



## Mrs. Ida Stephens

December 12, 1923 - June 2, 2025

Funeral services for Mrs. Ida Stephens, 101, of El Dorado, AR formerly of Gary, Texas will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 7, 2025, at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dale Walker officiating. Burial will follow in the Gary Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be 10-11:00 a.m. prior to the service at Hawthorn Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ida Jeffrey Laird Stephens was born December 12, 1923, in Gary, Texas. She passed this life peacefully at her home in El Dorado, Arkansas. Ida was the youngest of three girls born to the marriage of Era Ball and William B. Laird. She was raised and schooled in Gary, Texas, graduating from Gary High School and later attended business college. Ida married Albert Charles Bumstead, and they had one daughter before he preceded her in death. She later married Lewis Stephens in 1952, and they celebrated 62 years of marriage before he preceded her in death in 2014.

Mrs. Stephens spent many years in sales for the Sears, Roebuck & Co. She was an active member of the Eastside Baptist Church in Gary, Texas. Ida loved the outdoors, gardening, canning and sharing her rewards with others. She and Lewis loved camping and traveled all over the United States. When not traveling her time was spent following grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is also preceded in death by her parents, and sisters, Louise Laird, Sybil Stevens, and a son, Tommy Stephens.

Mrs. Stephens is survived by her loving daughter, Gay Cunningham and husband Mark of Eldorado, AR; grandchildren, Sterling Claypoole and wife

Jennifer of Vilonia, AR, Melissa Stowers and husband Skip of Mountain Home, AR, Sara Stephens of Canyon Lake; great grandchildren, Brennan Claypoole and wife Cara, Bradley Claypoole and wife Britnee, Haley Czeschin, Trey Czeschin; numerous nieces, nephews and a host of family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be, Sterling Claypoole, Brennan Claypoole, Bradley Claypoole, Trey Czeschin, Russ Young and Skip Stowers.

# Cemetery Details

## Gary Cemetery

176 Bobcat Trail  
Gary, TX 75643

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home  
307 West Wellington Street  
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Carthage, TX 75633  
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## Service

JUN 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel  
307 W Wellington St.  
Carthage, Tx

# Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Ida Stephens



Hawthorn Funeral Home - June 07, 2025 at 01:57 PM



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Hawthorn Funeral Home - June 05, 2025 at 02:33 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ida Stephens.



June 05, 2025 at 05:14 PM



“ Your Lively kinfolk purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Ida Stephens.



Your Lively kinfolk - June 05, 2025 at 04:46 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ida Stephens.



June 05, 2025 at 03:35 PM



“ 68 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - June 05, 2025 at 02:30 PM

GA

“ Gary A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Ida Stephens.

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**Gary A.** - June 05, 2025 at 08:00 AM

LB

“ Linda B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Ida Stephens.

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**Linda B.** - June 04, 2025 at 10:38 PM