



Mary Anne Stephens

December 11, 1944 - July 20, 2024

Mrs. Mary Anne Stephens, 79, of Grantville, passed away Saturday, July 20th, 2024 at

Southwest Christian Care. She was born December 11th, 1944 in Atlanta, GA to the late Roy Lee Stephens and Mildred Nevetta Stephens. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Earl Bennett.

Mary Anne grew up in Eastpoint, GA and was a 1963 graduate of Russell High School, where she was a cheerleader. After graduating, she joined the workforce in various roles while she raised four children. She was very athletic and enjoyed playing basketball, softball, and tennis.

In the 1980s, she began training at the Francis Fong Wing Chun Kung Fu Academy

of Atlanta. She trained in Wing Chun, Kali, Muay Thai, and Jeet Kune Do, eventually attaining the rank of Black Level VI on June 8, 1988 as well as Apprentice Instructor on June 13, 1988.

Mary Anne's wishes were to be cremated with no funeral, but requested a celebration of her life which will be planned by her family at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to Southwest Christian Care, 7225 Lester Road #7225, Union City, GA 30291.

Survivors include son, Robbie Waters of Grantville, GA; daughters, Leigh Ann Foret, Sandi McMorrough and her husband Shawn of Gainesville, GA, and Amy Galladay and her husband Scott of Newnan, GA; brother, Hoke Stephens; sisters, Barbara Collins, Susan Mathis, and Carol Kodobocz; grandchildren, Laura Foret, Allison Waters, Ashley Waters, Amber Waters, Kelsey Crouse and her husband Carson, Colby Galladay, Payton McMorrough, Nick McMorrough, and Brad McMorrough; great grandchildren, Braidyn Foret, Jaycee May, Avery Lane, Sawyer Crouse, Bennett Crouse, and Annaleigh.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

Tribute Wall

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“*Mary Anne was a fun, sweet classmate of mine at RHS. We cheered together also. Our paths crossed many times through the years, so our catching up and getting to spend more time together was always fun! She always talked about her children that she loved so much..She was very special!*”

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