



Lillian Dillard Stephens

January 21, 1929 - February 21, 2019

Lillian Dillard Stephens, wife of Dr. Louis M. Stephens, Sr. passed away Thursday, February 21, 2019 at the Hospice of Laurens County.

She was born in Clinton, SC January 21, 1929, she was the daughter of the late Gary and Lillian Salters Dillard.

Mrs. Stephens was an honor graduate of Coker College and was president of the student body her senior year. She taught school in Easley, Clinton, Greenville and Charleston. A lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church of Clinton, and served as Presbyterian Women historian for 20 years.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Dr. Louis M. Stephens, Sr., three sons, Lou (Debbie), Gary (Sharon) and Tom, all of Clinton, five grandchildren, Tripp (Marisa) of Greenville, Dillard (Haley) of Greenwood, and Sara Olivia, Bailey and Adaline all of Clinton, a niece Susie (Jim) Field of Germantown, Tenn., Janet (James Hugh) Ryan of Wedgefield and Beth (Bobby) Jonte of Greeleyville.

In addition to her parents Mrs. Stephens was pre-deceased by a sister Virginia Dillard Turner, and was the last remaining member of her immediate family.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 23, 2019 in the First Presbyterian Church of Clinton at 4:00 PM.

The family will receive friends following the services in the church fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Hospice of Laurens County, P.O. Box 178, Clinton, SC 29325.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at <http://www.grayfuneralhome.com>
Gray Funeral Home of Clinton

Events

FEB **Receiving family and friends following the service**

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First Presbyterian Church

410 E Carolina Ave, Clinton, SC, US, 29325

Comments



“ I’m so sorry to hear Mrs Stephens has passed. I’m retired from the Postal Service in Clinton. I have pleasant memories of Mrs Stephens visiting the Post Office. She was such a genuine Lady. She was so kind and gracious. My Love and Prayers are with your entire family. Love , Susie Smith.

Susan Smith - March 05, 2019 at 10:52 PM



“ Dear Dr Stephens, Dr Lou , Tom and Gary . I am so sorry to hear of your moms passing . I knew her all the way back to our Batman days in college view and she was an angel on earth . Many of Gary and my high school memories would not be chronicled if she didn’t have her camera at the ready . I have a pic with Gary before the Greer game that I remember like yesterday . She was the sweetest person I have ever known and I am certain that she is with our Lord.

God bless

Bill Hill

Bill Hill - February 28, 2019 at 09:26 PM



“ My deepest condolences. Ann (Thomas) Blanton

Ann Blanton - February 28, 2019 at 09:22 AM



“ I am sorry I was unable to be at the service for Ms. Lillian. I had to be in Columbia for my District Convention since I am the District Governor this year. I send you my deepest condolences in your loss. You all are in my prayers.



LeJune Cantrell - February 27, 2019 at 12:23 AM



“ To members of Lillian's family, we wish for you many happy memories. We have fond memories of her because while we were living in Clinton she frequently brought to us jelly that she had made. May you be blessed by God's presence to comfort you during times of grief or loneliness. Russell and Helen Dean

Helen Dean - February 26, 2019 at 04:48 PM



“ Dr. Stephens, Dr. Lou and family. I was so sorry to hear of Mrs. Lillians passing. I got to know her while working for Dr. Stephens, Sr. For several years. She was always so gracious, and always a smile. I will miss seeing her at the beauty shop. Please know that you will be in mine and Wayne's prayers. I am sure you and your family have many wonderful memories , which will help through this trying time. God Bless you.

Carol and Wayne Butler

Carol Butler, Wayne Butler - February 26, 2019 at 04:42 AM



“ I will always remain my Aunt Lillian as the epitome of Southern gracious living.

Penelope Boulder - February 25, 2019 at 05:54 PM



“ And, I should add, my condolences to cousins Louie, Gary, and Tom. You have my deepest sympathy,

Penelope - February 25, 2019 at 05:58 PM



“ Dr. Stephens, Dr Lou Stephens, Dr Dillard Stephens, and Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May God give you all the strength you need to carry on each day. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Ann Moore - February 24, 2019 at 02:09 PM



“ Juanita P. Brown lit a candle in memory of Lillian Dillard Stephens



Juanita P. Brown - February 24, 2019 at 12:18 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Lillian and I worked together some back in the days of Florida St. Elem. I always enjoyed catching up when I saw her at the grocery store. She was a sweet, thoughtful person. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Ginny Crowder - February 23, 2019 at 01:39 PM



“ Dr. Stephens and Dr. Lou Stephens I am so sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family. Barbara Wellman and Jay Wellman

Barbara Wellman - February 23, 2019 at 01:15 PM



“ Dr. Lou and family I was saddened to read of the passing of your Mother. I remember we were talking a couple weeks ago about her and my Mother's cooking. Please know you all are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bring you comfort as only HE can.

Wayne Langston

Wayne Langston - February 23, 2019 at 12:57 PM



“ Dr. Stevens, and sons. I've known your wife and mom for years, and no matter how many years went by, she always knew me and always caught up with your lives. I feel honored having known such a sweet lady. My prayers are with y'all.

Lynn - February 23, 2019 at 07:59 PM



“ Eddie @ Edna Mcgee lit a candle in memory of Lillian Dillard Stephens



Eddie @ Edna Mcgee - February 23, 2019 at 11:33 AM



“ Dear Stephens Family, I am deeply sorry to hear about the loss of Mrs. Stephens. She was truly one of the kindest and sweetest persons I have ever known. She always had the warmest disposition which genuinely came from her heart. I remember Gary without fail would have the best packed lunch at school every time. And when we came over for suppers, Mrs. Stephens' cooking was fabulous. The picture of her on the Tribute Wall captures my memory of her warmth perfectly. We will be keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Billy and Jeanie Hogan - February 23, 2019 at 11:29 AM



“ Gary & Katherine Adams lit a candle in memory of Lillian Dillard Stephens



Gary & Katherine Adams - February 23, 2019 at 07:39 AM



“ Mitzi Lawson lit a candle in memory of Lillian Dillard Stephens



Mitzi Lawson - February 23, 2019 at 05:03 AM



“ Dr. Stephens and family Johnny and I are so sorry to hear about the loss of your wife and mother. Our thoughts and prayers re with you during this difficult time.

Johnny Jacks - February 22, 2019 at 09:09 PM



“ Stephens Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time in your life. Lillian and I would usually see each other while picking up barbeque for our family. She was so kind and genuine. God bless you!

Mary Marshall - February 22, 2019 at 02:51 PM



“ We were heart broken to hear of Lillian's passing. She was one of the sweetest and kindest people we have ever known. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God comfort you at this sad time. God Bless

Ray & Mickey Riley

Mickey Riley - February 22, 2019 at 01:32 PM



“ I was so saddened to hear of Lillian's passing. I have such fond memories of her when you lived on Maple Street, and I "babysat" while she cooked or ran to the store. Trips to your grandparents and to the farm were always fun. She was always such a sweet lady and a wonderful cook!! She always had a smile on her face. She will be missed in our community. She was a very special lady!

Charlotte Strickland - February 22, 2019 at 01:27 PM



“ Teresa Baker lit a candle in memory of Lillian Dillard Stephens



Teresa Baker - February 22, 2019 at 12:40 PM



“ Dr. Lou, I am so sorry to read of the passing of your mother. I worked in your office back in the early 90's with Dr. Michael Stephens. Thinking of you & your family.

Teresa (Jennings) Baker

Teresa Baker - February 22, 2019 at 12:42 PM



“ Dr. Stephens, Dr. Lou, and Family, we were so saddened to hear about Lillian's death. Please know that we have you in our prayers during the weeks to come. She was a sweet and caring lady who touched many lives.



Carroll and Kathie Barker - February 22, 2019 at 11:01 AM



“ Dr. Stephens, Dr. Lou, and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Mrs. Lillian was a remarkable lady who touched many lives.

Curtis Wallace - February 22, 2019 at 10:35 AM



“ Such a sweet lady and always thoughtful of others. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Joyce Rogers - February 22, 2019 at 10:31 AM



“ Prayers for family. George/Susie Madden



Susie Madden - February 22, 2019 at 10:27 AM



“ Georgia Pacific WFS purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Lillian Dillard Stephens.



Georgia Pacific WFS - February 22, 2019 at 10:03 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. You all will be in my prayers.

Lurline Threatt - February 22, 2019 at 08:49 AM



“ Dear Dr. Stephens, Dr. Lou, Gary, Tom, & family,
Extending deepest sympathy, lifting all of you in prayer, & sending LOVE!!!
Debbie & Gerald Davenport



Debbie G Davenport - February 22, 2019 at 07:56 AM



“ Gale Boling lit a candle in memory of Lillian Dillard Stephens



Gale Boling - February 22, 2019 at 07:41 AM



“ What a wonderful Lady, I extend my sincere and heart felt condolences to the family. She will be missed by many.

Gale Boling - February 22, 2019 at 07:43 AM



“ Bill Lewis lit a candle in memory of Lillian Dillard Stephens



Bill Lewis - February 22, 2019 at 12:38 AM



“ BETTY SAMPLES lit a candle in memory of Lillian Dillard Stephens



BETTY SAMPLES - February 21, 2019 at 11:28 PM



“ 62 Wonderful years ,oh what memories you have. Just lean on Jesus and he will help you through this time..Jesus is coming soon so you will be with her again. our love.

BETTY SAMPLES - February 21, 2019 at 11:32 PM



“ MOM.....SHE WAS A MOM...MOTHER OF MANY...I ALWAYS FELT AT HOME WHEN I CAME WITH DAD TO FIX SOMETHING. OVER THE YEARS SHE ALWAYS RECOGNIZED ME REGARDLESS OF MY CURRENT DISGUISE. CLINTON IS A BETTER PLACE BECAUSE MOM IS HERE.

John - February 22, 2019 at 07:00 AM



“ JoAnna Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Lillian Dillard Stephens



JoAnna Armstrong - February 21, 2019 at 07:46 PM



“ Dear Lou and family, I would recognize this sweet lady from this picture. I have fond memories of our time on Walnut St and gatherings of neighbors. May you all find peace and comfort in knowing that Lillian is now with her Lord. Kathy McGee
Clemson SC

Kathy McGee - February 21, 2019 at 07:24 PM