



## Pearl McNeely Stephens

February 16, 1936 - February 16, 2015

Pearl McNeely Stephens, 79, of Ringgold, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, February 16, 2015. She had lived in the North Georgia area for most of her life and was a member of Jones Memorial Baptist Church. She was previously employed with Needem Brothers as a Seamstress for more than 10 years and enjoyed spending time with her family & friends and tending to her flowers. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother who will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She was preceded in death by her parents, James "Dick" & Mamie McNeely and son, Clyde Wayne Stephens.

Survivors include her loving husband of more than 63 years, Clyde Stephens, Jr. of Ringgold, GA; daughters & sons-in-law, Barbara & (Angel) Rivera of Chickamauga, GA, Janet & (Bobby) Brock of Rossville, GA and Susan Layne of Florida; brother, Richard McNeely of Marion, IL; sisters, Louise Allen of North Carolina, Maybelle Lomax of Chicago, IL and Jewell Whitlock of Marion, IL; 4 grandchildren; several great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, February 22, 2015 in the Fort Oglethorpe Chapel with Rev. David Massey officiating. Burial will be at the Christianburg Baptist Church Cemetery in Sweetwater, Tennessee. The family will receive friends Thursday from 6-9 p.m., Friday from 5-9 p.m. and

Saturday from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. Online guest book at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com). Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, GA.

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ I would like to thank each and everyone that had a kind word, shared a hug, sent flowers, or brought food. I appreciate everything that was said and done. Mom went to church with me and our church family was so great and thoughtful, I like to say I love you to you all and even though you may not have made it here, we know we were in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Love Janet

JANET BROCK - Chattanooga, TN - Daughter - March 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Sorry for your loss.

Mary Hakes - Ringgold, GA - Neighbor - February 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Sister Pearl was a sweet dear friend that I will miss very much. She always treated me like she had known me for years. She so graciously gave me needles for my insulin when I could not find any at the pharmacy. I will never forget her kind heart, beautiful smile and love for everyone around her. I have great memories of the last times she came to church and she was always dressed so beautiful. She will be gone from our presence but she will wait for us all on the other side. I am praying for all of the family. God Bless and keep you.

Betty Bradford - Chickamauga, GA - friend - February 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ My heart goes out to all of her loved one and friends. At least she can rest and be at peace with our lord. I will be praying that she is and will be happy in heaven with all of her loved ones forever.

Billy DaWayne Kilgore - Marion, IL - Nephew - February 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *I wish I had come to see you more, but you will be in my heart forever Love you Sis your Brother Richard*

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**Richard McNeely - Marion, IL - brother** - February 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. We all loved Pearl, even though we live far apart.  
I remember the visits, and Mom and Pearl talking about some of their childhood memories...we would sit up until the wee hours' talking and laughing.  
For your girls, I don't know the words that will comfort you. Its been almost 2 years since Mom died, and I still reach for the phone without thinking; still cry over the loss of my mother and best friend. Be there for each other, and know your mother was loved, and she loved her family.  
Hugs to you all.*

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**Tricia Garris Hadfield - Marion, IL - Neice** - February 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ *we are praying for you.*

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**Frances Mullins - Ringgold, GA - Friend** - February 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ *we love an miss you Pearl Our Prayers an thoughts are with your Family. Love an Prayers, Frances Mullins an Family*

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**Frances Mullins - Ringgold, GA - Friend** - February 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I love you Pearl I just wish I could have spent more time with you as a adult, I have wonder memories as a child, you will Live forever in my heart. I know you will be in a better place ,but I wish I could seen you one more time Love You Your Sister Jewel

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**Jewe Whitlock - Marion, IL - Sister** - February 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ She was such a sweet heart. Love her very much . Gonna be miss very special women Aunt Pearl was one of a kind . never fought the forth of July when they was at the house she got so mad at Dad . Gonna Miss you Aunt Pearl

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**Rita Faye Lovett - marion , IL - neice** - February 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Sorry for your loss

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**Wanda parrish - Chick, GA - Friend** - February 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM