



## Daphne D. Stephens

May 21, 2024

Daphne “Daffy” “Mema” Dale Dixon Stephens, 91, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at her home surrounded by her family. She was born in North Carolina but was a lifelong resident of the Deep Creek section of Chesapeake. She was a 1950 graduate of Deep Creek High School, where she was a cheerleader and was in multiple clubs. While there, she would meet her future husband, Kenneth E. Stephens, Sr., who she would love and always remain side by side. Daphne was an educator with Chesapeake Public Schools for over 20 years and an avid bowler with the Western Branch Senior Friendship Bowling League. She was a member of Deep Creek United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her loving husband and best friend of 71 years Ken Stephens, Sr., and their two children, Ken Jr. (Wanda), and Yvette Ghormley (McK). She was and will always be “Mema” to her three grandchildren, Ted Ambrose, III (Heidi), Sam Ghormley, and Jill Ghormley, and three great-grandchildren, Ted IV, Charlotte, and Caroline. Daphne was preceded in death by her parents, John and Leola Dixon.

A memorial service will be held at Loving Funeral Home, 3225 Academy Ave, Portsmouth, Virginia, on Monday, June 3rd, at 6 p.m. The family will receive friends at 5 p.m., just before the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Shriner's Children's Hospital at [donate.lovetotherescue.org](https://donate.lovetotherescue.org).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 3. 5:00 PM - 5:55 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel  
3225 Academy Ave.  
Portsmouth, VA 23703  
(757) 484-3373

## Service

JUN 3. 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Love, Steven and Michelle Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daphne D. Stephens.

Love, Steven and Michelle Smith - June 03, 2024 at 08:04 AM

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“ Love, Steven and Michelle Smith purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Daphne D. Stephens.



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JT

“ Joan T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daphne D. Stephens.

Joan T. - May 30, 2024 at 06:23 PM

JT

“ Joan T. purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Daphne D. Stephens.



Joan T. - May 30, 2024 at 06:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Daphne D. Stephens.*



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May 29, 2024 at 07:17 AM



“ *What wonderful childhood memories remain with me of Mrs. Stephens. Growing up next door to her Brentwood home, her door was always open and her ear was always ready to listen. She made the best tomato cucumber salad and made sure to save me a little bowl knowing I liked it. She has always held a special place in my heart. Truly a ray of sunshine.*

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**Cindy H Wallace** - May 26, 2024 at 06:58 PM



*Dear Mr. Stephens, Yvette, Ken, and family, We are so sorry to learn of Mrs. Stephens passing. She was such a lovely person. We are sending our heartfelt sympathy to you during this difficult time and in the days ahead. Love, Kevin and Dara Snell*

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**Kevin and Dara Snell** - May 28, 2024 at 05:28 PM



*Dear Ken and family, my heart is broken and I share your grief with the loss of my beloved and beautiful friend Daphne. She would call me her sister and I relished the times I was blessed to be with her. She was light, love, kindness, a true Shepard of our Lord. Being so far after moving to California, kept me from being able to see her again, and what sorrow that brought me...My prayers are with you Ken. The heavens are joyful in receiving her beautiful soul and now she's our oh so loving Angel. I am so grateful to have had her be part of my life as her genuine love was a gift. You will forever be etched in my heart dearest sister Daphne. I love you dearest sister.*

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**Gloria Talley** - May 30, 2024 at 09:19 AM

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*SHE WAS A HOOT AT THE BOWLING ALLEY. I REALLY ENJOYED  
HER COMPANY. MISS YOU DAFFY DUCK*

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**MARION SCOTT** - May 31, 2024 at 08:59 PM