

~Broken Chain~

*We little knew that day,
God was going to call your name.
In life, we loved you dearly,
In death, we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you.
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories,
Your love is still our guide.
And although we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.*

~Acknowledgements~

The family of the late Andrew Lee Stephens Sr. acknowledges, with sincere appreciation, the many comforting messages, floral tributes and other expressions of kindness evidenced at this time in thought and deed.



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Celebration of Life

for



Andrew Lee Stephens Sr.

July 12, 2024
2:00 PM

Robert Swinson Jr. Memorial Chapel
208 E. Blount St.
Kinston, NC 28501

Obituary

Andrew Lee Stephens Sr. was born on September 16, 1946, in Jersey City, NJ, to the union of Isaiah and Mary Johnson Stephens. He received his education from Riverside High School in Riverside, California.

Andrew Lee Stephens was united in holy matrimony to Carolyn Rouse on December 24, 2017, in Snow Hill, NC. Andrew was a man of dedication, serving as a supervisor at Parks and Recreations. His commitment to his work was unwavering.

Andrew's love for nature was profound. He found solace in the outdoors, often spending his leisure time fishing, raising chickens, and tending to his yard and garden. Andrew never met a stranger and always befriended the people he met. He was ready to give encouragement or comfort if needed. His sense of humor would capture your heart. He believed in and trusted God.

Andrew Lee departed this life on July 9, 2024. He was preceded in death by his parents, Isaiah and Mary Stephens, and his sister, Audrey Resto.

Andrew leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn R. Stephens, of the home; sons, Andrew L. Stephens Jr. of Boise, ID, Marquis Stephens of Riverside, CA, Julius Stephens (Tonya) of Altadena, CA; daughters, Nubia Stephens of Los Angeles, CA, Amornina Norville (Antonio) of Kinston, NC, Regina Stephens of California; sister, Shirley Eddie of Jersey City, NJ; aunt, Mary Becton of New Bern, NC; his two special fishing buddies, Bobbie "Bird" Brown and Keith Newman; 3 stepsons, numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a host of family and friends.

Order of Service

Elder Lynwood Joyner ~ Presider

Musical Prelude

Processional

Scripture

Old Testament – Elder Vera Singleton

New Testament – Minister Jaqueline Lucas

Prayer of ComfortElder Joyner

SelectionMother Ruby Stevenson

Acknowledgements

Remarks

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EulogyElder Joseph Williams Jr.

Recessional