



Betty Stephens

September 23, 1928 - January 20, 2021

Betty Stephens, formerly of Havana, passed away on January 20, 2021 at The Loft in Canton, Illinois. She was born on September 23, 1928 in Quincy, Illinois to John Henry and Beatrice Elizabeth (Baum) Seggelke.

Betty attended St. Agnes Grade School in Springfield, Illinois and Havana Grade School, then returned to Springfield as a boarder at Sacred Heart Academy where she graduated in 1946. After graduation, she worked in the office of the Mason County Treasurer until her marriage to Jerry Stephens on June 24, 1948 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Havana.

During the first fifteen years of marriage they lived and worked on the Stephens Family Turkey Farm east of Havana. They moved to Havana in 1963 and Jerry was then employed at C&M Railroad Coal Docks. Betty worked at the Sears Catalog Store, then as co-manager with Jo Pedigo at Knoles Flowers in Havana for many years.

During those years, she also studied decorative painting and taught landscape painting in oils on canvas at both The New Country Bumpkins in Pekin, Illinois and her shop, The Happy Hobo at Quiver Beach near Havana. Betty and Jerry had a busy and active life centered around their five children: Mark (Lynn) of Canton, Illinois, Dan (Kathy) of Canton, Missouri, Paul (Jan) of Havana, Mary Beth of Beason, Illinois, and Tim of Rock Falls, Illinois. Also, grandchildren: Jennifer Stephens, Cheryl (Wayne) Krus, Adam (Nicole) Stephens, Tom (Katie) Stephens, Jill (John) Bahnick, Katie (Brian) Baker, Stephanie (David) Duncan, Alex (fiancé Katie Dye) Stephens, Andy Stephens,

Sarah (Steve) Bonanno, David (Kylie) Stephens, John Leslie, and Karin Leslie. And great-grandchildren: Luke, Anna, Jacob, Maddie, Andrew, Max, Anna Mei, Blake, John Henry, Emma, Josh, Gracelyn, Olivia, Elizabeth, and Caden.

Their fondest memories were the ones spent camping with children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Family dinners and celebrations at their home on Quiver Beach were always enjoyed.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Jerry, her brother, Bill, her (ex) sister-in-law, Joan, and her daughter-in-law, Phyllis.

A private Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church at a later date. Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Havana. Fr. David Whiteside will officiate.

Memorial donations may be made in Betty's name to St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Online condolences can be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com. Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Laurel Hill Cemetery

1105 E Laurel Ave
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2986

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 27. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Stephens*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family*



Dan and Chris Wilson - February 01, 2021 at 01:27 PM



“ *Betty was such a great person! I know how she loved being with her family. So sorry to the family. She will be missed!*

Kathy Dye - January 27, 2021 at 09:42 AM



“ *Hugs & prayers to Betty's family. She was one of my favorite people of all times. She was a wonderful lady & taught me so much about floral design & painting. We had so many fun times together. I feel blessed that she was my friend! Her faith & love will live forever in the memories of her family & friends. Love to all the Stephens kids.*

Nancy Blakely - January 26, 2021 at 08:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Betty Stephens.*



January 26, 2021 at 02:33 PM



“ *So sorry for the families loss.*



Susan Brown Showalter - January 26, 2021 at 10:34 AM



“ *Betty and jerry went on bus trips with the freedom club always enjoyed bransom trip.*

Alice miller - January 25, 2021 at 10:52 PM



“ *Alice Miller lit a candle in memory of Betty Stephens*



Alice miller - January 25, 2021 at 10:46 PM

GD

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I loved Betty she was so kind and so talented. I took painting classes from her, she was a great teacher. We sure had a lot of fun . I have wonderful memories of her and Jerry. Prayers and hugs 🙏❤️

Gwen Davis - January 25, 2021 at 08:59 PM

PS

“ Betty was so kind to me when I returned to Havana. I found out then that I had and still have a beautiful painted she did.

Patricia Specketer - January 25, 2021 at 05:11 PM

AH

“ Angie Hodgson lit a candle in memory of Betty Stephens



angie hodgson - January 25, 2021 at 03:13 PM

KR

“ Kim Russell lit a candle in memory of Betty Stephens



Kim Russell - January 25, 2021 at 02:08 PM

DH

“ *Betty was a beautiful painter and a very good friend to both my mom and me. So sorry for your family's loss.*
Donna Howard and Rosalie Taylor

Donna Howard - January 23, 2021 at 08:17 PM

LY

She spoke fondly of you often.

Lynn - January 24, 2021 at 11:00 AM

AH

May she rest in blissful peace!

angie hodgson - January 25, 2021 at 03:15 PM

PG

“ *Patty And Gary Gilbreath lit a candle in memory of Betty Stephens*



Patty and Gary Gilbreath - January 23, 2021 at 12:34 PM

NE

“ *Sending hugs and prayers to Betty's family.*
She was a sweet, kind and beautiful lady.



Nancy Elliott - January 23, 2021 at 10:19 AM

LH

“ *Larry And Mary Hundt lit a candle in memory of Betty Stephens*



Larry and Mary Hundt - January 23, 2021 at 08:48 AM

 Lisa Scully

“ *Lisa Scully lit a candle in memory of Betty Stephens*



Lisa Scully - January 23, 2021 at 08:15 AM

BC

“ *Mark and Lynn, Don and I send our condolences to you. It is so difficult to lose a parent. Hold the happy memories in your hearts.*



Barbara Carpenter - January 22, 2021 at 11:04 PM

LY

We sure have a lot of good memories to hang on to with her. Thank you.

Lynn - January 24, 2021 at 10:59 AM

AH

“ Angie Hodgson lit a candle in memory of Betty Stephens



angie hodgson - January 22, 2021 at 07:53 PM

JC

“ To the family of Betty

I have many good memories of Betty and Jerry. She was a great lady. My thoughts are with all of you.

Julitta Carpenter

Julitta Carpenter - January 22, 2021 at 04:26 PM

JC

“ Julitta Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Betty Stephens



Julitta Carpenter - January 22, 2021 at 04:23 PM

SB

“ So sorry to hear of Betty's passing. She was a sweet and caring person. May she fly with the angels.

Sharon B



Sharon B - January 22, 2021 at 03:10 PM

KD

“ *Kris & Diana purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Betty Stephens.*



Kris & Diana - January 22, 2021 at 02:52 PM