



## Janice Wrinkle Stephens

April 9, 2026

Janice Elaine "Wrinkle" Stephens age 73, of Ringgold, Georgia, passed away on April 9, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family.

Janice Elaine "Wrinkle" Stephens was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, known for her extraordinary kindness, generosity, and selflessness. She had a rare gift for putting the needs of others before her own, giving freely of her time, energy, and resources, and offering comfort and understanding with a listening ear and an open heart. She loved and cared for people deeply, accepting them as they were, whether they were family by blood or by choice. Her soul was too pure for this world, and her warmth, compassion, and thoughtfulness left a lasting impression on everyone she met. She had a strength that inspired others, and a presence that could light up any room.

Janice dedicated much of her life to service, working for the State of Georgia at Georgia Highlands Treatment Center in Dalton and later at Republic Services at the Catoosa Landfill, where she retired. Her professional life reflected the same care and dedication she gave to her family and friends, leaving a legacy of hard work and commitment.

She is survived by her loving family: her son Charlie Stephens (Patti), her daughter Barbara Stephens-Spurgeon (James), her nieces Tammy Allen

(Michael) and Regina Horn, and her adopted daughter Tammy Dunaway (Tim). Her precious grandchildren include Taylor Robbins (Billy), Casey Stephens (Sidney Hullender), Haley Stephens (Erwin Hernandez), Luke Stephens, Heather Smith, Austin Abercrombie (Kim Driscoll), Toby Spurgeon, and Tyler Abercrombie (Montana). She is also survived by her sister Lillian Green (Larry), her brother Oscar Wrinkle (Patricia), her sister-in-law Sheila Parsons (Leonard), Carla Stephens, Maria Stephens Fincher, Jennie Forgey (Jim), her brothers-in-law Truett Bonner and John Griffith, and her nephew William Deason (Marco).

Janice was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Stephens; her son, Billy Stephens; her parents, Oscar and Addie Wrinkle; her sisters Gin Culver (Larry), Mary Deason (Bill), Edna Bonner, Suzan Griffith, and Barbara Lanoue; and her in-laws Bill and Alef Stephens.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, April 19, 2026, at 2:00 PM at Wilson Funeral Home, with Pastor Heath Morton officiating. Jesse Thornton will serve as an honored speaker at her request. The family will receive friends from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM prior to the service.

The family extends a heartfelt thank you to Ashley Moore Irvin, her home health nurse, and Sylvia, her hospice nurse, for their compassionate care.

Janice Elaine “Wrinkle” Stephens will be remembered for her boundless generosity, her unwavering care and love for others, her ability to listen and truly see people, and her remarkable gift for accepting and cherishing everyone she met. She had a rare and beautiful way of making everyone feel valued, heard, and loved. Her legacy of kindness, love, and selflessness will live on in the hearts of all who knew her, and her spirit will continue to inspire those who were lucky enough to share in her life. She leaves behind a light that will never fade, a warmth that will never dim, and a love that will forever

guide those who carry her memory forward.

Online register book at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com). Arrangements by  
Wilson Funeral Homes Wallis ~ Stewart Chapel, Ringgold, Georgia.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 19. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

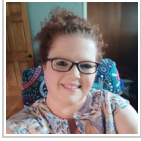
Wilson Funeral Homes Wallis-Stewart Chapel  
443 Boynton Drive  
Ringgold, GA 30736

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sending my condolences and prayers for you all!!* ”



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**Amy Neal** - April 18 at 02:37 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janice Wrinkle Stephens.* ”

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April 17 at 08:32 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Janice Wrinkle Stephens.* ”



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April 17 at 08:32 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janice Wrinkle Stephens.* ”

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April 16 at 08:24 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Janice Wrinkle Stephens.*



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April 16 at 08:24 PM



“ *Heather, Ron and family purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Janice Wrinkle Stephens.*



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**Heather, Ron and family** - April 16 at 06:15 PM



“ *Nannie, you were the light of my life. I wish I could talk to you one last time. I really don't know what I'm going to do without you, but I'm so thankful that you were my grandma. There will never be another soul like you. I'll never forget all the memories of playing board games and eating your fried chicken. I will miss you and pawpaw until the day I join you both. I hope you guide me in the afterlife. Rest well my beautiful nannie. You took with you a huge piece of my heart, but I will make you proud. I promise. And thank you for helping me find the love of my life... love always ♡*



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**haley** - April 16 at 12:41 AM

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“ Miss Janice was a wonderful person and will be truly missed. Sending our deepest condolences to the family.  
Larry & Tresia Ockey and family 🕊️



Tresia J Ockey - April 15 at 11:31 PM

JS

“ You were an amazing Aunt and I will always miss you. I love you



Joimarie Scott - April 15 at 11:16 PM

EF

“ Sending love, comfort and prayers.



Elizabeth fowler - April 15 at 09:17 PM



“ Tooter Baggett lit a candle in memory of Janice Wrinkle Stephens



Tooter Baggett - April 15 at 08:34 PM



*I love Janice you never meet anyone as kind as she was and funny she will truly be missed rest in peace give Charlie a hug for us*

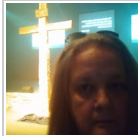
**Tooter Baggett** - April 15 at 08:35 PM

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“ *Burl Hullender lit a candle in memory of Janice Wrinkle Stephens*



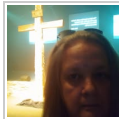
**Burl Hullender** - April 15 at 06:22 PM



“ *Beverly Mullins lit a candle in memory of Janice Wrinkle Stephens*



**Beverly Mullins** - April 15 at 05:05 PM



*Janice showered so much love for many many years on Johnny and I. What a beautiful lady inside and out. Her memory will never be forgotten.*

**Beverly Mullins** - April 15 at 05:08 PM

JT

“ *We send our condolences to the family. Janice was always so nice & sweet when we came through the weight scales at the landfield.*



**Jennifer & Allan Tidwell** - April 15 at 04:53 PM