



Mark Allen Stephens, Sr.

June 18, 1956 - January 15, 2014

Mark Allen Stephens Sr., affectionately known as “Bay Bay” and “Shortcake”, passed from this life to eternal life on Wednesday January 15, 2014. He was born on June 18, 1956 in Saginaw, Michigan to proud parents, Henry Lee Stephens, Annie Mae Suggs and Ora Bell Stephens.

Shortcake attended Saginaw High, and later joined the Army Reserves in 1975 where he served until 1982. He met and married his first wife, Deardrea Jones, in 1979. The union bore two children: Mark Allen, Jr. and Princess Evonne Stephens.

Mark met Lolita Ann Stephens in 1995. They later wed and blended their families to include Corey Dwraile Gordon, Ralph Dwraile Gordon, Jr. and Bernell James Gordon, Jr.

Mark is survived by his wife, Lolita Ann Stephens; seven sisters, Annie Austin (Joe), Janie Martin, Bobbie Beard (Willie), Patsy Abernathy (Larry-deceased), Rita Parker, Ora Kirkland (Joe), and Annie Stephens; eight brothers, Henry Clay Stephens (Alice), Henry L. Stephens Jr. (Clara), Paul Stephens (Debra), Glenn Moore, Larry Moore (Johnny Mae), Ricky Stephens (Margerette), Sylvester Stephens II, and Howard L. Stephens (Kimberly); his children, Mark Allen Stephens, Jr., Princess Evonne Stephens (Timothy), Cory Dwraile Gordon, Ralph Dwraile Gordon, Jr. (Mary); his grandchildren, Sha’Nia Monay

Stephens, Mark Allen Stephens III, Corey Dwrail Gordon III, Dezera LaQua Stephens, Cayliegh Rose Gordon, Amura Adanya Stephens, Selecia Aveya Gordon, Mark Allen Stephens IV, Markell Thorton, Timothy Allen Stephens, Nalaya Laranna Gordon; his best friends, Paul Donald (Faye), Anthony Moon, Ralph Sims, Big Denver, Chris, Shaleya Field and many more.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Lee Stephens, Annie Mae Suggs and Ora Bell Stephens; his brothers, J Dallas Stephens and David Moore; his son, Bernell James Gordon, Jr.; and his granddaughter, Nevaeh Carol Stephens.

A memorial service will take place at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue. Rev. Chester Martin will officiate.

Tribute Wall

PM

“ *Pamela Monroe lit a candle in memory of Mark Allen Stephens, Sr.*



Pamela Monroe - February 05, 2014 at 03:42 PM

BT

“ *Although I didn't personally know Mr. Stephens, I felt like I did because of all the wonderful stories his daughter Princess shared with me. He left this world a very loved man and I know he will truly be missed. - Brandie*

Brandie Tapscott - February 04, 2014 at 07:09 PM

KC

“ *I was lucky enough to meet Mark as Princess's dad while he was here visiting Princess in Florida. It was so nice to see the bond the two of them shared as father daughter. I am so happy that he was able to spend time with his Florida grandson Timothy before his passing. He will truly be missed.*

Kimberly Chatfield - February 04, 2014 at 02:49 PM

CL

“ Although I didn't know your Mr. Stephens, I would like to send my deepest condolences to the family. I understand how difficult it is to lose someone you love in death. For I have lost loved ones in death as well. Yet, there's something that always brought me hope and comfort that I wanted to share with you. God's word found at Isaiah 25:8, "He will swallow up death forever.....The Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces." What an exciting time that will be!

Understandably this is a very grievous time for your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Clara/www.jw.org

Clara - January 27, 2014 at 10:49 AM

MB

“ - I send my love, condolences to my cousins, I am so sad that Bay Bay (Baby) of Henry and Annie May Stephens has passed. Mark and Princess and their babies, may you remember that we have a loving heavenly father that cares for us and is aware of our great pains... For He is the comfort of prayers.... Psalms 65:2 and he promise that He will wipe the tears from their eyes and death will be no more: neither will mourning nor out cry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.- Rev 21:3,4. why is this possible? because Jehovah promise that He will swallow up death forever and wipe the tears from ALL faces - Isaiah 25:8.- May you all have hope..... And I have hope toward God, which hope these men also look forward to, that there is going to be a resurrection of both righteous and unrighteous. I love you all and I love Bay Bay, he was a sweet uncle of mines who will truly be missed. It was also very good to see you and many other family members, although it was such a sad occasion at the funeral home. Mark and Princess I will be speaking to you very shortly..... Love you all.

Margaret Beard - January 27, 2014 at 07:38 AM

AT

“ *Alandya And Lucinda Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mark Allen Stephens, Sr.*



Alandya and Lucinda Taylor - January 25, 2014 at 08:18 PM

AT

“ *Mark, Princess and family,*

We will keep you in our prayers.

Alandya and Lucinda Taylor - January 25, 2014 at 08:16 PM

RI

“ *Rita lit a candle in memory of Mark Allen Stephens, Sr.*



rita - January 25, 2014 at 11:55 AM

ZG

“ *Princess and Mark your in my prayers..May God give you strength... Love Zetna Green*

Zetna Green - January 25, 2014 at 08:47 AM

MF

“ *Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family lit a candle in memory of Mark Allen Stephens, Sr.*



Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family - January 24, 2014 at 08:31 AM

MF

“ *My Dearest Stephens & Moore Families, I am so very sorry to hear of Bay-Bay's going on to Glory in God's Loving Arms. Bay-Bay was such a wonderful person, a 'good' man! You ALL have my sincerest sympathy and condolences. May God Bless and keep you. With Much Love & Prayers, Bren (Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds, Adrienne and Steven Bryant Reynolds, Ashleigh & Tayah--We Love You Bay-Bay and Dave!)*



Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family - January 24, 2014 at 08:20 AM

PA

“ *Paul lit a candle in memory of Mark Allen Stephens, Sr.*



Paul - January 24, 2014 at 04:56 AM

DG

“ Debra & Vicki Guster lit a candle in memory of Mark Allen Stephens, Sr.



Debra & Vicki Guster - January 23, 2014 at 03:30 PM

LI

“ Dear Stephens Family and Friends,
I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your dear loved one. Please accept my sincere condolences. May it comfort you to know that The Most High God has resurrected humans before and He assures us He will do it again. (Acts24:15). God longs to bring back those who have fallen asleep in death to perfect health under paradisaic conditions right here on Earth. (Job14:14,15)

Lisa - January 23, 2014 at 03:17 PM

PT

“ Peter Cooper, Dallas, TX lit a candle in memory of Mark Allen Stephens, Sr.



Peter Cooper, Dallas, TX - January 23, 2014 at 03:10 PM

TH

“ Tiffany H. lit a candle in memory of Mark Allen Stephens, Sr.



Tiffany H. - January 23, 2014 at 02:06 PM

TH

Mark & Princess, you both as well as your entire family are in our prayers..... my sister Trina, my brother Lloyd & myself.....your neighbor's from 26th Street

Tiffany H. - January 23, 2014 at 02:11 PM