



Ovella Stephens

November 4, 1937 - March 2, 2022

Ovella Stephens, age 84 of Holland passed away Wednesday, March 2, 2022.

She is survived by her children: Mary Essig, Jerry and Kelly Stephens, Robbie Stephens, William Stephens, Tim and Ron Stephens, Lewis and Shannon Stephens; her grandchildren and great grandchildren: Alea and Jason Bosley (Paige), Thom Stephens, Joe Stephens (Jamison and Maxwell), Stephanie and Nick Windemuller (Landyn), Sean Stephens, Christopher Stephens; her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Barbara Elliott, Larry De Boer, Ben and Darlene Stephens, Frank Stephens and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lawrence, her parents Roy and Ethel (Penrod) Elliott, mother-in-law Mary (Hall) Byrd, siblings: Frank Elliott, and Juanita Johnson; brothers-in-law and sister-in-law: John Stephens, Joe Stephens and Mary De Boer; granddaughter Kristy Stephens and her nephew Mark Johnson.

Ovella was born on November 4, 1937, in Ripley County, Mo. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Holland and she worked for many years at General Electric and later Meijer. She enjoyed serving her family, friends and church, gardening, crocheting, and sewing.

Visitation will be 2-5 pm Sunday, March 6, 2022, at Yntema Funeral Home,

251 South State Street, Zeeland. The funeral service will be 10 am Monday, March 7, 2022, at First Baptist Church, 1066 East 8th Street, Holland. Interment will be in Graafschap Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Resthaven Care Center, Hospice of Holland, or First Baptist Church. www.yntemafh.com

Cemetery Details

Graafschap Cemetery

32nd Steet at Graafschap Road
Holland, MI 49423

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home
251 S State St
Zeeland , MI 49464
(616) 772-2173
info@yntemafh.com
<http://langelandsterenberg.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church
1066 East 8th Street
Holland, MI 49423

Tribute Wall



“ *Ovella Stephens*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *To all my cousins. I am so sorry for your loss. I remember her smile and the way she laughs. She could really cook great pies and food. I love you and will miss you. This is not goodbye. I will see in heaven.*

Carolyn York - March 08, 2022 at 11:54 AM



“ *Sympathy to the entire Stephens family in the lost of your mother. She was a good neighbor. I did not like it when she would cross the busy road to talk to me and my dad. I always walked her back across. Between her and my dad neither one should cross the busy road. She would always take all my dad's grapes and make grape jam with them. . Ovella is in a better place with no pain or worries anymore. Bonnie Timmer TerAvest .*



Bonnie TerAvest - March 07, 2022 at 06:48 PM

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“ *My Sympathy to all of you, my dear neighbors,
What a wonderful neighbor you were Ovella. I can remember
standing in the yard by the fence and just talking. Then it was well,
guess we should get going and we would talk a little longer. Have a
nice block party in Heaven.
Until we meet again,
Tammy Douma*

Tammy Douma - March 05, 2022 at 08:35 AM

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*Thank you Tammy, You gave my mom some frogs when you moved,
she gave them to me and I still have them. She enjoyed having you as
a neighbor!*

Mary Essig - March 05, 2022 at 09:24 AM

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“ *What a dear sweet lady. One of my mom and dad's dearest friends.
They are rejoicing together again in glory. She tailored my dad and
my suits for many years. She hardly charged anything to do it. \$1 a
leg to hem and cuff the pants. One time my dad told her, "Ovella
you can't make any money at \$1 a leg." She said, "If you want to
pay me more just grow another leg." Wonderful sense of humor and
a servant's heart. We will meet again some day.*

Pastor, Dr. Franklin J. Senters.

Franklin Senters - March 05, 2022 at 06:01 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ovella Stephens.



March 04, 2022 at 08:16 PM



“ Memories, memories, memories! I have so many. What a wonderful lady, my second mom! I always appreciated all that she taught me about crocheting. Her ability to make amazing afghans, baby sweaters, booties, etc. was a true gift. I remember her cooking pork steaks in the cast iron fry pan and snapping green beans in the back yard. I remember watching her sew, amazed at how fast she was; she was a talented seamstress. She was an amazing gardener and had beautiful vegetable gardens and shared her bounty with friends and neighbors. Thank you Ovella for letting me be a part of your life and sharing your love and talents with me. Thank you for trusting me to watch those six amazing children who have grown into wonderful adults. I was only twelve and you trusted me. Thank you for taking me with you to Fennville; I will always remember picking asparagus along the side of the road.

Marie Mercier - March 04, 2022 at 07:35 PM



She loed you as well!

Mary Essig - March 05, 2022 at 09:27 AM



She loved you as well!

Mary Essig - March 05, 2022 at 04:26 PM



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



March 04, 2022 at 04:30 PM



“ *I'm sure you and Krissy are catching up ❤️ Give her a really big hug for me*



Alea Bosley - March 03, 2022 at 09:09 PM



I'm sure they are!

Mary Essig - March 05, 2022 at 04:27 PM