

A Good Life

A life well lived is never gone,
Its light continues to shine on.
In every smile, in every prayer,
We find your love
still waiting there.

You walked this earth
with gentle grace,
Brining comfort to every place.
With faithful hands
and caring heart,
You gave your love
from the very start.

The seeds of kindness
that you sowed
Will bloom along life's
winding road.
Your strength, your wisdom,
and your care
Will always linger everywhere.

Though tears may fall
and hearts may ache,
Love is a bond death cannot break.
Your memory is a treasured light,
Guiding us through
the darkest night.

Rest now in everlasting peace,
Where pain and sorrow
finally cease.
Until we meet again someday,
Your love will never fade away.
A good life leaves a lasting trace—
Not written in stone,
but in every embrace.
Every lesson, every sacrifice, every
loving deed.
You have left us the greatest
gift of all.

A legacy of love.

Forever remembered.
Forever cherished.
Forever loved.

--Your Loving Children--

A Tribute to Our Grandmother From Your Loving Grandchildren

Today we celebrate not only your life,
but the incredible legacy of love you
have created. You have been our safe
place, our greatest
Cheerleader, and a shining example
of strength, grace, and
unconditional love.

Thank you for the warm hugs that
made everything better, the words of
wisdom that continue to guide us,
the laughter that filled our
Hearts, and the countless sacrifices
you made so our family could thrive.

Your love has been the thread that
holds our family together.
Through every season of life, you
Have shown us the importance of
faith, kindness, compassion, and
perseverance. You taught us to
Love one another, to respect others,
to work hard, and to trust God
in all things.

Each of us carries a piece of you
wherever we go.
Your prayers have covered us,
your encouragement has lifted us,
and your example has inspired us to
become better people. We are who
we are today because of your love
and the values you instilled in us.

Grandma, your life is a beautiful
testimony of selfless
Love. The memories we've shared,
the traditions you've created and the
lessons you've taught will
Live on in our hearts for
generations to come.

Thank you for being our
grandmother, our confidante,
our teacher, and our friend.
We love you more than words can
express, and we are forever
grateful for the blessing of having
you in our lives.

With all our love,
Your Loving Grandchildren

Honorary Pallbearers

Theodore Stephens
Moses Stephens, Jr.
Joshua Stephens

Lester Stephens
Floyd Stephens
Christopher Stephens

Active Pallbearers

Josiah Paden
Eddie Robinson, Jr.
Arthur "A.J." Stephens
Demetric Stephens
Marcus Williams

Moses Stephens III
Theron Stephens
Derek Williams
Dominique Williams
Lester Stephens, Jr.

Flower Attendants

Ushers, Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church

The Service of Committal & Interment

Rock Hill Church Cemetery * Tallahassee, Florida

Repast

Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

The Family's Message of Appreciation

We are eternally grateful for the numerous acts of kindness,
words of comfort and prayers shown during **Mother
Thompson's** illness and our time of sorrow. A special thank you
to Heart and Soul Hospice (Caregivers Tracy, Wendy, Neketa,
and Kaityln), Right at Home Healthcare (Caregivers Monique
and Dorothy), Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare and Pauline
McNeil. We ask for continued prayers while God comforts and
strengthens us. May God bless you and continue to keep each of
you in His loving care.

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A Celebration of Life

HONORING
Mother

Laura Mae Stephens
THOMPSON



"Sister"

Sunrise: October 18, 1945 – Sunset: July 16, 2026

Thursday, July 23, 2026

Eleven O'clock in the Morning

Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church

6127 PROCTOR ROAD * TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32309

The Reverend Michael T. Williams, Pastor
The Reverend Dr. Isaac Manning, Jr., Eulogist
MODERATOR EMERITUS
FIRST BETHLEHEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.

Reflections of Life

Mother Laura Thompson was born on October 18, 1945 to Deacon Moses Stephens, Sr. and Mother Ruth Ann Wilson Stephens. She was the first born of twelve siblings. She attended public school in Leon County where she graduated from Lincoln High School, “Home of the Fighting Tigers” in 1965. She attended Lively Vocational Technical School where she received her license in Cosmetology. She began her career in Cosmetology working with the now-late Mrs. Sarah Walker at Walker’s Beauty Salon on Liberty Street in Tallahassee. She later moved to Audrey’s Boutique and then opened her own salon, Laura’s Beauty Salon, near FAMU’s campus. While cosmetology was her passion, she also enjoyed baking, cooking, fishing, and gardening.

Laura accepted Christ at an early age and joined Rockhill Missionary Baptist Church where she served in the Home Mission, on the Mothers Board, Senior Choir, Usher Board, and the United Sons and Daughters of Joshua Lodge.

Mother Thompson was joined in Holy Matrimony to Reverend Leroy Thompson, Jr. on January 4, 1969. To this union, five children were born; four daughters and one son. She joined her husband in ministry serving at Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church for two years. In 1971, Rev. Thompson was called to pastor at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Moultrie, Georgia where **Mother Thompson** served as First Lady for thirty-four years. She also served in the Feed the Hungry Program, Home Mission, on the Mothers Board, Red Circle, and the Women’s Auxiliary. Reverend Thompson was later called to pastor at Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Camilla, Georgia where **Mother Thompson** served as the First Lady of Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church for twenty-two years.

On Thursday, July 16, 2026, the matriarch, **Mother Laura Thompson** earned her Heavenly wings. She is survived by **four daughters**: Althea, Renea, Wendy (Will), and Elaine (Lorenzen); **one son**: Leonard; **seven grandchildren**: Corez (Jazzmine), Christopher, Victor (Jasmin), Brianna, Atticus, Sharlise, and Kadence; **eight great-grandchildren**: Kiydon, Kavion, Kamai, Lyriq, Harmony, Haven, Nyla, and Amia; **one godson**: Christopher Stephens; **three sisters**: Dorothy Robinson, Greta Campbell, and Patricia Parker; **five brothers**: Theodore (Gwen) Stephens, Moses (Leola) Stephens, Jr., Joshua Stephens, Lester Stephens and Floyd (Sharon) Stephens all of Tallahassee, FL; **three brothers-in-law**: Cleo Thompson, Wooster, OH, Walter Thompson, Detroit, MI and John Thompson of Texas; **three sisters-in-law**: Mary Alice Murphy and Doretha Moore, both of Palm Bay, FL and Frankie Stephens of Tallahassee, FL; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mother Thompson was preceded in death by her husband: Reverend Leroy Thompson, Jr.; parents: Moses, Sr. and Ruth Ann Wilson Stephens; siblings: Reverend Arthur Stephens, Sr., Lois Williams, and Josephine Stephens; niece and nephew: Angela Stephens and Carlos Stephens; sister-in-law: LaVerne Stephens; brothers-in-law: Reverend Eddie Robinson, Alonzo Williams, Gary Campbell, and Rodgeous Parker.

Precious Memories



The Order of Service

Evangelist Carrie Holton, Presiding

Prelude..... *Tillman* Gospel Chorale
Processional.....Pastor, Eulogist, Clergy & Family
The Parting Glance & Seating of Family..... The *Tillman* Staff
Hymn of Worship..... Deacon John Smith
“Come Ye That Love the Lord”
Prayer Deacon Tommy Mills
Selection.....Chorale

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reverend Napoleon Cooper
New Testament..... Reverend Terrell Carter

Solo.....Sister Gail Thompson-Grant

Reflections & Tributes:

As A Friend..... Mother Pamela Williams
As A Church Mother..... Mother Bea Givens
As A Minister’s Wife..... Evangelist Miner Brookins
As A Sister-in-law..... Sister Gwen Stephens
Sister Leola Stephens

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Jesse Wilkerson
Selection.....Chorale
Resolutions/Acknowledgements.....Sister Johnnie Ruth Dennis
Selection.....Chorale

Words of Comfort Reverend Dr. Isaac Manning, Jr.

Recessional..... Clergy, Family & Friends