

# Family Acknowledgement

The family of Billie Frances Stephens wishes to say Thank you to everyone who sent a card, called with a kind word, sent food, or a flower. Whatever you done to console our hearts, we say "Thank You", so much whatever the part. Special Thanks to Hospice of East Texas for such loving care. LaWanda Bigham, and East Chapel C.M.E. for always thinking about her and bringing food.

May God continue to bless each of you.

*The Stephens & Vaughn Family*

## Active Pallbearers

**Marcell Tennyson     Paul Bigham**  
**Rufus Jackson       Stanley Tuck**  
**Derrick McCann     Issac English**

## Honorary Pallbearers

**Mack Tuck, Jr.         Jordan Berry**  
**Remon Tuck           Rodney Gordon**  
**Cory Tuck             Eddie Wooten**  
**Jalen Lyon             John T. Robinson**

## Interment

**Cedars Memorial Gardens ~ Mineola, Texas**  
**Repast ~ McFarland Center**



**SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO**  
**LONDON'S MORTUARY**

**" Providing A Dignified and Comforting Memory"**

**176 CR 2503 | Mineola, TX**

**(903) 569-5404 FAX: (903) 569-5402**

**[www.londonsmortuary.com](http://www.londonsmortuary.com)**

**Robin London, Funeral Director/Embalmer/Owner**

**Rodney London, Owner/ Manager**



# Celebrating The Life of Billie Frances Stephens



*Sunrise*  
*January 29, 1939*

*Sunset*  
*June 29, 2021*

*Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies*

*Proverbs 31:10*

~ Services ~

**SATURDAY, JULY 3, 2021**

**1: 00 PM**

**EAST CHAPEL C. M. E. CHURCH**

1011 S. Pacific St. Mineola, Texas 75773

Reverend Randy Harrison, Pastor

Reverend Ralph Caraway, Sr. Officiating/Eulogist

**St. Louis Baptist Church**

Tyler, Texas 75701





## *I'm Free*



*Don't grieve for me , for  
Now I'm free. I'm following  
The path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard  
Him call; I turned my back  
And left it all. I could not  
Stay another day, To laugh,*

*To love, to work and play. Tasks left undone must stay  
that way; I found that place at the close of day. If my  
parting has left a void. Then fill it with remembered  
joy. A friendship shared a laugh, a kiss; Ah yes , these  
things, I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of  
sorrow I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's  
been full, I savoured much; Good friends, good time, a  
loved one touch. Perhaps my time seems all to brief;  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your  
heart and share with me, God wanted me now,  
He set me Free.*



## *Sister*

*Of all the many blessing...  
However great or small...  
To Have had you for a sister  
Was the greatest one of all .  
The family chain is broken now.  
And nothing seems the same .  
But as God takes us one by one.  
The chain will link again.....*



## *Momma Love Lives On....*

*When God choose you to complete his bouquet of flowers from his Garden, we couldn't bare the hurt. We will never be the same. You taught us everything we know, except for the most important thing..., You never taught us how to live without you. Now we're on our own. We know you'll be watching over us . We can't see you but we surely feel your presence. We miss you momma... we know one day we will see you again. We love you momma, until we meet agin...*

*Sheila, Leitha, Elaine ,and Eveline*













## Celebration Of Life

Billy Vaughn Stephens was born January 29, 1939 in Mineola , Texas to Johnnie And Lula Mae Vaughn. She attended McFarland High.

She retired from Tyler Pipe after 35 years of service.

Billie was a faithful member of Friendship Church of God In Christ, In Lindale, TX . A dedicated choir member. She was always ready, when ask to bless others with her singing. Billie was a compassionate person, she often visited the nursing homes, visiting with the sick and shut-in.

She was known for frequently visiting other churches , where she would sing her favorite songs . “ If A Robin Can Say Thank You, “ and “ I Can’t See The Lord , But I Can Feel Him.” You could always hear the congregation singing alone with her.

Billie was proceeded in death by her husband of 54 years Derry Stephens, Jr. both her parents Johnnie and Lula Vaughn, brother; Johnny Ray Vaughn, grandson Deon Robertson, great granddaughter; Deja (Kayla ) Lyons,

Bonus daughter, Felicia Kay Robertson, and Son in Law, Mack Tuck, who playfully called her Billie Goat.

Billie will forever be in the hearts of so many, throughout the community and by her daughters,

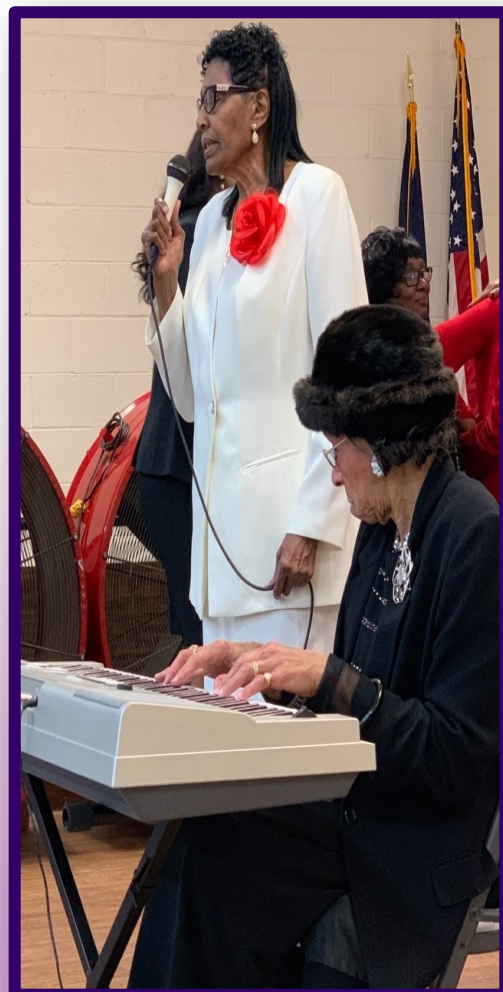
Leitha Tuck of Arlington, TX. Shelia Stephens, Elaine Tuck ( Mitchell), Eveline Gardner, (Eddie Wooten); all of Mineola, TX. One Brother, James Anderson ( Florestine) of Tyler, TX. Eleven Grand Children: Twenty-eight, Great-grandchildren; Five Great-great Grandchildren.

Special people to her heart are her sister in love, Bessie Caraway, Ida Henry, Hortense Grant (Marvin), Rodney Gordon, Raymond Williams, Clyde and Karen Vaughn, Dexter and Doris Foster, Clayden Daniels, and Connie Kimble. Special nieces, Novada Bigham, Twanya McGruder, and Renee Vaughn.

A Host of nieces and nephews.

*But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles , they shall run, and not be weary; as they shall walk, and not faint.*

Isaiah 40: 31



## Order of Service

Processional Ministers, Pallbearers, and Family

London’s Mortuary Funeral Staff in Charge

Congregational Hymn

Old Testament Reverend Raymond Williams

New Testament Pastor Randy Harrison

Prayer Clyde Vaughn

Solo Oliver Perry

Resolutions Friendship Church Of God In Christ

*(All Others Passed In To The Family)*

Acknowledgement Novada Bigham

Solo Novada Bigham

Remarks (Limit Two Minutes Please)

Special Remarks Grandchildren

Obituary (Read Silently)

Solo “ If A Robin Can Say Thank You” Billie Frances Stephens

Eulogy Reverend Ralph Caraway, Sr.

*(Pastor, St. Louis Baptist Church)*

Presentation London’s Mortuary

Parting View London’s Mortuary

Recessional