



EUNICE FIELDS STEPHENS

Eunice Fields Stephens was born on January 16, 1915, in Timmonsville, SC to Creswell Fields and Cora Hatchell Fields. She graduated from Lake Swamp High School in Timmonsville in 1931 and enrolled in the McLeod Infirmary School of Nursing in Florence, SC. She graduated from McLeod Infirmary in 1934 and became an RN. She practiced nursing in private practice and as Florence County public health nurse from 1934 until August 1941. In August 1941, she joined the Army Nurse Corps and served in that service through June of 1944, achieving the rank of Captain. Her final assignment was as Chief Nurse at base hospital at Camp Croft, SC. After her career in the Army she devoted her life to her family, occasionally serving as a nursing volunteer for the American Red Cross blood drive.

Eunice Stephens married Maj. Blackburn Stephens in January 1944. They were married until his death in 2001. She was an army wife for 20 years before then Col. Blackburn Stephens retired from the army in 1964, and they moved to Bowling Green, KY. During her travels with her husband, she lived in Tennessee, Georgia, Michigan, Kansas, Kentucky, Virginia, Nebraska, and Hawaii.

She was a member of Christ Episcopal Church and Christ Church Guild of the church and the Bowling Green Country Club. She loved to read and was an avid player of contract bridge in various bridge groups and at the Country Club. She and her husband were long time members of the Friday Night Dinner Club at the Country Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Hoyt Fields of Bishopville, SC, and Claude Fields of Florence, SC; two sisters, Thelma Hamm of Jacksonville, FL and Maggie Bryant of Florence, SC; a half brother, Louis Fields of Kellyville, OK, and a brother, Wainwright Fields of Timmonsville, SC, who died as an infant. She is survived by her two children, Tom Stephens and his wife, Linda of Bowling Green and Sarah Church and her husband, Col. (Ret) Michael Church of Montgomery, AL; four grandchildren, Nicholas Church of Gallatin TN, William Church of Raleigh, NC, Julie Stephens of Atlanta, GA, and Janet Stephens of Los Angeles, CA; and two great grandchildren, Jacob Church and Samuel Church of Raleigh, NC.

A memorial service commemorating her life will be held at Christ Episcopal Church at 11:00 A.M., Friday, August 6, 2010. Visitation will be at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the service. Expressions of condolence can take the form of contributions to Christ Church Guild, C/O Christ Episcopal Church, 1201 State Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101 or Hospice of Southern Kentucky, 5872 Scottsville Road, Bowling Green, KY 42104.

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