



## Ellen Kay Stephens

February 19, 1939 - August 2, 2017

Ellen Kay Stephens a resident of Sulphur, was born February 19, 1939, in Mulhall, Oklahoma,

to Haywood and Dovie (Goodson) Worley and was one of eight children.

She passed away Wednesday August 2, 2017 at Sulphur, after suffering a long illness,

at the age of 78 years 5 months and 13 days.

In 1957, she graduated from Sulphur High School and married Richard Stephens, also of Sulphur, and the two moved to Nevada and later to Ramah, New Mexico, where they raised three children: Perry Mike, Valerie and Dennis. She had a fourth son, Kelly, who died as an infant.

They returned to Sulphur in the 1970s, where Ellen not only finished raising her children but became a beloved nanny for several other families. She also was a devoted caregiver to her mother, her mother-in-law Dovie Stephens, and to her aunt-in-law, Gladys Stephens, and her house was a favorite destination for numerous nieces and nephews. Her bureau drawers of toys, games and art supplies were always stocked, and she spent large parts of each summer taking nieces, nephews and later grandchildren and great grandchildren to Chickasaw National Recreation Area for swimming at Little Niagara.

She was a member of the Vinita Ave. Church of Christ for many years

Richard preceded Ellen in death in 2009, two years after they celebrated their 50th anniversary. She also was preceded in death by an infant grandson,

Ryan Stephens, her sister, Charlotte Eaves, and her brothers, Gene and Michael Worley.

Survived by

Daughter & son-in-law: Valerie Smith & Michael, of Albuquerque, NM

Sons & Daughters-in-law: Mike Stephens & Belinda, of Sulphur, OK

Dennis Stephens & Joandres, of Arlington, TX

2 Brothers: Jack Worley of Delaware

Leroy Worley, of Mesquite, TX

2 Sisters: Becky McKeel, of Dallas, TX

Donna Lewis, of Austin, TX

5 Grandchildren: Heather Stephens Clark & Chris, Katie Smith,

Matt Smith, Charles Smith & Elena, Edwin Walker

7 Great Grandchildren :Mendy, Spencer, Paige & Jace Smith

Oliver, Christopher, & Hannah Clark

numerous nieces & nephews

The family has designated the Alzheimer's Association for memorial donations.

Services will be held Saturday August 5, 2017 at 1:00PM at Vinita Ave.

Church

of Christ officiated by Danny Stewart. Burial will be at Palmer Cemetery under the direction of DeArman Funeral Home

online condolences may be sent to [www.dearmanfuneralhome.com](http://www.dearmanfuneralhome.com)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ellen Kay Stephens*

October 05, 2023 at 07:47 PM



“ *Becky and David Roach purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Ellen Kay Stephens.*



**Becky and David Roach** - August 04, 2017 at 12:11 PM



“ *I have such precious memories of gathering together for Stephens family holidays and visits. So many fun times were spent at your house doing crazy cousin things....your mom would just laugh at us and shake her head as we created the next fun adventure. She gave us the freedom to be kids, to laugh, explore and create. Special memories include trips to the Dairy Queen in the evenings....cars that always had a name....laughing till our sides hurt....creative writing attempts....artistic endeavors...even going to the school basement in the midst of a tornado threat...all of these and more bring smiles to my heart as I remember. Much love to you Mike, Val, Dennis, and to each of your families as your mourn the passing of a truly great lady. How lucky you were to call her Mom! Love, Becky Stephens Roach*

**Becky Roach** - August 04, 2017 at 11:22 AM

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“ Sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Nancy Frost & family*

Nancy - August 04, 2017 at 06:37 AM

LH

“ Ellen or as we called her, Neenie, loved and kept my son from the age of 7 months until he could drive. She was a big part of our lives, and we have the fondest memories of her. Fly high, Neenie.  
Love from Lynn and Kelly Hyde

Lynn Hyde - August 03, 2017 at 09:45 PM

FB

“ Frederick and Andrea Bermudez purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Ellen Kay Stephens.



Frederick and Andrea Bermudez - August 03, 2017 at 06:16 PM

DD

“ Sweet lady....sorry to hear this....prayers for the family <3

Debbie J. Dodson - August 03, 2017 at 03:13 PM



“ *Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Ellen Kay Stephens.* ”



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August 03, 2017 at 01:49 PM