



Ruth Coates Stephens

August 14, 1923 - March 21, 2019

Ruth Coates Stephens, 95, of Salisbury, NC passed away Thursday, March 21, 2019 at Autumn Care Nursing and Rehabilitation.

She was born August 14, 1923 in Dillon, SC to the late W.H. Coates and Georgia Etta Causey Coates and was a graduate of Dillon, SC schools. Mrs. Stephens worked for Rowan Mills for 18 years and Norman's of Salisbury for 19 years before retiring in 1985. She enjoyed gardening, especially working with her flowers; birdwatching and feeding birds.

Mrs. Stephens was a member of Milford Hills Baptist Church and the Harvesters Sunday School Class and Senior Friends.

Preceding her in death was her husband Harvey Stephens on October 24, 2006; and 10 of her siblings.

Surviving are her sons, William Harvey "Bill" Stephens and wife June of Oak Island, NC and Ronny Mitchell Stephens and wife Lynn of Charlotte, NC; daughter, Glenda Wilhelm of Salisbury, NC.; sister Esther Barnhill of Dillon, SC; 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends 1-2 p.m. Monday, March 25, 2019 at Milford Hills Baptist Church. The funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Jim Harris officiating.

A graveside service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at the U.S. National Cemetery, Statesville Blvd. location.

The family would like to thank the staff at Autumn Care for their loving care of

Ruth.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Stephens family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 25. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Milford Hills Baptist Church
1238 E. Colonial Dr.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Service

MAR 25. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

ZS

“ Glenda and Bill, just heard about your mother. I just wanted to say I am sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your family during this time. Zandra Harrison Spencer

Zandra Harrison Spencer - March 24, 2019 at 02:32 PM

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“ Dear Ruth's Family,

I was so sad to read of Ruth's passing, but rejoice that she is healthy and at home with her Lord and Savior. Ruth was such a special friend when Robert and I served as pastor and wife at Milford Hills in the 80's. She was a beautiful lady inside and out. I always thought she looked like she stepped out of a magazine! She was such a faithful member and loved her church and her Lord. I am so blessed that my life was touched by Ruth's. I pray the Lord gives all of you the comfort, peace, and strength you need at this time.

God bless,

*Ann T. Heard
Marion, NC
formerly of Salisbury*

Ann Heard - March 24, 2019 at 01:49 AM

GD

“ Glenda, please know that we are thinking of you and uplifting you and you family in prayer.

Gladys Dillon - March 23, 2019 at 09:53 AM

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“ *Love, Jim and your Oak Island Campground Family purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of Ruth Coates Stephens.*



Love, Jim and your Oak Island Campground Family - March
23, 2019 at 08:24 AM