



Darlene Stephens

January 25, 1926 - August 17, 2020

Darlene M. Stephens, age 94, of Bourbonnais, passed away peacefully with her family on August 17th, 2020. Darlene was born on January 25th, 1926 in Clifton to Albert and Lucille (Schultz) Meyer. She married Phillip A. Stephens on November 14th, 1948 at Zion Evangelical Lutheran church parsonage in Chebanse. He precedes her in death on October 5th, 1996. Darlene enjoyed reading, antiques, and quilting for church. She was a devoted member of American Lutheran Church in Bourbonnais for several years.

Surviving is her son, Mark (Mary Ann) Stephens of Kankakee; daughter, Marsha (Randy) Kerschke of Kankakee; sister-in-law, Melba Meyer of Chebanse; brother-in-law, Bill Foster of Marion; three grandchildren, Stephen (Taylor) Kerschke of Omaha, NE, Laura (Christopher) Yates of Noblesville, IN, and Paul Stephens of Winston Salem, NC; six great grandchildren, Jackson Stephens, Colten Yates, Gage Yates, Noelle Yates, Charlie Kerschke, and George Kerschke; lifelong friend, Mabel Hartman of Kankakee; friends, Teresa Mau of Kankakee, and Phyliss Pigusch of Bradley; special niece, Janet Martin of Bradley; and her beloved cat, Abby.

Darlene is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one brother Howard Meyer, and her sister and brother-in-law Nelda (Wesley) Walters. Visitation will be held Friday August 21st from 10am until the 11am service at American Lutheran Church in Bourbonnais. Pastor David Russell will officiate the service. Burial will be held at Kankakee Memorial Gardens immediately following the service at church. Memorials may be made to American

Lutheran Church in Bourbonnais. As per CDC guidelines, please wear masks if you can and follow social distancing guidelines. Please sign the guestbook at www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

American Lutheran Church
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Funeral Service

AUG **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Lutheran Church
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Tribute Wall



“ *Darlene Stephens*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Marsha and Mark and families. Your mom was such a dear lady. So much like Nelda with a warm heart and wonderful laugh. I am so happy I got to visit with her last time I was up. I'll remember it always. Remembering you in my prayers. Ann*



Ann Walters - August 20, 2020 at 03:20 PM



“ *My sincerest sympathies to Mark, Mary Ann, and the rest of the family. Your mother was a dear friend who I could talk to for hours. I loved hearing her stories about living on the farm, and we both wanted to return to the past. She told me about the difficult times in her life, but she never complained. She loved her children and family and bragged about them often. I admired her meticulousness and the way she would spend hours arranging her quilting squares so they were just perfect. One day she asked me if she should stop quilting, commenting that maybe she was too old old. I said that she should never give that because she wasn't old, and we laughed. I was touched the day she gave me one of her special quilts. She was the kindest, most humble, and most generous person I have ever known. She always knew the right thing to say to cheer me up, and I appreciated her wisdom and guidance. She inspired me to be a better person, and I will truly miss her. I'm sure she's quilting with the angels now.*

Teresa Mau - August 20, 2020 at 12:46 PM

LV

“ So very sorry for your loss but oh what a day in heaven! Wishing you warm comforting memories and the presence of so many who loved her.

Lorna Vinson - August 20, 2020 at 09:32 AM

EB

“ My sympathy to Mark and his family on the loss of their loved one

Elaine Blaylock - August 19, 2020 at 09:00 PM

EL

“ My sympathies to Mark and his family for their loss.

Erik Larsen - August 19, 2020 at 03:05 PM

DD

“ What I remember most about Darlene is her pride of family. Whenever, she would visit Marsha's workplace, she expressed such pride and love for her family that I could see it in her eyes. What a loving woman! Please, accept my condolences...sending love and prayers!

Donna Denault

Donna R Denault - August 19, 2020 at 02:59 PM

LW

“ What a sweet, loving women who loved her kids and grandkids. She gave them items for them to treasure their precious memories with her.

Lana Waselewski

Lana Waselewski - August 19, 2020 at 01:10 PM