

A CELEBRATION
OF LIFE FOR

Ruby
STEIN ROBINSON

FEBRUARY 26, 1942 – JULY 4, 2026



INTERMENT

Union Cemetery
3349 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, Ohio 43212

REPAST

Mount Hermon Baptist Church
2283 Sunbury Road | Columbus, Ohio 43219

PALLBEARERS

Omar K. Finley ~ John W. Robinson, III
Benjamin A. Mobley, Jr. ~ Khalfani M. Stephens
Cleveland Powell ~ Braylen L. Taylor



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Robinson family extends its heartfelt gratitude to all who offered acts of kindness, calls, visits, provided food, lifted prayers, and surrounded them with love and support throughout this journey. Your compassion and generosity have been a source of strength and comfort, and your thoughtfulness will always be remembered with deep appreciation. Special thanks to Antioch Jordan Columbus, Pastor Charles Newman, Minister Anthony McSwain, Dr. John H. Little, Pastor and the Mount Hermon Baptist Church Culinary and Events Ministry.

Thursday, July 16, 2026

Visitation: 10am
Service of Celebration: 11:00am

Antioch Jordan Columbus
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Columbus, Ohio 43219



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1 FUNERAL HOME | 5 LOCATIONS

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Message to Mom

If we could have walked with God before this life began, and gazed out His master plan; and if God asked us who would you like your Mom to be for all eternity.

We would without a doubt seek you out, not because you were perfect, although perfect and tailor made just for us, but you were priceless. You gave without expecting praise, loved without keeping score. That's just who you were to the core. Your strength was quiet, your smile sincere. Mom, we will always hold you near although you are no longer here. You weren't just our Mother, you were everyone's safe place, everyone's friend. You never turned a stranger away nor hesitate to help one find their way no matter the night or time of day. You truly were everyone's safe place, finding joy in lifting others, always believing there was room for one more. You listened with an open heart, no judgement, no shaming.

It just needs to be said, Mom, you left everyone you encountered knowing, feeling, and embracing the fact that they could be who they were and somehow leave a conversation with you stronger than when they came.

We already miss the sound of your voice, but will carry your love within our heart, a gift that will keep on giving and never ever part. Thanks mom, for teaching us what unconditional love can be. Your kindness lives in every life that you touch.

We love, love, love you so much and will miss your touch. Until we are introduced once again by GODS unchanging hand we will honor you by loving one another even when we don't feel like it and loving as you loved, helping as you helped. You will live through us although you are not physically here. We will practice making you proud. So, rehearsal begins.

We Love you Forever, having you as our Mother has been the greatest treasure ever!

Love Yolanda, Lisa and Stevie



Life Reflections

Ruby Stein Robinson entered her heavenly home on July 4, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family and sustained by her unwavering faith in Christ. She was born on February 26, 1942, in Plain Dealing, Louisiana, to the union of John Percy, Sr., and Katie Mae Stephens.

As a young child in 1950, her family relocated from Louisiana to Pontiac, Michigan, where she attended Bagley Elementary School, and she later received her diploma from Pontiac Central High School in 1960. After graduating from high school several years later in 1968, Ruby moved to Columbus, Ohio.

Ruby, affectionately known as "Auntie Stein and Ms. Ruby" by her family and friends, was known for her infectious smile, thoughtfulness, and passion for encouraging others. With that warm smile, she charmed a young gentleman named Samuel Robinson from Columbus, Ohio, who would occasionally visit his family in Pontiac, Michigan. A covenant of partnership began that lasted 58 beautiful years of them navigating life's challenges as a team as they raised their wonderful children, Yolanda, Lisa and Stevie. This union, built on love, commitment, and mutual trust, provided a shared purpose, a strong foundation for both of them to thrive together.

Her children rise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.' Charm is deceitful, and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." Proverbs 31:28-30

Ruby dedicated over 35 years of service, enjoying a successful career of working with people with BDD at Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission, where she served with integrity and diligence, leaving an enduring impact on the countless lives she touched and inspired. In her spare time, Ruby was an avid reader, providing counseling and giving care to people by feeding the homeless and serving those impacted by cancer through the Columbus Cancer Ray Group.

As a faithful servant of the Lord, Ruby was a former member of Wesley United Methodist Church, Triedstone Missionary Baptist Church, and World Harvest Church, where she used her spiritual gifts to serve others in ministry by sending prayers, scriptures, and positive and encouraging words of affirmation.

She was preceded in death by her siblings: Florida Mae (Henry) Brown, Willi Gray (Elmer) Thompson, John Percy Stephens, Jr., Herman (Marie) Stephens, Susie Stephens, Alton Stephens, Edward (Dannie) Stephens, Jerry Stephens, Jewel (Bertha) Stephens, and brother-in-laws Wilbur Finley and Benjamin Mobley, and sister-friend Gloria Beasley.

Ruby was a priceless gift. Her life reflected quiet strength, steadfast faith, and a love that enriched the lives of those around her. She was rare, cherished, and impossible to replace. Though her presence is no longer with us, the beauty of her spirit continues to shine in the hearts of all who know and love her. Like a ruby, her legacy is enduring, precious and forever treasured by her beloved husband Samuel Robinson; children: Yolanda, Lisa and Stevie Robinson; grandchildren: Joshua Robinson, Camile Robinson, Michael Higgs, Jr., Stephenie Robinson, and Bethany Robinson; great grandchildren: Makayla Robinson-Walker, Faith Robinson, Joshua Robinson, Jr., Mariah Higgs, Malachi Robinson, Elijah Robinson, Kamdynn Green, Abraham Robinson, Zara Higgs, Sia Higgs, and Olive Robinson; siblings: Arthur (Velma) Stephens, Sr., and Della Finley; sister-in-laws: Alberta Stephens, Velma Stephens, Helena Mobley, JoAnn Gleaves, and Mable Robinson; brother-in-laws: John Robinson and James Gleaves; godchild: Rebecca Smith; sister-friends: Sherry Fairrow, Sarah Gilbert and Beverly Hagler; bonus daughters, Kimberly (Steve) Cort, Michelle Muncy; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other family and friends.

Order Of Service

Organ Prelude

Scripture Reading

Old Testament ~ Psalms 46:10
New Testament ~ Revelation 21:4

Prayer of Comfort
Minister Arthur Stephens

Musical Selection
"It Is Well"
Mrs. Crystal Allen

Acknowledgment/Condolences
Dr. Tanoa Stephens-Flagler

Reading of Obituary
Read Silently

Family Tribute
Ms. Yvette Brown

Reflections
3 minutes
Family and Friends

Musical Selection
"Safe In His Arms"
Ms. Wanda Arnold-Simmons

The Eulogy
Reverend Malik Crosswhite

Benediction
Reverend Malik Crosswhite

Recessional
Going Up Yonder
Clergy, Family and Friends