Fischer Gladden. Helen, her sister Louise, and brother Wayne spent much of their childhood years helping to run Gladden's General Store.

She graduated from Halfway High School in 1964 as class valedictorian, where she was also a cheerleader.

She went on to attend Southwest Baptist University and graduated from Southwest Missouri State with a Bachelor's degree in teaching and home economics. After graduation, she worked as a home economics teacher at Shawnee Mission Northwest High School in Shawnee, KS. Helen had an adventurous spirit and spent six months traveling in Europe with her husband where they visited more than 20 countries.

After returning from Europe, she and her husband started Stephens Pharmacy which became a fixture of the community in Bolivar, Missouri. Helen later became a Federal investigator working for the United States Office of Personnel Management in Missouri and California.

Helen was baptized at the age of thirteen at Lindley Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Goodson. She was an active member of the PTA in Bolivar and in later years participated in the Beta Sigma Phi women's sorority.

Helen is survived by daughter Mary Helen and husband Erik Jordan of Long Beach, California, daughters Carmen and Nancy of Bolivar, Missouri, daughter Madison Burns and husband Camden of Bolivar, Missouri, and grandchildren Lyla Jordan, Molly Jordan, Zane Stephens, and Colton Burns. Surviving also sister Louise Williams, brother Wayne and wife Jane Gladden, as well as many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, niece Kim Williams, brother-in-law Rex Williams, and aunt Ruth Smith.

More than anything, Helen treasured her time raising her daughters and grandchildren. Helen will forever be remembered for her unlimited kindness towards her friends and family. Somehow, she always found the perfect present at Christmas-time and birthdays, and was always there for whoever was in need.

Visitation for Helen Stephens will be held Saturday, June 27, 2020 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, MO. Funeral services will be held Sunday, June 28, 2020 at 2:00 PM at the Butler Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at Shady Grove Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Shady Grove

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JUN 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Marie Stephens*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Helen Marie Stephens*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss here on earth but it is heavens gain, You are all in my thoughts and Prayers.*



Harlie and Nancy Gallatin - June 28, 2020 at 03:06 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Video Tribute*



Butler Funeral Home - June 28, 2020 at 10:36 AM



Beautiful tribute to your Mom...♥♥

Nancy Henke-Konopasek - June 28, 2020 at 01:46 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Helen Marie Stephens.*



June 27, 2020 at 06:44 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I spent many pleasant times in conversation with Helen. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow and remembrance.*

Jean Pufahl Vincent - June 27, 2020 at 05:47 PM



“ *Sincere condolences to all the family. I wish I could be there with you. Carol Shephard*

Carol Shephard - June 27, 2020 at 01:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Helen Marie Stephens.*



June 27, 2020 at 07:32 AM

NH

“ *Nancy Henke-Konopasek lit a candle in memory of Helen Marie Stephens*



Nancy Henke-Konopasek - June 27, 2020 at 01:16 AM

NH

My thoughts and prayers are with you...I wish Indiana wasn't so far away...♥♥

Nancy Henke-Konopasek - June 28, 2020 at 01:57 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Helen Marie Stephens.*



June 27, 2020 at 12:17 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Helen Marie Stephens.*



June 26, 2020 at 11:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Helen Marie Stephens.*



June 26, 2020 at 07:37 PM



“ *Eileen Barker lit a candle in memory of Helen Marie Stephens*



Eileen Barker - June 26, 2020 at 01:34 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Glad that Helen and I had a chance to catch up in January at my brother's visitation. I have many fond memories of the Gladden family through my life.*

Cherie Crain - June 26, 2020 at 10:49 AM



“ *Love. Belmont Shore Book Club purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Helen Marie Stephens.*



Love. Belmont Shore Book Club - June 26, 2020 at 10:21 AM

LK

“ Love Matt, Becky & Audrey Kovacs purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Helen Marie Stephens.



Love Matt, Becky & Audrey Kovacs - June 26, 2020 at 10:13 AM

TF

“ The Crume Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Helen Marie Stephens.



The Crume Family - June 26, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Marie Stephens.



June 25, 2020 at 05:52 PM