

Floral Bearers

FAMILY MEMBERS & FRIENDS
Ms. Helen McMillian in Charge

Pallbearers

NEPHEWS & FRIENDS

Joan was one of the founders and very first President of the 1777 Grand Concourse Tenant Association. It was due to her efforts that we (the tenants) were able to improve our living conditions. She was a relentless advocate and if no one was available to stand up with her, she stood up by herself. She also decorated our lobby every Christmas. So, Christmas wasn't the same this year and, it never will be. It was an absolute pleasure to have her as a neighbor.

-KIM OSIRIS, LINDA SEWARD, LOUISA WATKINS-

Acknowledgment

We, the family of Joann Stephens Climes, express heartfelt gratitude and most sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement. Please continue to pray that God will give us strength for the days ahead.

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Eulogistic Services

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JOANN STEPHENS CLIMES

SUNRISE
2/6/1944

SUNSET
12/23/2018



MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2018

1:00 PM

Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church
587 Bricklanding Road, SW
Shallotte, North Carolina

REVEREND DR. VAUGHN R. CHERRY, PASTOR

Obituary

Joann Stephens Climes, daughter of the late Willena C. Smith and Rudolph Stephens, was born February 6, 1944 and departed this life on December 23, 2018 at her home in Bronx, New York.

Joann was reared in Brunswick County where she attended Union High School. She graduated, Class of 1962, and shortly after moved to New York City where she made her home. Joann was united in holy matrimony to James George Climes on August 9, 1970. James preceded her in death.

Joann devoted 17 years to the United States Postal Service. Later she joined the City Realty Company where she worked as administrative secretary at Whitby until her retirement.

Joann was a member of Saint Mark United Methodist Church where she served faithfully until her health no longer allowed. Joann was elected president of the Tenant Association Committee where she worked side-by-side with New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal and the tenants in her community to ensure equal housing rights for all in the community.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her brothers, Rudolph D. Stephens of Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina and Arthur Stephens (Marie) of Leland, North Carolina; sisters, Priscilla Coleman (Willie) of Burlington, North Carolina and Margaret Climes (Sharrod) of Bronx, New York; sisters-in-law, Queen Ester Stephens and Sarah Stephens of Sunset Beach, North Carolina; aunt, Lois Black of Tampa, Florida; a host of nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, godson, Pearson Owens of Washington, DC; numerous cousins and friends

Two brothers preceded Joann in death—Wardell Stephens and James Pete Stephens.

Order of Service

HYMN.....Pleasant Hill Mixed Choir

THE SCRIPTURES.....Ms. Hilda Faye Thompson
Old Testament: *Psalm 23*
New Testament: *II Corinthians 5:1 & 8*

PRAYER OF COMFORT.....Robert Stanley

REMARKS.....CSM Tony Curtis Stephens

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & OBITUARY.....Ms. Eva King

SOLO.....William Coleman

Eulogy

REVEREND DR. VAUGHN R. CHERRY

~ Mortician in Charge ~

RECESSIONAL VIEWING.....(Music by the Choir)



Service of Committal and Interment

CAMPGROUND CEMETERY

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