



Berniece (Stephens) Steelman

January 28, 1925 - April 20, 2020

Berniece (Stephens) Steelman was born on January 28, 1925, in Salem, Missouri to Joseph “Alfred” and Audrey (Pewitt) Stephens and passed away April 20, 2020, in Salem, Missouri at the age of ninety-five years.

Berniece grew up in Salem and graduated with the Class of 1942 at Salem High School. She married the love of her life, Harold Wilbur Steelman on June 13, 1942, and together they shared sixty-nine years of marriage before his passing on December 17, 2011. Harold and Berniece were blessed with two sons: Loyal and Keith.

During her working years, Berniece worked at the International Shoe Factory. She took great pride in caring for her family and was known for her generous hospitality. Berniece enjoyed spending time in the kitchen cooking and baking for her family and friends. She always had plenty of snacks in her home and candy in her purse. Berniece enjoyed life to the fullest and had an eye for fashion. There was never a time you’d see Berniece out and about that she wasn’t dressed to impress, and you were always greeted with a warm smile.

Strong in her faith, Berniece was a soft-spoken, sweet-spirited person with a servant’s heart. She was passionate about giving to others with her time and thoughtfulness. Berniece was a godly role model and a long-time dedicated member of Corinth Baptist Church. She treasured her time working in the

church nursery and was known to everyone as Grandma.

Berniece loved her family deeply and enjoyed family get-togethers; there was no place she'd rather be than spending time with them. She loved being a grandmother and cherished the time spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Berniece is survived by two sons: Loyal Steelman and wife Jane of Rolla, MO and Keith Steelman and wife Annette of Salem, MO; five grandchildren: Darren Steelman and wife Jennifer, Matt Steelman and wife Jenny, Jeremy Steelman and wife Kim, Chad Steelman, and Tyler Steelman and wife Gabi; eleven great-grandchildren: Benjamin, Seth, Abbie, Royal, Jasper, Oakleigh, Christian, Maylee, Knox (on the way), Delilah, and Ledger; extended family and friends.

Preceding her in death were, her loving husband: Harold Wilbur Steelman and her parents Alfred and Audrey Stephens.

Berniece leaves behind a legacy of love, dignity, and devotion. To know her was to truly love and admire her. She will be remembered for her contagious smile and sweet personality.

Funeral Services for Berniece (Stephens) Steelman were held Monday, May 4, 2020 in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Bro. Dwayne Cartwright and Scott Shults officiating. Special Music was provided by Berl Bays, Darren Steelman, Ben Steelman, Seth Steelman, Tyler Steelman, Mark Mathes, Michelle Pyatt, and Annette Steelman. Serving as Pallbearers were Darren, Tyler, Matt, Christian, Jeremy, Benjamin, Chad, and Seth Steelman. Honorary Pallbearers were Royal, Jasper, and Ledger Steelman. Burial was in the Dry Fork Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Berniece Steelman to Corinth Baptist Church and left at Wilson Mortuary.

Online condolences may be entered at wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Dry Fork Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.
Post Office Box 45
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Tribute Wall

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“ *Jerry Higgins lit a candle in memory of Berniece (Stephens) Steelman*



jerry higgins - May 20, 2020 at 08:24 PM

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“ *My memories of Berniece go back to my childhood. our families were close and spent lots of time together. most of these gatherings centered around food and making homemade ice cream. Berniece and Harold have always held a special place in my heart and whenever i saw Berniece she always had a smile and a hug. When my mom went to Long Term Care and she and Berniece were in the same room it was a blessing. it gave me the opportunity to visit with her and she took mom under her wing and watched over her. To Loyal and Keith and families i am sorry for your loss but i know she is happy to be in heaven.*

carol gibbs - May 03, 2020 at 03:37 PM



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Wilson Mortuary - May 03, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ *I remember the first time I walked into Long Term Care, Miss Bernice gave me one of her amazing smiles and said hi! to me. I fell in love with her that day. I loved her dearly and will miss her very much. Into Gods arms Angel!*

Josey Ramsey - April 24, 2020 at 01:00 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Berniece (Stephens) Steelman.*



April 23, 2020 at 01:24 PM

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“ *Bernice was one of the sweetest and most giving people I have ever known. My love to Loyal and Keith. My heart is heavy, but the story is not over. There will be an awesome family reunion in heaven one day!*

Cheryll DePriest Shull - April 22, 2020 at 02:36 PM

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“ *Was blessed to know Bernice while she was a resident at SMDH Long Term Care for several years.*

She raised wonderful sons and was a good friend to many, including residents still at the care facility who also mourn her passing.

Bernice was a wonderful example of a life well lived. My prayers are for those she leaves behind.

Mary Travis - April 22, 2020 at 10:55 AM

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“ *Our family's loss is Heaven's gain! Praying for her boys and their families, and all of us who loved her so much.*

Donna Dulworth - April 21, 2020 at 07:59 PM

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“ *Thought a and prayers go out to all the family. May God be with you all in this time of need and Comfort you in the days to come. She was a great .lady and.love the loads.*



Dennis and Kathy Inman - April 21, 2020 at 07:29 PM