



Mrs. Melma Stephenson

November 28, 1922 - January 23, 2016

Graveside funeral services for Mrs. Melma Stephenson, 93, of Gary, Texas will be 3:00 p.m. Sunday, January 24, 2016 at the Mt. Bethel Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Mrs. Stephenson died January 23, 2016 in Nacogdoches, Texas with her granddaughter Loren by her side.

Mrs. Melma Wylene Lake Stephenson was born in the McCord Community of Shelby County, Texas to the marriage of Albert and Emma Cozart Lake. Minie, as she was known by her family, was raised in Gary, Texas. She married Frank Woran Stephenson in 1940 and later settled in the Woods Community where they raised their three sons and would later move back to Gary. Melma was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses congregation of Center, Texas. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Frank Stephenson, sons, Mickey Stephenson and Louie Stephenson, and a brother, Morace Lake.

Mrs. Stephenson is survived by her son Caddell Stephenson and wife Gaye of Timpson, five grandchildren, Brian Stephenson and wife Lynette of Appleby, Monica Stephenson Malinosky and husband JJ of Marshall, Loren Stephenson of Gary, Clint Stephenson and wife Kellie of Carthage, Whitney Stephenson Shelton and husband Cody of Sulpher, LA, eight great grandchildren, Alex and Jackie Malinosky of Marshall, Lee Stephenson of Carthage, Jessica Box of Appleby, Emma Stephenson of Appleby, Jaxon Stephenson of Gary, Paislie and Piper Shelton of Sulphur, LA, two daughter-in-laws, Loretta Stephenson Turlington of Marshall and Gwen Stephenson of

Carthage, numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to The Almond Tree Adult Day Center, 201 Winchester Drive, Tyler, TX 75701. An online guestbook may be signed at www.hawthornfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Bethel Cemetery

3841 FM 999 W
Gary, TX 75643

Previous Events

Service

JAN 24. 3:00 PM.

Graveside

Tribute Wall

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“ *To the Stephenson Family: I was so sad to hear about Melma. My heart is sad with you. I always thought she was such a sweet and hospitable person. She was a wonderful cook and I have recipes that I cherish that she gave me. I know she loved her children and grandchildren too , but most of all her God, Jehovah. I will look forward to seeing her again one day in Paradise. Love to all, Peggy Foreman Warta*

Peggy Foreman Warta - January 25, 2016 at 04:58 PM

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Thank you Peggy.

Loren - February 02, 2016 at 01:20 PM

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“ *Caddell and Gaye,
Aunt Melma will be Missed So Dearly By Everyone that knew Her...
She was. Beautiful Lady inside and Out... Prayers... Love You,
Darla Lake Watkins*

darla lake watkins - January 23, 2016 at 03:58 PM

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Thanks

Loren - February 02, 2016 at 01:31 PM