



Rita Lynn Stephens

February 19, 1952 - September 29, 2015

Funeral services for Rita Stephens, 63 of Lexington, Texas, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at the First Baptist Church in Lexington with Pastor David Atwood officiating. Burial will follow in the Hugh Wilson Cemetery in Tanglewood, Texas. Visitation will be held on Friday, October 2, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday, October 3, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Friday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Rita (Lynn) Stephens was born on February 19, 1952 in Pasadena, Texas to John Martin "J.M." Lynn and Gladys O'Nell (Simmons) Lynn. She graduated from Pasadena High School and attended San Jacinto College. She retired from the City of Houston where she had been employed as a Senior Supervisor in the Public Works Department. Rita attended Tanglewood Baptist Church and was a member of the Red Hat Society in Lexington and the Lexington Garden Club. She was also a Stampin' Up demonstrator. Rita was a creative, artistic and crafty person who could make anything from absolutely nothing. She took ordinary paper items and created greeting cards, stationary and gifts. She also enjoyed painting and gardening.

Rita passed away, surrounded by her family, at her home in Lexington the afternoon of Tuesday, September 29, 2015 following a battle with cancer.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Gladys Lynn in 2009.

Rita is survived by her father, J.M. Lynn of Lexington; her husband and companion for the past 23 years, Billy Stephens Jr. of Lexington; her two daughters and sons-in-law, Crystal & Rick Klepetko of Crosby and Mandy & Robert Schank of Deer Park; three grandchildren, Rachel and Jonathan Klepetko of Crosby and Colton Lovelace of Deer Park; two sisters, Katherine Carter of Giddings and Teresa Sturm of Cedar Creek; her mother-in-law, Billie Stephens-Jones of Humble; three sisters-in-law, Jennifer Brady & her husband, Johnny of Alexandria, LA, Barbara Cates & her husband, Ricky of Huffman and Kathy Troutman & her husband, Darrell of Humble as well as several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Hugh Wilson Cemetery

1040 County Road 456
Lexington, TX 78947

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 2. 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin St.
Giddings, TX 78942
(979) 542-3113
phillipsluckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

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OCT 3. 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM (CT)

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Church Service

OCT 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Lexington
221 Third Street
Lexington, TX 78947

Tribute Wall

MK

“ Sending our deepest sympathy to the Stephens family---Fritz and Mary Kieschnick and family

Mary Kieschnick - October 03, 2015 at 10:47 AM

JS

“ Jeannette Simmons purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.



Jeannette Simmons - October 02, 2015 at 12:57 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.



October 02, 2015 at 12:36 PM

WJ

“ Wendell, Deborah and Jeff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.



Wendell, Deborah and Jeff - October 02, 2015 at 11:14 AM

PT

“ Prayers & thoughts with the family! Rita & I were very good friends in the 80's & 90's and share a lot of memories with each other and a lot of good times. Once she moved away we lost touch with each other but I will always remember her smile and the friendship we shared throughout the years. Rita will be very much missed and will never be forgotten! Your long lost friend - Pamela Myers Travis...

Pamela Myers Travis - October 02, 2015 at 09:49 AM

LJ

“ One of my memories was of fourth grade and we were sent home from school early because hurricane Carla was heading our way. Well I decided to take advantage of this and go to Rita's and play. Wasn't the best thing to do. My mom tore me a new one all the way home. But, Rita and I had or were having fun.

Linda Netterville Jones - October 02, 2015 at 04:42 AM

AP

“ Andrea Devereux and Janet Devereux Peake purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.



Andrea Devereux and Janet Devereux Peake - October 01, 2015 at 11:12 PM

RS

“ Ronnie and June Simmons purchased the Crysta I Cross Bouquet for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.



Ronnie and June Simmons - October 01, 2015 at 09:44 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.* ”



October 01, 2015 at 09:12 PM



“ *"Girlfriends just want to have fun"
This will never mean the same. We will miss you tremendously and we will forever hold you close in our hearts . We love you Rita!!
Rhonda Johnson and Pam Barnes* ”



Rhonda Johnson - October 01, 2015 at 06:53 PM



“ *John & Melanie Lovelace purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.* ”



John & Melanie Lovelace - October 01, 2015 at 05:05 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.* ”



October 01, 2015 at 04:58 PM

RB

“ Rhonda and Roland Johnson, Ashley Brewton and Pam Barnes purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.



Rhonda and Roland Johnson, Ashley Brewton and Pam Barnes - October 01, 2015 at 04:22 PM

LZ

“ Love, Robert & Vanessa Ramos ,Michael & Stacy Zuniga purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.



Love, Robert & Vanessa Ramos ,Michael & Stacy Zuniga - October 01, 2015 at 02:22 PM

EM

“ Edward M. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.



Edward M. - October 01, 2015 at 01:01 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.



October 01, 2015 at 12:49 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.*



October 01, 2015 at 12:23 PM



“ *Love Ricky and Barbara purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.*



Love Ricky and Barbara - October 01, 2015 at 09:17 AM



“ *James & Jill Pursell purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.*



James & Jill Pursell - October 01, 2015 at 12:14 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.*



September 30, 2015 at 10:55 PM

GC

“ Greg and Tiffany Carter purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.



Greg and Tiffany Carter - September 30, 2015 at 10:51 PM

JE

“ 3 files added to the album Rita and Billy Christmas gathering.



Jeni - September 30, 2015 at 10:39 PM

JR

“ Jessica R. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.



Jessica R. - September 30, 2015 at 10:34 PM

GD

“ Billy, my heart aches for you right now. There is nothing harder than losing someone that you love so much. May God give you the strength and courage you need to get through this painful time. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers

Gayla Dupree-Broecker - September 30, 2015 at 10:18 PM

DF

“ *Darrell & Kathy Troutman and family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.*



Darrell & Kathy Troutman and family - September 30, 2015 at 10:06 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.*



September 30, 2015 at 09:01 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.*



September 30, 2015 at 08:31 PM

MR

“ *I do not believe there was a single moment that Rita was not thinking of someone else and a way to help them or brighten their day. Such a beautiful woman inside and out! I feel truly blessed to have known Rita and to work with her wonderful husband. Praying God's comfort for all of the family.*

Melissa Ray - September 30, 2015 at 07:32 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.*



September 30, 2015 at 06:51 PM



“ *MICHAEL AND JANICE SICKMAN & WAYNE TROUTMAN purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.*



MICHAEL AND JANICE SICKMAN & WAYNE TROUTMAN -
September 30, 2015 at 06:18 PM



“ *Gary Keene and Family purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.*



Gary Keene and Family - September 30, 2015 at 05:53 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.*



September 30, 2015 at 05:52 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.



September 30, 2015 at 05:05 PM



“ Love, Eddie, Carol & Madison Welch, Carolyn Sprouse purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.



Love, Eddie, Carol & Madison Welch, Carolyn Sprouse -
September 30, 2015 at 05:02 PM



“ Ronald & Kathy Irwin purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.



Ronald & Kathy Irwin - September 30, 2015 at 04:43 PM



“ The Boyd & Phillips Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.



The Boyd & Phillips Family - September 30, 2015 at 04:32 PM

BR

“ *Those we love remain with us
For love itself lives on,
And cherished memories never fade
Because a loved one's gone.
Those we love can never be
More than a thought apart,
For as long as there is memory,
They'll live on in the heart.*

Author Unknown

Rita will always have special place in my heart. I met Rita at a scrapbook retreat and it was if we had known each other for years. Thank you for the kind words and your beautiful smile.

Baby Ruth

Baby Ruth - September 30, 2015 at 03:38 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.*



September 30, 2015 at 03:31 PM

CF

“ Charlie Frank , Joan and Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Rita Lynn Stephens.



Charlie Frank , Joan and Family - September 30, 2015 at 03:17 PM

PD

“ Rita came into my life at a time I was pretty much homebound caring for a loved one. She and Joan introduced me to card making. A project I could enjoy while I was at home. I felt many times she saved my sanity and life by giving me an outlet that was blessed with beauty and expression.



Patricia Doud - September 30, 2015 at 12:48 PM