



## Doretha Y "Minnie" Stephens

January 2, 1939 - June 16, 2017

Doretha "Minnie" Stephens, born January 2, 1939 to the late Dorothy and Thomas Yarborough, fell asleep in death June 2, 2017. Doretha was married to the late Brian T. Stephens of Jacksonville, Florida for 29 years and raised 4 stepchildren.

Doretha attended Nash County Training School in Nashville, N.C and worked as an Operation Room Technician for many years in hospitals located throughout Jacksonville, Florida. While in Florida, Doretha gave her life to the Lord.

She moved to Seaford, Delaware and joined Immanuel House of Praise, in Seaford, and was overjoyed when Immanuel House of Praise presented her with the 2008 Mother's Appreciation Award. She also received several usher's awards over the years from her church. Doretha continued to worship at Immanuel House of Praise until her health begin to fail.

Minnie as she was fondly known is survived by her only daughter Pandora Thompson, son in law Fred T Thompson Jr., granddaughters Denita Joyner, Fontisha Yarborough, and grandson Tahir Thompson, five great grands, and one great-great grand.

Minnie has six surviving sisters. Wyomia Matthews Seaford DE, Lois Sapp

Hillside N.J, Alice Yarborough Wilmington DE, Bessie Christian, Millsboro DE, Mary LaFranque Irvington N.J, and Martha Moore, Easton PA.

Three surviving brothers. Thomas Yarborough II Greenwood DE, Vincent Yarborough, Felton, DE, and Charles Yarborough, Monroe, N.J. Minnie has a host of nieces and nephews too numerous to mention by names, and so many cousins, all of whom she kept in touch with right up to her death.

Minnie, your nine years as a cancer survivor has shown us your struggles and love for life. The Yarborough/Alston family will miss you greatly, Minnie. Your laughter, kindness, generosity, and delicious dinners and desserts will remain in our hearts for generations to come.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Doretha Y "Minnie" Stephens, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

# Tribute Wall

GR

“ My dear wife and I would like to extend our condolences for the loss of your loved one (Proverbs 17:17). At difficult times like this we realize how precious and fragile life can surely be (James 4:14). As your family and friends comfort one another, as a neighbor we pray you also be comforted by the sure hope the Bible gives us for all those who have died (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4). As recorded in the Bible, Jesus promised that one day he was going to bring back to life all those who have died (John 5:28, 29). That is why he encourages all of us to exercise faith in that promise, the life that Jesus gave in our behalf, and be blessed as we see that promise fulfilled (John 11:25; 3:16; 6:40; James 2:17). The Bible makes it clear that death is an "enemy" not only to mankind, but also to Almighty God (1 Corinthians 15:26). That is also why God promises to remove forever all the pain, suffering, wickedness, and death that mankind has had to endure for thousands of years (Revelation 21:3-5; Psalm 37:10, 11, 29). At that time soon, as the Bible indicates, both the living and the dead who are brought back to life will enjoy life, everlasting life, as God originally purposed for this earth thousands of years ago in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 1:28; Jeremiah 29:11). What a glorious day that will be for mankind who are doing what God asks of us, namely that we simply do His Will, not our own (1 John 2:17; 5:3; Proverbs 3:5, 6). Please read and meditate on all these scriptures in your Bible and be comforted and blessed (Psalm 1:1-3; John 17:3). Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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George & Chris Ragusa - June 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. The bible gives us hope of seeing our loved ones again during the resurrection of the dead. (Acts 24:15) Also, at Revelations 21:4, it tells us that death, sickness and pain will soon be removed. Please look forward to that time. Until then may the God of all comfort grant your entire family peace.

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**Doretha Sampson** - June 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the family will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4;John 5:28,29;Luke 23:43. may GOD(Psalms 83:18)grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.

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**M Jones** - June 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM