

Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens

January 6, 1936 - February 1, 2022

Sylvester Joe Stephens was born in Columbus, Georgia January 6, 1936 to the parents of Sylvester and Martha Sipp Stephens. Joe started his work experience at the age of 11 years old as a Paperboy in Columbus, GA and worked there until graduating from Spencer High School in 1955.

He married his high school sweetheart, Mary Catherine Cook Stephens "Cookie" February 14, 1956. They were married 53 years until her transition in 2009. Joe accepted the Lord at an early age from Twenty-Fourth Street Baptist Church, Columbus, GA.

Joe joined the U.S. Army in 1956 and was stationed at Fort Bliss, El Paso, TX. After leaving the military he moved to Saginaw, Michigan in 1958. That same year he was employed with the City of Saginaw as a Police Patrolman. In 1962 he was transferred to the Juvenile Division as an Investigator, and later became the first School Liaison Officer.

Later Joe and his wife Mary joined Zion Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Roosevelt Austin, Sr. He served as an ordained Deacon, Supt. Of Sunday School, Sunday School Teacher, member of the Male Chorus, Executive Board-Boy Scouts of America (Leader) and in many other capacities at the church from 1958 until he left Zion in 2010.

In 1968 he left the Police Department and began employment at the First Ward Community Center, a Settlement House, as a Labor Counselor, under the tutelage of his mentor Ruben Daniels. He attended Bay City Junior College where he received his Associate Degree. He later attended evening classes at Michigan State University while working as a policeman to receive his BA in Criminal Justice in 1973.

In 1969 he began employment at Central Foundry Division, General Motors Corporation as the Assistant Supervisor of Employment in the Personnel Department. His other jobs while at Central Foundry consisted of Supervisor of Employment, Supervisor of Personnel Administration, Supervisor of Employee Benefits, Supervisor of Labor Relations, E.E.O. Coordinator, Co-Administrator, Job Placement, UAW/GM Skills Development and Placement & Training Center. He retired from General Motors Corporation Powertrain Division in 1997.

This is a direct quote he shared with his daughter Kim, "I don't toot no horn, but the position I was in, I just happened to be the person that carried a lot of weight. The things that I did for people, somebody had made a sacrifice before me to get a job like that."

He served on the Saginaw City Council for 13 years, from 1986. He was appointed Mayor of Saginaw, Michigan serving as the 2nd African American Mayor from 1977 to 1979.

He has a long record of services in the community which includes memberships in Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Lifetime Member NAACP, Frontiers International, Saginaw Chamber of Commerce for Disadvantage, American Legion, Captain of Fundraising Campaign of Business Planning Council-Saginaw County, City of Saginaw Planning Commission, Habitat for Humanity, Tri-County Advisory Committee, President-Christmas Store, Delta

College Trustee (1971-1972), Saginaw City Council (1973-1986), , Michigan Municipal League-President (1984), O.I.C., Optimist Club, Saginaw Housing Commission, Manpower Planning Council Saginaw County, Substance Abuse Advisory Council Saginaw County, Co-Chairman of United Negro College Fund Drive, City of Saginaw Planning Commission and many other organizations. Joe was honored with numerous awards and accolades during his lifetime too many to mention.

Joe was the previous owner of Gibraltar Security Agency and Pharoah's Kitchen housed in Potter School. He was also in partnership with Carl and Thelma Poston, Dr. Lawrence Crawford, Steve Robinson and Pete Gaddis. Their goal was to create the first upscale homes on the East Side of Saginaw: Renview Estates was created!

Joe and his "Cookie" loved to travel. Their love of family opened doors for their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to see other areas outside of Michigan. Playing Phase 10 or Uno with the family appeared to be hostile at times but laughter always followed. He was Joe the tool man. He loved to fix and build things. Joe had a love of trains and built a city for his train sets to be admired by his grandchildren. He loved golfing, old-school music and gospel music. Joe loved to take pictures and videos to pass the love of photography to his children.

Joe leaves many, many memories to be cherished by his children, Pamela L. (Larry) Monroe, Saginaw, MI, Kimberly J. (Everett) Roberts, Flint, MI and Traci Y. Stephens, Saginaw; grandchildren, Charone (Joseph) Carter, Farmington Hills, MI, Tanisha Roberts, Charlotte, NC, Chalonda (Samuel) Parker, Murfreesboro, TN, Everett Roberts, Flint, MI, Jory (Mycal), Justice and Jordan Stephens, all of Saginaw; great-grandchildren, Paris and Autumn Parker, Murfreesboro, TN, Breanna Carter, Farmington Hills, MI, Jory Stephens, Jr.,

Jordan Stephens, Jr. and Jay' Lani Torrez, all of Saginaw, MI and Nova Price, Grand Rapids; one sister, Doris L. Johnson, Saginaw; special cousin, Mary Henderson, Schenectady, NY; special nieces, Barbara (Donald) Anderson, Karen Anderson, Sherell (Emmanuel) Freeman; brothers and sisters in love, Johnnie Cook, Sr., Arlanza (Alma) Cook Sr., both of Columbus, GA and Rose Cook, Phenix City, AL; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins including Ralph, John and Al Hinton; Karen Lawrence-Webster who was his adopted daughter; a lifelong friend, Robert "Moe" Woods; special friends, Eddie and Juanita Foxx and Dr. Lawrence Crawford and John Pugh, other relatives and friends.

Mr. Stephens was preceded in death by his parents, Sylvester and Martha Stephens devoted wife, his "Cookie" Mary C. Stephens; great-granddaughter, Kapri Stephens; sister, Mary E. Stephens; mother and father-in-love, Jackson and Beatrice Cook; special niece and nephew, Cynthia and Leagie Kindred; special aunt, Johnnie M. Hinton.

The family would like to express special thanks to Compassus Hospice, Kayla, Melissa, Stephanie, LeAnn, Flo Hardin, Curtis Moore, New Christ Community Church, Terry Pruitt, Evans & Browne's Funeral Home and Pastor Audrey Parker.

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 12, 2022, from the Chapel of Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48607. Iota Chi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will conduct a memorial service at 10:45 a.m., with memorial service commencing at 11:30 a.m.. Interment will take place in Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Road, Holly, Michigan 48442.

Due to Covid-19 please be mindful of no hugging or kissing.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI

Previous Events

Family Hour

FEB 12. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 12. 11:30 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

Tribute Wall



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Browne's Mortuary - February 12, 2022 at 10:36 AM

VS

“ Traci I was shocked to see Uncle Joe is gone. I told mom I was going to check and see how he was doing. Can someone call me. 2069098924. Elijah Thomas daughter

Valerie Savanah - January 21, 2024 at 03:14 PM

DS

“ Duane Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Duane Smith - May 18, 2022 at 05:02 PM

SG

“ Shawn Gills lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Shawn Gills - March 16, 2022 at 11:54 PM

KB

“ Karen Browne-Betts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Karen Browne-Betts - February 14, 2022 at 10:56 AM

BE

“ BettyPruitt-Daily lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



BettyPruitt-Daily - February 13, 2022 at 01:49 AM

JH

“ Judy Holloway-Mayes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Judy Holloway-Mayes - February 13, 2022 at 01:10 AM

LP

“ Linda Taylor- Prince lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Linda Taylor- Prince - February 12, 2022 at 04:09 PM

WJ

“ *Wilbert Long Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Wilbert Long Jr - February 12, 2022 at 01:05 PM

MM

“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephen.*



Melleretha Moses-Johnson - February 12, 2022 at 12:14 PM

SW

“ *praying for Pam and Pete and family love you guys*



Sheila Woods - February 12, 2022 at 11:38 AM

PH

“ *Pearl Hendricks-Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Pearl Hendricks-Henderson - February 12, 2022 at 09:40 AM

CH

“ Cecil Hoskins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Cecil Hoskins - February 12, 2022 at 09:26 AM

RW

“ Mr. Stephens you were an great mentor for many , I asked Our Father to hold your entire family during this time of transition.

Rodney White - February 11, 2022 at 11:35 PM

EH

“ May God comfort your hearts and give you strength and peace in the loss of your Father, Mr. Stephens. Continue to trust God and know he is with you. Many blessings on your family.
Love you,
Elbert and Carolyn Hunter
Midland, Michigan

Elbert & Carolyn Hunter - February 11, 2022 at 09:18 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens.



February 11, 2022 at 06:47 PM

BD

“ PEACE AND LOVE TO THE FAMILY OF MR JOE STEPHENS. HE WAS TRUELY A REMARKABLE MAN.

BISHOP BOBBY DAVIS

BOBBY DAVIS - February 11, 2022 at 02:06 PM

RP

“ *Rev. L. Parker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Rev. L. Parker - February 11, 2022 at 01:23 PM

CF

“ *Cassie Davis-W. & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Cassie Davis-W. & Family - February 11, 2022 at 12:03 AM

TF

“ *Terry & Shedrick Faulk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Terry & Shedrick Faulk - February 10, 2022 at 10:51 PM

DM

“ Deon Mayes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Deon Mayes - February 10, 2022 at 10:44 PM

TW

“ Prayers and Condolences to the family of Mr. Joe Stephens. Earth has no sorrows that HEAVEN can not heal 🙏

Tracy Woods - February 10, 2022 at 10:38 PM

BP

“ Sending prayers of comfort and strength to Kim, Everett & family. I read about your dad. He was surely one of Gods special soldiers he put on this earth. He has flown on now to take his stance in glory and to recieve his golden crown. May you all find peace, holding close in your hearts, all the Love & Family Values you shared and learned from him. Rest in Heavenly Peace Mr. Stephens



Brenda Poindexter - February 10, 2022 at 09:41 PM

MC

“ Mary Crosby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Mary Crosby - February 10, 2022 at 08:46 PM

ML

“ *Sending prayers and sincere condolences to the family.
Mr/Mrs. Willie Lightfoot
Macon, GA*

Mr/Mrs Lightfoot - February 10, 2022 at 08:43 PM

YT

“ *Tracy Kim And Pam And The Entire Family
I'm So Sad And I'm Sending My Heartfelt
Deepest Condolences To All Of Yall Just
To Hear About Mr. Stephens Makes Me Sad.
There's alot of Good Memories From Being
Over Next Door on 21st At My Dad House Years Ago .
Mr. Stephens Was A Gentle Giant That Didn't Spare The Discipline
on His Kids Or ON My Brother Gus .(Inside Jokes Tracy Knows)
May God Rest His Soul.
Love Yall Be Blessed Everyone*



Yvette Granberry Of Memphis Tn - February 10, 2022 at 08:00 PM

TM

“ *Tricia Monroe lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Tricia Monroe - February 10, 2022 at 06:51 PM

ZD

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the family* ”



Zina Davis - February 10, 2022 at 05:46 PM

AW

“ *Ann Turpin Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens* ”



Ann Turpin Williams - February 10, 2022 at 04:27 PM

OK

“ *Olivia Kincaid sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens* ”



Olivia Kincaid - February 10, 2022 at 03:24 PM

CJ

“ *Prayers of Comfort to Family and Friends.* 🙏 ”



C. Jarrett-Mason - February 10, 2022 at 03:14 PM

EB

“ Ernest Bradley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Ernest Bradley - February 10, 2022 at 03:07 PM

LJ

“ LaJoyce Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



LaJoyce Jones - February 10, 2022 at 02:03 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens.



February 10, 2022 at 12:53 PM

GT

“ GTM Prayer Team purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens.



GTM Prayer Team - February 10, 2022 at 12:01 PM

MM

“ *Melleretha Moses-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Melleretha Moses-Johnson - February 10, 2022 at 09:06 AM

CS

“ *Cathie Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Cathie Stephens - February 09, 2022 at 08:51 PM

WH

“ *William And Freddie Hodges sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



William and Freddie Hodges - February 09, 2022 at 08:42 PM

MB

“ *Mark Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Mark Brown - February 09, 2022 at 08:36 PM

YS

“ Yvonne Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Yvonne Sanders - February 09, 2022 at 07:14 PM

YS

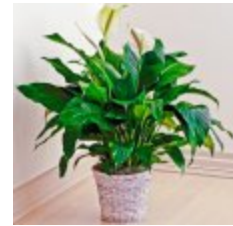
“ Yvonne Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Yvonne Sanders - February 09, 2022 at 07:11 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens.



February 09, 2022 at 07:09 PM

JS

“ John and Shirley Sangster

John and Shirley Sangster - February 09, 2022 at 03:51 PM

LV

“ Liz Vance sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Liz Vance - February 09, 2022 at 03:06 PM

LV

“ Liz Vance sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Liz Vance - February 09, 2022 at 03:05 PM

GD

“ Gregory Daniel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Gregory Daniel - February 08, 2022 at 10:03 PM

DB

“ Dr. Norman & Sharon Booker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Dr. Norman & Sharon Booker - February 08, 2022 at 08:06 PM

MO

“ *Madeleine Oneal sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Madeleine Oneal - February 08, 2022 at 07:39 PM

MO

“ *Madeleine Oneal sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Madeleine Oneal - February 08, 2022 at 07:39 PM

JR

“ *My deepest prayers and condolences to the Stephens family. I loved this man he was the greatest boss and friend. We will meet again my friend.*



Jean Reed - February 08, 2022 at 06:52 PM

HF

“ *Hinton Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Hinton family - February 08, 2022 at 06:31 PM

TF

“ *The Hinton Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



The Hinton family - February 08, 2022 at 06:29 PM

HW

“ *Hazel Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Hazel Wilson - February 08, 2022 at 04:58 PM



“ *Kai Bailey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Kai Bailey - February 08, 2022 at 04:42 PM

JD

“ *Rest in Peace to my friend and a friend to so many others. Sympathy and prayers to his family. Judge Joe DeFrancesco*



Judge Joe DeFrancesco - February 08, 2022 at 02:49 PM

BM

“ *Bill Morrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Bill Morrison - February 08, 2022 at 01:40 PM

JB

“ *JoNita Byrd-Reeves sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



JoNita Byrd-Reeves - February 08, 2022 at 01:36 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences are extended to the family of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens, better known to me as Mr. Stephens. I have so many memories of this family as my 21st St. neighbor's and friends. He was one of the fathers of all the kids in our neighborhood. Keeping you all in my prayers.*



Cheryl Fentress-Nash - February 08, 2022 at 12:48 PM

CJ

“ *Chris Jernigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Chris Jernigan - February 08, 2022 at 11:23 AM

MB

“ *Sending prayers and condolences* ❤️



M Bishop-Dawkins - February 08, 2022 at 10:56 AM

SM

“ *Shayla Miller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Shayla Miller - February 07, 2022 at 11:23 PM

SL

“ *SANDRA LOWERY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



SANDRA LOWERY - February 07, 2022 at 07:30 PM

MB

“ *Mary Burks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Mary Burks - February 07, 2022 at 12:57 PM

MB

“ *My condolences to the family. May God continue to keep you in His care and comfort you!*



Mary Burks - February 07, 2022 at 12:56 PM



“ *Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Joanie Williams - February 07, 2022 at 09:07 AM

YH

“ *Yvette Hopkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Yvette Hopkins - February 06, 2022 at 06:28 PM

MM

“ *Mildred Mason lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Mildred Mason - February 06, 2022 at 06:24 PM

LP

“ *My deepest condolences.*



Loretta Price - February 06, 2022 at 01:59 PM

JC

“ *Jerry & Rosie Chapman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Jerry & Rosie Chapman - February 06, 2022 at 12:58 PM

CT

“ *Cyndi Davis Townsend lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Cyndi Davis Townsend - February 06, 2022 at 10:55 AM

VJ

“ *Virginia Bradshaw Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Virginia Bradshaw Johnson - February 05, 2022 at 08:32 PM

VJ

“ *Virginia Bradshaw Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Virginia Bradshaw Johnson - February 05, 2022 at 08:28 PM

CP

“ *Cynthia Polk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Cynthia Polk - February 05, 2022 at 05:07 PM

CP

“ *Cynthia Polk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Cynthia Polk - February 05, 2022 at 05:03 PM

PH

“ *Pat Hill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Pat Hill - February 05, 2022 at 01:55 PM

SC

“ Shirley Cork lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Shirley Cork - February 05, 2022 at 11:59 AM

TH

“ Tina Houze lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Tina Houze - February 05, 2022 at 11:40 AM

JP

“ Janet Faye Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Janet Faye Phillips - February 05, 2022 at 09:22 AM

JP

“ To my longtime neighbor. May you rest in peace.



Janet Faye Phillips - February 05, 2022 at 09:21 AM

FJ

“ *Frank Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Frank Johnson - February 05, 2022 at 01:42 AM

VG

“ *Valerie Gatson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Valerie Gatson - February 04, 2022 at 09:40 PM

GR

“ *Glen Rush lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Glen Rush - February 04, 2022 at 09:27 PM

LH

“ *Gone to soon Saginaw will miss Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens . Joe was responsible for many Saginaw citizens employment at various corporations , he believed in helping the community .
Luther Harrell*



Luther Harrell - February 04, 2022 at 08:16 PM

DM

“ *Doloris Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Doloris Mixon - February 04, 2022 at 07:47 PM

CC

“ *Cheryl Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Cheryl Cooper - February 04, 2022 at 07:44 PM

CS

“ *Colleen Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Colleen Smith - February 04, 2022 at 07:40 PM

BF

“ *Barkley Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Barkley Family - February 04, 2022 at 07:31 PM

GW

“ Gloria Strode - Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Gloria Strode - Wilson - February 04, 2022 at 06:33 PM

JR

“ Janice Ruffin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Janice Ruffin - February 04, 2022 at 04:58 PM

AM

“ Audrey McKandes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Audrey McKandes - February 04, 2022 at 03:52 PM

AM

“ Audrey McKandes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Audrey McKandes - February 04, 2022 at 03:47 PM

RB

“ *Praying for Pam and family. Your father was a great man.*



Robert & Shelie A Bell - February 04, 2022 at 03:14 PM

BM

“ *BETTY J. MITCHELL lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



BETTY J. MITCHELL - February 04, 2022 at 03:13 PM

BM

“ *To the Family of Joe Stephens:*

My deepest condolences and prayers to you all. This man was instrumental in helping a lot of people get employment and betterment of their lives. I salute you soldier, your job on earth is done. Thank you for all you have done and farewell until we all meet again.

BETTY J. MITCHELL - February 04, 2022 at 03:12 PM

FB

“ *Fazilet Bond sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Fazilet Bond - February 04, 2022 at 01:51 PM

LC

“ *Lillian Chaner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Lillian chaner - February 04, 2022 at 01:27 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens.*



February 04, 2022 at 01:11 PM



“ *Otis W Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Otis W Jackson - February 04, 2022 at 12:31 PM

OW

“ *Oscar And Alice Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Oscar and Alice Wilson - February 04, 2022 at 12:21 PM

TE

“ *TediMorris sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



TediMorris - February 04, 2022 at 12:08 PM

BK

“ *Barbara Kemp-Lauria lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Barbara Kemp-Lauria - February 04, 2022 at 11:34 AM

LM

“ *Louise Mckinnie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



louise Mckinnie - February 04, 2022 at 11:32 AM

LM

“ *Louise Mckinnie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



louise Mckinnie - February 04, 2022 at 11:31 AM

CF

“ *The family of Abel Martin Jr sends our heartfelt condolences during this most difficult time*



Claudine Fife - February 04, 2022 at 11:19 AM

CF

“ *Claudine Fife lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Claudine Fife - February 04, 2022 at 11:16 AM

LC

“ *Larry Clemmons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Larry Clemmons - February 04, 2022 at 10:54 AM

LC

“ *My friend My Brother My mentor. The city of Saginaw owes a debt of gratitude to this giant of a man. He dedicated his life to improving the lives of others. I certainly benefited from his kindness and wisdom. To the family. Thanks for sharing him with all of us
Love you*

Lawrence D Crawford and family

lawrence crawford - February 04, 2022 at 09:37 AM

DG

“ *DELORES GILES lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



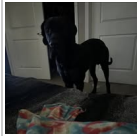
DELORES GILES - February 04, 2022 at 08:33 AM

ML

“ *Well this one is very hard for me this giants that what he was to to me my godfather his lovely wife also was my saint , I will truly miss them both may they Rest In Peace*



marsha Lee - February 04, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *DeAundre Laury lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



DeAundre Laury - February 04, 2022 at 06:24 AM

BF

“ *Bryan & Anna Patton And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Bryan & Anna Patton and Family - February 04, 2022 at 01:28 AM

JW

“ We offer condolences and prayers to the Stephens family and friends of Joe. We're very appreciative of his leadership in the Saginaw community and the friendship that we had.



Jimmie & Beverly Westbrook - February 03, 2022 at 06:45 PM

TT

“ Terry Triplett sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Terry Triplett - February 03, 2022 at 06:32 PM

CM

“ Carol Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Carol Mitchell - February 03, 2022 at 06:17 PM

AJ

“ Amelia Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Amelia Johnson - February 03, 2022 at 06:12 PM

LR

“ *Lloyd And Carolyn Riley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Lloyd and Carolyn Riley - February 03, 2022 at 05:47 PM

AL

“ *Annie Lowery lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Annie Lowery - February 03, 2022 at 05:46 PM

BP

“ *Praying for the Stephens Family*



Barbara Payton - February 03, 2022 at 05:41 PM

SH

“ *Stephanie Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Stephanie Hall - February 03, 2022 at 05:16 PM

VH

“ Vanessa Humes-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Vanessa Humes-Johnson - February 03, 2022 at 05:10 PM

RD

“ Rev Robert D Jones Detroit sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Rev Robert d Jones Detroit - February 03, 2022 at 04:18 PM

BS

“ My Condolences to the Stephens Family 🙏
🙏



Brian Still - February 03, 2022 at 04:16 PM

TF

“ The Still Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



The Still Family - February 03, 2022 at 04:14 PM

EH

“ *Elbert Hunter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Elbert Hunter - February 03, 2022 at 03:51 PM

JC

“ *Joe Jr. & Lavern Chandler sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Joe Jr. & Lavern Chandler - February 03, 2022 at 02:10 PM

MS

“ *Mary Ann Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Mary Ann Stewart - February 03, 2022 at 02:07 PM

YG

“ *Y.T. & Barbara Gray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Y.T. & Barbara Gray - February 03, 2022 at 01:23 PM

AV

“ Al And Brenda Vinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Al and Brenda Vinson - February 03, 2022 at 12:48 PM

DW

“ My Continued Prayers For The Entire Family Of Mr.Sylvester “Joe” Stephens. He helped so many people young and old in this city.



Doretta Joyce Williams - February 03, 2022 at 10:37 AM

WD

“ William/Geri Doxie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



William/Geri Doxie - February 03, 2022 at 10:14 AM

JR

“ Joyce Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Joyce Robinson - February 03, 2022 at 09:41 AM

MS

“ *Min. Thomas & Helen Speed sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Min. Thomas & Helen Speed - February 03, 2022 at 09:11 AM

PM

“ *Pamela Brown Maloy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Pamela Brown Maloy - February 03, 2022 at 08:18 AM

VF

“ *Valerie Foster-Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Valerie Foster-Baker - February 03, 2022 at 07:47 AM

VF

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Valerie Foster-Baker - February 03, 2022 at 07:46 AM

LW

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Louis Weems - February 03, 2022 at 07:44 AM

BJ

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Brenda Jones - February 03, 2022 at 07:43 AM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Brenda Jones - February 03, 2022 at 07:42 AM

HF

“ *Herbert Flournoy sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Herbert Flournoy - February 03, 2022 at 07:23 AM

DJ

“ *David G. Lawrence Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



David G. Lawrence Jr - February 03, 2022 at 07:16 AM

KC

“ *Karen Cork lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Karen Cork - February 03, 2022 at 04:33 AM

LK

“ *Larry Kemp lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Larry Kemp - February 03, 2022 at 12:34 AM

LK

“ *Larry Kemp sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Larry Kemp - February 03, 2022 at 12:33 AM

LC

“ *Larry&Gwen Conway sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Larry&Gwen Conway - February 02, 2022 at 10:30 PM

AF

“ *Athen And Margery Flournoy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Athen and Margery Flournoy - February 02, 2022 at 08:35 PM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Brenda Jones - February 02, 2022 at 08:34 PM

BD

“ *Bill Geraldine Doxie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Bill Geraldine Doxie - February 02, 2022 at 08:30 PM

LV

“ Liz Vance lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Liz Vance - February 02, 2022 at 08:24 PM

LV

“ Liz Vance sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Liz Vance - February 02, 2022 at 08:23 PM

LV

“ Liz Vance sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Liz Vance - February 02, 2022 at 08:23 PM

LV

“ Linda McClain Veasley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Linda McClain Veasley - February 02, 2022 at 08:21 PM

SO

“ SONACARRUTH lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



SONACARRUTH - February 02, 2022 at 08:15 PM

JK

“ Janice Kemp-Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Janice Kemp-Anderson - February 02, 2022 at 08:13 PM



“ Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal Our Deepest Sympathy For The Family From The Colemans



Opal Coleman - February 02, 2022 at 07:37 PM

PR

“ Pastor Terry Randolph and the Gethsemane MBC of Flint, MI would like to extend our sincere condolences to the family. May God comfort each of you during this transitional period.

Pastor Randolph - February 02, 2022 at 07:20 PM

SJ

“ *Sam & Ann Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Sam & Ann Jones - February 02, 2022 at 07:01 PM

DM

“ *Rest well Sir !! Gods best too the Stephens family.*



Derrell Martin - February 02, 2022 at 05:36 PM

LC

“ *Lillian Chaner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Lillian chaner - February 02, 2022 at 05:25 PM

TH

“ *Tee-Ar Hines lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Tee-Ar Hines - February 02, 2022 at 05:08 PM

SH

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your father Joe. I hope you're able to find peace and comfort during this difficult time. My thoughts are with you.

Sandra Hall

Sandra Hall - February 02, 2022 at 04:51 PM



BL

“ Beverly Lane lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens

Beverly Lane - February 02, 2022 at 04:23 PM



“ Opal Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens

Opal Coleman - February 02, 2022 at 04:01 PM



HS

“ Helen Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens

Helen Scott - February 02, 2022 at 03:23 PM



DK

“ We Send Our Condolences And Sympathy To
The Family.



Deacon Bobby & Thelma Kelley - February 02, 2022 at 03:11 PM

SM

“ Sam And Deborah Mack sent a virtual gift in
memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Sam and Deborah Mack - February 02, 2022 at 03:03 PM

DK

“ We Send Our Condolences & Sympathy To
The Family.



Deacon Bobby & Thelma Kelley - February 02, 2022 at 03:00 PM

JS

“ Janie Surlles-Cork sent a virtual gift in memory
of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Janie Surlles-Cork - February 02, 2022 at 02:39 PM

AF

“ *Annie Ruth Speight Fuller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Annie Ruth Speight Fuller - February 02, 2022 at 02:05 PM



“ *Sincere condolences Tracy, to you and yours.*



Joselyn Jordan - February 02, 2022 at 01:39 PM



** Traci*

Joselyn Jordan - February 04, 2022 at 12:40 PM

DB

“ *Dorothy Burch lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Dorothy Burch - February 02, 2022 at 01:38 PM

MD

“ *Mr&Mrs Bill Doxie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Mr&Mrs Bill Doxie - February 02, 2022 at 12:55 PM

RB

“ *Rochelle Brewer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



rochelle brewer - February 02, 2022 at 11:55 AM

LM

“ *LOUDEAN MOULTRIE sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



LOUDEAN MOULTRIE - February 02, 2022 at 11:53 AM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Brenda Jones - February 02, 2022 at 11:35 AM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Brenda Jones - February 02, 2022 at 11:34 AM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Brenda Jones - February 02, 2022 at 11:34 AM

GF

“ *Gary And Patty Fowlkes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Gary and Patty Fowlkes - February 02, 2022 at 11:06 AM

RS

“ *I'm sorry to hear that Joe passed may God bless you through out this time.*



Ray Smith - February 02, 2022 at 10:16 AM



“ *Mary Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Mary Robinson - February 02, 2022 at 10:11 AM

WH

“ *Walter/Dorothy Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Walter/Dorothy Harris - February 02, 2022 at 10:05 AM

DT

“ *Deacon John And Lillian Thomas sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Deacon John and Lillian Thomas - February 02, 2022 at 10:00 AM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Brenda Jones - February 02, 2022 at 09:43 AM

VF

“ Valerie Foster-Baker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Valerie Foster-Baker - February 02, 2022 at 08:32 AM

PD

“ Too many memories to mention. All my life the Stephens have always been a part of. Christmas and family. What a Great man. Love to you all.



Philip Drake - February 02, 2022 at 08:19 AM

JA

“ J J Akins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



J J Akins - February 02, 2022 at 05:28 AM

DA

“ Debra Austin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Debra Austin - February 02, 2022 at 12:32 AM

DM

“ *Deborah Morris-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Deborah Morris-Williams - February 01, 2022 at 11:53 PM

MM

“ *Mr Mrs Charles Dalle Mitchner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



mr mrs charles Dalle mitchner - February 01, 2022 at 10:14 PM

SM

“ *Prayers and condolences to the family of Mr. Joe Stephen. May you feel the presence of God and He provides you with comfort and peace. Love Snap and Carla Matthews*

Snap and Carla Matthews - February 01, 2022 at 09:50 PM

ES

“ *Just heard about Uncle Joe's passing. My deepest condolences to all the family.*

ERIC T. SCOTT - February 01, 2022 at 09:32 PM

KM

“ Karen Winchester Murphy sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Karen Winchester Murphy - February 01, 2022 at 09:30 PM

ES

“ ERIC T. SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



ERIC T. SCOTT - February 01, 2022 at 09:29 PM

NH

“ Noland & Karen Heath lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Noland & Karen Heath - February 01, 2022 at 09:10 PM

RK

“ Thank you for all you did for Saginaw. Ruth Ann Knapp



Ruth Ann Knapp - February 01, 2022 at 08:53 PM

DA

“ *Dona Austin-Bigby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Dona Austin-Bigby - February 01, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Elizabeth Hudspeth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Elizabeth Hudspeth - February 01, 2022 at 07:41 PM

BL

“ *Praying strength, comfort, and peace during this difficult time for the Stephens family.*

Beverly Lane - February 01, 2022 at 07:35 PM

DP

“ *Dennis And Gail Porter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Dennis and Gail Porter - February 01, 2022 at 07:29 PM

BL

“ Beverly Lane lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Beverly Lane - February 01, 2022 at 07:24 PM

SH

“ To the Stephens family & extended families we send our prayers and heartfelt condolences to you all during this difficult time and most difficult loss. May God comfort and give you encouragement & strength today and in the coming days ahead. We love you all. The Family of Tom & Sharron Hall.

Stephanie Hall - February 01, 2022 at 06:41 PM

LS

“ Lillie B. Strong & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester “ Joe” Stephens



Lillie B. Strong - February 01, 2022 at 06:08 PM

SO

“ Serita Oates lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Serita Oates - February 01, 2022 at 05:35 PM

DW

“ *Denise Wilburn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Denise Wilburn - February 01, 2022 at 05:21 PM

BC

“ *Bennie & Shirley Cooper sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens*



Bennie & Shirley Cooper - February 01, 2022 at 05:05 PM

PC

“ *Praying for my Cousins Pam, Kim & Tracy and grandchildren may God comfort you all during this time. Peter Cooper, Dallas Georgia*
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Peter Cooper - February 01, 2022 at 03:57 PM

GL

“ *To the family of Joe Stephens, Sending you all prayers of comfort and peace.*



Glendorah Lawrence - February 01, 2022 at 02:47 PM

JC

“ Judge Terry L. Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Sylvester Joe Stephens



Judge Terry L. Clark - February 01, 2022 at 02:40 PM

DB

“ Our prayers are with Sylvester "Joe" Stephens daughters: Pamela, Kim, Tracy and his Grandchildren. As you know Mr. Stephens was a wonderful and graceful Man of God. RIH Mr. Stephens, your walk with the Lord never went unnoticed. Love you always



Deacon Larry & Marilyn Bowman - February 01, 2022 at 01:28 PM

VJ

“ Deepest condolences to the family.



Val J - February 01, 2022 at 12:35 PM

OC

JOE WE GOING TO MISS YOU' YOU WAS A NICE MAN
OPAL COLEMAN AND FAMILY

OPAL COLEMAN - February 02, 2022 at 07:36 PM

CW

Joe, we will miss you as you transition to eternal life with the Lord. Be blessed family as our Lord and Savior will see you through all trials and tribulations. RIP, Joe!

Calvin & Delores Williams - February 04, 2022 at 11:50 AM

GP

*Our condolences and prayers are with the families of Sylvester "Joe" Stephens, most especially Pamela, Kimberly and Tracy & their children. We remember Joe as a great friend and co-worker. God will comfort you and keep you close. Love always...
Deacon George and Gerri Peeples*

George & Gerri Peeples - February 08, 2022 at 01:00 AM