



Marlene Leigh Stephens

December 10, 1949 - December 26, 2012

Marlene Leigh Stephens(Harper)went to be with our Lord on December 26, 2012 after a long and painful battle with multiple sclerosis. She died peacefully in her home surrounded by family in Bear Creek, Alabama.

Marlene was born December 10, 1949 in Birmingham, Alabama to Betty L. Harper(Austin) and Carl K. Harper. Marlene was a loving Christian child and was a joy to her parents. Marlene was a life long member of Bear Creek No. One Baptist Church located in Bear Creek, Alabama.

Marlene married Larry W. Stephens in June of 1968 and moved with him to Michigan where they spent the next 37 years starting a new life together and raising a family. Marlene was an accomplished seamstress and had a passion for making wedding dresses and Victorian Lamp Shades.

Marlene is survived by her husband Larry; daughter Michelle Michael, son in law John Michael, three grandchildren, Katie, Nicholas and Annika; her son Chad and his wife Amanda, her mother Betty Harper, two brothers, Max and Kenneth Harper; one aunt and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins as well as her father in law Carl Stephens and mother in law Doris Stephens. Marlene was preceded in death by her father, Carl K. Harper and older brother Harold Harper.

Marlene's final wish was to be cremated. A memorial service will be held at a

later date. She will be buried at Bear Creek Baptist No. One Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ Larry,
My prayers are with you and family. Though sometimes not feeling well, when I would see the two of you, Marlene would always have something pleasant to say and smile. I'm sure she looks down with great love upon you all.##imported-begin##Sharon Black##imported-end##

January 03, 2013 at 10:06 AM



“ To Larry and family, Our deepest sympathy to you all during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Thom & Deb Stoner##imported-end##

January 01, 2013 at 03:32 PM



“ We regret that we are in Louisiana and cannot be with the family at this time of need. We will keep you in our prayers.##imported-begin##Geraldine Wilson and Mark Wilson and Family##imported-end##

December 31, 2012 at 10:04 PM



“ Marlene and I worked at Kline's Dept store. She was a fun, loving and caring person. I enjoyed working with her.
You have my deepest sympathy.
Worked with her mother in law also.
God's Blessings to all of you.##imported-begin##Nora Morgan##imported-end##

December 29, 2012 at 05:37 PM



“ Larry, We are all so sorry about your loss. Marlene will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love always.

Your neighbors in Michigan##imported-begin##Roger & Pat Etter, Anna, Mike & Robin Johnson & Roger Jr.##imported-end##

December 28, 2012 at 10:07 PM



“ Larry,
At a time like this nothing can be said by me, other than Marlene had a very devoted caring husband with her to make her final years more comforting. I am very saddened that you and your family members are going through this very difficult time.
May the peace of the Lord be with you all and give you strength.##imported-begin##John G. Hoag ##imported-end##

December 28, 2012 at 07:00 PM



“ Dear Larry, I was saddened today to read of Marlenes passing. Although I never knew her she must have been a wonderful lady and she was married to you. Please except my husbands and my sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God bless you. Sincerely, Lona and Carey Pettit.##imported-begin##Lona Stevenson Pettit##imported-end##

December 28, 2012 at 06:58 PM



“ Larry,

I am so sorry about your loss. Marlene is such a nice lady; always pleasant and helpful. She altered my dress for my youngest son's wedding. It was fantastic!! My prayers are with you and your family at this time and future times. You took such good care of Marlene.

Your friend, Louretta##imported-begin##Louretta Schell##imported-end##

December 28, 2012 at 12:00 PM



“ Larry

You and your family are in my thoughts...Please be in touch with your friends from Michigan, Teresa##imported-begin##Teresa Bacon##imported-end##

December 28, 2012 at 10:06 AM