



Rita Stephens

June 25, 1919 - November 1, 2012

Rita M. Stephens, 93, formerly of Wilkes-Barre died Thursday at Mercy Center in Dallas.

Born June 25, 1919 in Wilkes-Barre she was a daughter of the late Andrew J. and Mary Harkins Corbett.

Rita was a graduate of E.L. Meyers High School.

Mrs. Stephens was a long time member of the former Parish of Saint Therese and the Wyoming Valley Women's Club.

Her greatest joy came from her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren as Rita made her life at home with the door always open as a happy gathering place for family and friends.

Her husband, John R. Stephens died March 11, 1982. Sisters, Mary Kittrick, Helen Senunas, Roberta Fonash and Agnes Wallace, and brothers, Andrew and Thomas Corbett also preceded her in death.

She will be greatly missed by her children, John R. Stephens of Wrightsville, Kathleen R. Stephens of Wilkes-Barre, Patricia Carr of Wilkes-Barre, Maureen (Bunny) Loughney of Kingston, James T. and his wife Claire Stephens of Wilkes-Barre, Mark A. Stephens of Margate, New Jersey, and Lisa and her husband Bernard Banas of Hershey; sixteen grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; a brother, Daniel Corbett of Archbald; nieces and nephews.

Celebration of Rita's Life will be held Monday with a Funeral Mass at 10:30 AM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Mercy Center in Dallas. Interment will be in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Hanover Township.

Arrangements by McLaughlin's – The Family Funeral Service.

Permanent messages and memories can be shared with Rita's family at
www.celebrateherlife.com

Cemetery

Saint Mary's Cemetery

1594 South Main Street

Hanover Township, PA, 18706

Events

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Funeral Mass

10:30AM

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Mercy Center Chapel

220 Lake Street, Dallas, PA, US, 18612

Comments



“ At this point in life, we have a tendency to ask questions: questions for ourselves, questions for others, questions of life and questions of faith. More often than not, we ask the same question of no one in particular.

Why? That is what we ask.

The truth is, we may never know why with any certainty. But we do know that there is no single 'should have done' or 'could have done' or 'did' or 'did not do' that would have changed that why.

All that love could do was done...

We assure you that while there is nothing we can do to change what has happened; we will be here for you. Our objective is to assist you through this time as seamlessly as possible, and we encourage your reliance on us to see that all details are arranged and carried through properly.

Our service to you doesn't end, but continues as you need us. We can assist with details which present themselves after, just as we are capable with those leading to, the funeral service. Please don't hesitate to solicit our advice on any matter as we are happy to be of assistance.

Tommy McLaughlin - November 02, 2012 at 04:15 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to all of the Stephens Family, but to especially to Bunny, Pat and Kathy as you were the ones I grew up with at St. Therese. I know how difficult times are now, as we lost my mother, Catherine Calore in May of this year. No matter what, our mothers will always come first in our thoughts and prayers. May she watch over all of you, as she did in life.

Eileen Calore Grunthamer
Indian Trail, NC

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