



Ruby Jane (Westerfield, Sawyer) Stephens

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Ruby Jane (Westerfield, Sawyer) Stephens – also known as “Aunt Janie”, 78, passed away on September 12th, 2024.

She was born on May 4, 1946, to Betty (Tully) Henderson and Richard Westerfield in Franklin, Indiana. She had an established career at Indiana Bell, Eli Lilly, a home maker and later retired from many years at IBM.

She had a very spiritual soul and truly enjoyed her time spent at Collierville Christian Church. She had a love for animals – from her childhood dog Queenie to her first adult dog Jill to the three Boston Terriers that became her best friends later in life (Anna I, II and III).

She had the fortune of finding love twice in her life - from the love of her life Harrison Sawyer to her marriage later in life to Charles Stephens III.

While she never had any children of her own, she raised and treated others as if they were her own. From her stepchildren Mary Cooper, Scott Sawyer, Debbie (Stephens) Ledet, Jeni Stephens and Spencer Stephens to her nieces and nephews Damion Westerfield, Paula (Weant) Ramey, Jeff Ramey, John Weant, and Daylen Westerfield.

She had a strong friendship with former pastor Ron Buck and his wife Cathy and enjoyed "babysitting" their dog Chloe whenever she had the opportunity to do so. She will be so honored to have him pastor the service for us.

She was preceded in death by some people that were very special to her: her best friend mother Betty Henderson, other best friends Lelaine Cleaves and Marian Jernigan, older brother Harold Westerfield, younger sister Alice Collins, and stepchildren Jeni and Spencer Stephens.



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She had a positive impact on so many people that crossed her path, but she always believed that she'd be in a much better place with God and with other loved ones after life. She was ready to move on and spend time with them and went peacefully. Please do not grieve for her because that's not what she'd want. We should celebrate that she is where she wanted to be at this stage in her life. She said many times, "whoever called old age the Golden Years, had no idea what they were talking about."

She was never a fan of flowers because they die so quickly, so in lieu of flowers, she would want you to please make donations to the Collierville Christian Church and/or Memphis chapter of the Humane Society.

The family will receive relatives and friends on Wednesday, September 18 at 1:00 p.m. followed by a funeral service at 2:00 all in the Fireside Chapel of Memorial Park Funeral Home. Entombment to follow at Memorial Park Mausoleum



Events

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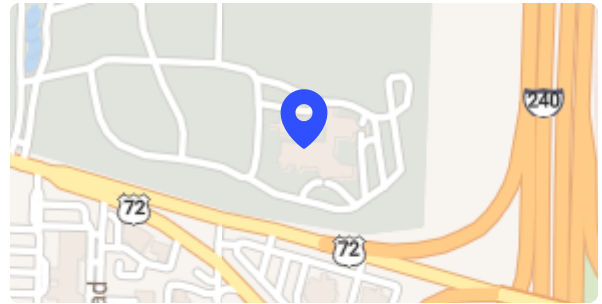
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Visitation

 **Wednesday**, September 18, 2024

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT

 **Memorial Park Fireside Chapel**
5668 Poplar Avenue, Memphis TN 38119

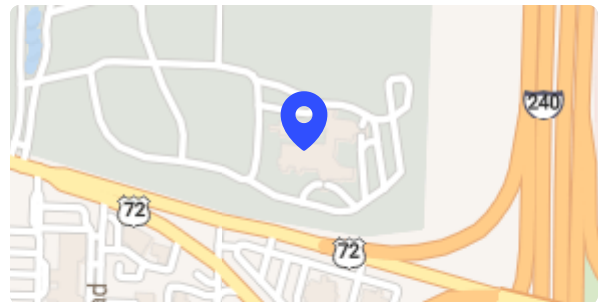


Funeral

 **Wednesday**, September 18, 2024

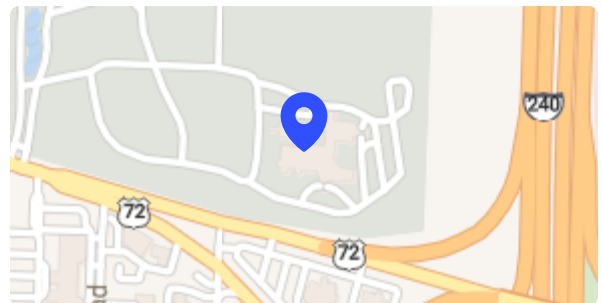
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Cemetery Details

 **Memorial Park Mausoleum**
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Tribute Wall

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GP

Garneda Petersen posted:

Ruby was such a sweetheart and a real lady. I knew her from school and we kept in touch by text these past several years. She had shared that she was getting weaker and yet seemed so upbeat. Her attitude was amazing. I'm thankful that we kept in touch. I will miss her. Garneda (Lee) Petersen

September 22 at 5:06 PM

CD

Connie Stout Dixon posted:

We shared lots of fun on the school bus in our younger years at Franklin. Keeping them mean boys at bay. Seems we just reconnected through Facebook. Too many friends have passed this year. May you rest in peace and reconnect with former classmates in heaven. 🙏🙏🙏

September 14 at 7:48 AM

CS

Cher Salvator posted:

Rest in peace, beloved friend and classmate. We are honored to have known you. Love, Cher Salvator aka Cheryl Procter

September 13 at 5:11 PM

JW

John Weant posted:

My fondest memories were of the holidays with our family. Thanksgiving with Grandma, Aunt Janie, Aunt Linda and our Mom in the kitchen whipping up an amazing Thanksgiving Day feast, while Grandpa, Dad and Uncle Harold watched the Macy's parade in the living room. Me, my sister, and our cousin's Damien, Dawn and Daylen all off entertaining ourselves and everybody falling into a tryptophan coma after, then putting up the Christmas Tree in preparation for the next big day together. Every ice sickle had to be placed individually and precisely so that the whole thing could be wrapped carefully in "Angel Hair", which turns out was fiber glass. 😊 Waking up Christmas Day and opening gifts with Mom, Dad, and my Sister, then off to Grandma's house to see the family for another incredible home cooked holiday banquet, opening Christmas gifts together, then everybody sitting around enjoying the day together. I still go to this place in my memories during the holidays and Aunt Janie was a big part of that. I love you Aunt Janie, you will be missed, but are always here in my heart and memories.

September 13 at 4:37 PM



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NK

Nancy Kennedy posted:

Ruby was a special person. We first met at Collierville Christian Church and became fast friends. I will miss our long phone calls and her sage advice. She will be sorely missed but she is where she wanted to be and I find peace in that thought. Goodbye dear friend.

September 13 at 3:48 PM

DC

Diane Jernigan Cothran posted:

Ruby was our dear neighbor for many years and my Mom Marian Jernigan's precious friend. They called each other daily, and when Mom fell in her home and didn't answer her phone call, it was our angel Ruby who took action. She was a joy to be around Ruby with her quick wit, caring nature, and love for the Lord. Oh, how we will miss her but what a reunion she and my mom are having as both are now in the arms of the Lord.

September 13 at 1:54 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ruby Jane by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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