

MARY ANN
CALDWELL
STEPHENS



Interment

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Ronald Brown (Honorary)

Flowerbearers

Granddaughters
nieces, and friends

Acknowledgements

Dear Friends and Family,

During this incredibly difficult time of loss, we have been deeply touched by the outpouring of love, support, and prayers we have received following the passing of our beloved mother, Mary Ann Stephens. Your kindness and compassion have been a great comfort to us, and we are truly grateful for each and every one of you.

Your prayers have provided us with strength and peace, and your thoughtful gestures -whether through words, cards, flowers, or simply being there – have meant more to us than we can express. It is in moments like these that the importance of family, friends, and community is truly felt. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for standing with us during this time of sorrow. We will forever cherish the memory of our mother and the support you have so generously offered. We are grateful for the hospitality shown by Pastors Jerry and Danielle Revish, as the host church. Finally, the care shown by Marlan Gary and the Chapel of Peace staff has been amazing!

With heartfelt appreciation,

~ DeeDee, Mary, and Ron



MARLAN GARY

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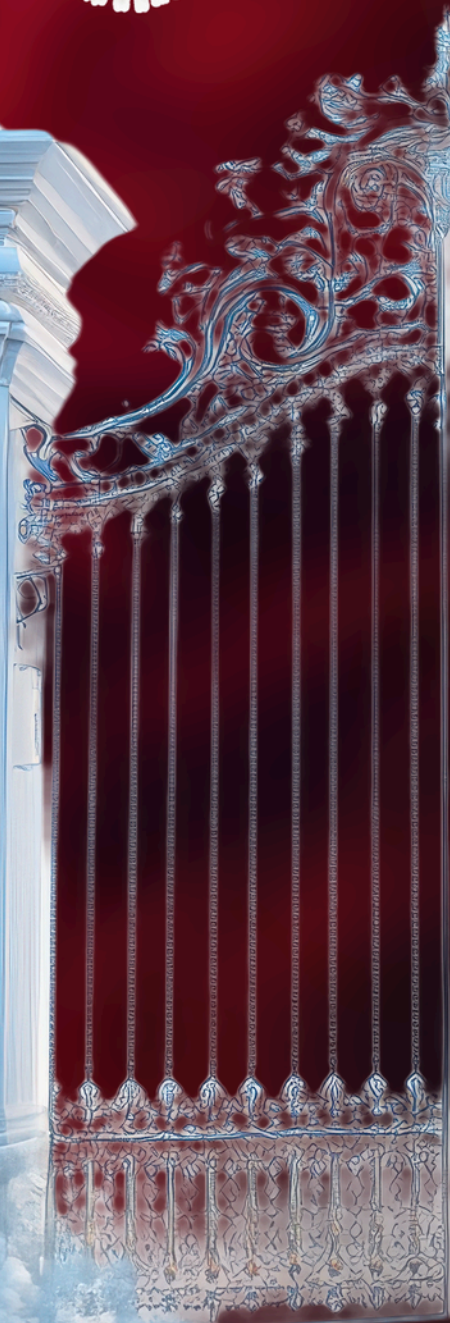
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CELEBRATION OF
THE LIFE
OF



MARY ANN
CALDWELL
STEPHENS
MAY 15, 1942 | DECEMBER 25, 2024

SATURDAY JANUARY 4, 2025 | 10:00 AM
UNITY TEMPLE MINISTRIES
COGIC

161 N. Hamilton Rd. | Columbus, Ohio
Pastor Kenneth Taylor, Officiating Minister
Minister Ronald Broome, Jr., Eulogizing Minister



Obituary

Mary Ann (Caldwell) Stephens, was born in Dothan, Alabama, and was a 1960 graduate of Warren G. Harding High School. She was a remarkable individual whose life was characterized by her deep faith, creativity, and commitment to serving others. Her parents, the late Herbert Daniel Caldwell Sr. and Thelma (Saffold) Caldwell taught her about love, perseverance, and laid the foundation of spirituality.

After retiring from Packard Electric, where she dedicated 30 years of service, Mary accepted her calling in ministry that truly defined her legacy. Mary transitioned into a role that aligned more closely with her passions and calling. Her co-pastorship at The Potter's House Church was not merely a job; it was a vocation that allowed her to share her faith and connect with people on a deeper level. Mary and Rev. Gerald Stephens' initiatives, like the prayer line and various drives, showcased their commitment to making a difference in the lives of those around them.

Mary's creativity was boundless, and her spiritual gifts extended beyond the church walls. She expressed her artistic talent through various mediums, including writing, painting, and crafting. Her newspaper, *The Good News and Hope*, served as a platform for sharing uplifting stories and messages, while her book, *Prophecy in Poems*, showcased her poetic abilities and her deep relationship with faith. Her creations, such as the prayer pillows and postcards, were not just artistic endeavors; they were a heartfelt reflection of her life. She literally spent hours upon hours each day calling out individual names written on her own prayer pillows. Her dedication to prayer was a hallmark of her character; she was a steadfast intercessor for countless people.

Known as a fashionista, Mary had an eye for style and aesthetics, which she applied not only to her wardrobe but also in her work as an interior decorator. Her feature in Jet Magazine beauty section in the 1960's, stands as a testament to her vibrant personality and her love for beauty in all its forms.

Family was at the core of Mary's life. Her relationship with her husband, Rev. Gerald Stephens, was built on mutual respect and shared values, fostering a partnership that thrived in their ministry. Following his stroke in 2004, she was his full-time care giver for more than 11 years. As a mother, she was encouraging, instilling in her daughters a love for music and creating harmonies. In her final hours, her daughters felt her spirit transitioning to join God's heavenly choir as they sang "O Come All Ye Faithful" in her hospital room on Christmas Eve.

In her later years, Mary's health challenges did not diminish her spirit. Instead, they seemed to deepen her faith and resolve. The love and support she received from her family and community were a testament to the lives she touched throughout her life. Her passing marks a profound loss, but her spirit lives on in the hearts of those she inspired.

Mary will be remembered not only for her contributions as a pastor, wife, artist, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and friend but also for the love she radiated and the faith she exemplified. Her legacy of intercession, service, creativity, and compassion will continue to inspire future generations.

On Christmas Day, December 25, 2024, at 2:20 a.m. with her oldest daughter by her side, she joined the 'Alto' section of God's heavenly choir. We are certain that she is singing the hallelujah chorus at this very moment!

Mary is survived by her loving husband of 35 years, Rev. Gerald W. Stephens, daughters Deridree Denise Howard and Mary Ellen Burston (Fred), and son Ronald Ellison Broome Jr. (Tiffany). Stepchildren: Marea Joyce and Jermone Stephens. She was a proud grandmother to Larry Howard Jr., Britney Patterson, Lauren Nkengjeba (Achangu), Donovan Howard (Lo), Kennedie Burston, Mikayla Broome, Joshua Broome, Hannah Broome, Ariana Brown, and Devon Young Jr., as well as thirteen great-grandchildren.

Mary is also survived by her siblings: Callie Brown, Barbara Goliday, and Herbert Daniel Caldwell Jr. (Brenda). She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Tom Caldwell, and her son Devon Young Sr.

Order Of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE
Mylo Simmons

PARTING VIEW

PRAYER
Pastor Kenneth Taylor

HYMN
"It is Well"
Zula Saunders

SCRIPTURE READING
Old Testament ~ Psalm 121
New Testament ~ I Thessalonians 4:16-17

REMARKS
Pastor Todd Johnson
Second Baptist Church A House of Hope

REMARKS
Callie Brown, Kennedie Burston
Britney Patterson, and Larry Howard Jr.

SELECTION
"Goodness of God"
Cheryl Simmons

EXPRESSION FROM DERIDREE HOWARD
OLDEST DAUGHTER
Read by Lo Howard

OPEN REMARKS
Allow Limited Family & Friends

READING OF OBITUARY
Fred Burston

SELECTION
"Trust in God"
Cheryl Simmons

THE EULOGY
Minister Ronald E. Broome Jr.

BENEDICTION
Pastor Kenneth Taylor

RECESSIONAL
"Total Praise"
Cheryl Simmons