



Mrs. Vera Janine Stephens

October 2, 1960 - August 31, 2020

Vera Janine Stephens was born October 2, 1960 to the late Thomas C. and Willie 1v1. Owens. She was the oldest of four children. Vera was a proud graduate of Rufus King International High School in Milwaukee, WI. She went on to pursue post secondary studies at University of Wisconsin Madison in Madison, At an early age. she accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior. Vera has maintain her faith throughout her adult years. On October 22, 1983, Vera Janine Owens united in holy matrimony with the love of her life, Robert Edward Stephens. This union was blessed with one child, Janine Nicole Stephens. Vera and Robert would have celebrated 37 years of love in October. Vera tirelessly dedicated 30 years of service to the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee. Vera served in several capacities throughout her tenure at the Park lawn and Northside YMCAs before retiring as the W2 Administrator for the Association.

Although she made a tremendous professional impact at the YMCA, it was her compassion, unique laugh, tell it like it is personality and genuine love for people that created a lasting impact on many that knew her. Affectionally, many knew her as their "work mom". She provided mentorship, a listening ear and correction when necessary. She truly gave everything she had to everyone she knew! To Vera, those staff became her family. Many of which maintained a consistent presence in her life until the end! After retirement, Vera continued to serve her community by volunteering for community events

hosted by the Boys and Girls Club of Dane County as well as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, organizations in which her daughter Janine is affiliated. She also served as a consultant for several small businesses in Milwaukee, Vera was the rock for her family, the glue that held everyone together! She was their cheerleader, confidant, best friend, motivator, devoted wife, amazing mom and SUPERWOMAN!

Vera loved her family and did whatever she could to support each one. She loved being a mother. In spite of her health condition, she managed to be present for EVERY important event for her one and only daughter, Janine. That support did not stop when Janine moved to Madison, Wisconsin. Before her transition, Vera was blessed to witness Janine's engagement to her son-in-law, Matthew and pregnancy with her granddaughter, Mattilyn Rose. To know her is to love her. Vera will forever be remembered for her kind heart, servant spirit and illuminating personality. She will truly be missed! Mrs. Stephens departed this life on Monday, August 31, 2020. She was preceded in death by both her parents; Thomas C. and Willie M. Owens, and sister; Zephlyn Owens. She leaves to cherish her memories, husband; Robert Stephens, one daughter; Janine (Matthew Hale) Stephens of Madison, WI; two brothers, Gregory (Jacqueline) Owens and Larry (Geneva) Owens of Milwaukee, WI; one grand daughter, Mattilyn Rose and a host of nieces, nephews, surrogate children and friends.

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

6401 N. 43rd St.
Milwaukee, WI

Previous Events

Visitation Only

SEP 9. 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest and sincere condolences and prayers to Vera’s family. I attended Rufus King High School with Vera. Vera was a treasure to our class and was always a joy to be around. She was very well liked and well respected even in her teen years. I am thankful to God that I knew Vera and that she leaves happy and treasured memories in my heart and mind. May God bless you all and please be encouraged. With Jesus on your side, everything will be alright. Many blessings to you always. C. White Buchanan, RKHS Class of ‘78.

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“ Mary Burke purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mrs. Vera Janine Stephens.



Mary Burke - September 08, 2020 at 08:46 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Vera Janine Stephens.



September 05, 2020 at 02:28 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Vera Janine Stephens.*



September 03, 2020 at 06:22 PM



“ *Boys & Girls of Dane County purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mrs. Vera Janine Stephens.*



Boys & Girls of Dane County - September 03, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Mrs. Vera Janine Stephens.*



September 02, 2020 at 03:17 PM