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Rose Mary DeWitt Stephens November 23, 1920 – May 27, 2019 Rose Mary DeWitt Stephens died on May 27, 2019 at the age of 98 after a wonderful life full of faith, family and friends. Rose Mary was born November 23, 1920 to William Edward DeWitt and Jessie Wallace DeWitt in Savannah, Georgia. She married Thomas J. Stephens on June 6, 1943 in West Palm Beach, Florida. They had three sons: Lee, Ted and Fred. Subsequently they were given three daughters in marriage to their sons: Lynda, Carolyn and Roxanne. Central to Rose Mary's life was her relationship to her Lord, Jesus Christ. That was lived in the context of Southern Baptist Churches including Gilcrease Baptist Church, Tulsa, Berean Baptist Church, Tulsa and Bartlesville Southern Baptist Church. She also enjoyed Holy Communion at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Bartlesville. Everywhere Rose Mary went she made friends. This was evident at the Senior Center in Tulsa and Green Country Village in Bartlesville where she lived her last six years. Playing music and writing poetry were among Rose Mary's gifts. She wrote a poem every wedding anniversary for her husband as well as other special events in her family and church. She played the piano and organ for many years as needed at Gilcrease Hills and wrote several children's musicals. In her nineties Rose Mary played the piano once a week for the "old folks" at Heritage Village Nursing Home in Bartlesville. Until the day she died Rose Mary was always looking for her next ministry of caring for others. While on this earth, Rose Mary was a prism of Christ in many different ways but especially her ability to embrace and love anyone and everyone. She touched the lives of many people in ways that were caring and enriching – making a difference. She lived her long life well and was ready for her day of resurrection in God's Heavenly Kingdom. This is truly a time for celebrating. Rose Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Tom, after 52 years of marriage; her parents, Bill and Jessie DeWitt; brothers Bill and LeRoy; and sisters Lutille and Emma. She is survived by her three sons and wives:



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The Rev. Dr. Lee and Lynda Stephens of Bartlesville, The Rev. Dr. Ted and Carolyn Stephens of Metamore, Michigan and Fred and Roxanne Stephens of Houston, Texas; grandchildren: Michael, Ryan, Jason, Crystal, Scott and Daniel; ten great grandchildren and an “adopted daughter,” Susie Clark. The service for Rose Mary and to the glory of God be at 11:00 on Friday, May 31st, at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 210 E. Ninth St., Bartlesville, OK. Arrangements are under the direction of the Floral Haven Funeral Home, Tulsa, OK. Visitation will be held Thursday, May 30, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Stumpff Funeral Home, 1600 SE Washington Blvd, Bartlesville, OK 74006. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to special mission projects at Bartlesville Southern Baptist Church at 5200 SE Nowata Road, Bartlesville, OK 74006.



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Marie posted:

The ultimate explanation from God's word in the Bible as to why we die can be found at Genesis 3:17-19 and Romans 5:12. Death leaves a heartache that no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal. My heart goes out with deepest sympathy to the Stephens family. At times like this it can be hard to lose people we care about, but just know that God sees death as the enemy (1 Corinthians 15:26). He has resurrected people in the past. The Bible mentions nine instances of ones who were resurrected. One of them that can give us comfort is found at John 11:39-44. God is the creator of life Psalms 3 6:9 so he is capable of restoring life to our loved ones so please take comfort that you will see your loved one again.

May 31 at 8:57 AM



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