

Schaticqua “B.B.” Stephens Owens

May 19, 1933 (Athens, AL) August 13, 2013 (Rockford, IL)



Schaticqua “B.B.” Stephens Owens, 80, departed this life on Tuesday, August 13, 2013, at Rockford’s Presence St. Anne’s Center. The family expresses their deepest appreciation to the St. Anne’s staff.

Born May 19, 1933, in Athens, AL, the Daughter of Stokeley and Rosalee (Lincoln) Stephens, she moved to Rockford at an early age. Remarkably, “B.B.” earned a General Equivalency Diploma (GED) while working and after rearing 5 children; that milestone is recognized on the Commencement Program for the West High School Class of 1961, as is that of her younger sister, our other Classmate, Wanda Stephens Nowling.

Survivors include her now late (2021) Husband of 62 years, Robert Lee Owens, Sr.; Children, Sharon Moore, Robert Lee. (Fannie) Owens, Jr., Constance Taylor, Diedre (Andre) Harvey, and Stephen (Sheila) Owen; Sisters, Jewel Love, now late (2021) Wanda Stephens Nowling, Rose (Charles) Hilton; Brother, Richard Stephens; 10 Grandchildren; 8 Great Grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. “B.B.” was predeceased by her Parents; Brother, Robert Stephens; and Brothers-in-law, Louis Nowling, Sr., and Joe Love.

Her Funeral Service will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, August 20, 2013, at Pilgrim Baptist Church, 1703 South Central Avenue, Rockford, with Reverend Kenneth R. Board officiating. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Church. Arrangements were completed by Collins & Stone Funeral Home, 128 South 5th Street, Rockford 61104. Online condolences can be left at collinsandstonefh.com.

Reference:

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