



## Mrs. Suzanne Stevens

August 20, 1939 - August 23, 2017

Memorial services for Mrs. Suzanne A. Stevens, 79, of Carthage, Texas will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, September 2, 2017 at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Don Cocklin officiating. Cremation arrangements were entrusted to Hawthorn Funeral Home. Mrs. Stevens died peacefully at her Carthage home August 23, 2017.

Mrs. Suzanne Alexander Stevens was born August 20, 1939 in Marshall, Texas. She was the oldest of two daughters born to the marriage of Rhea and Lillian Atkins Alexander. She was raised and schooled in Marshall and graduated high school in Shreveport, Louisiana. Suzanne married James Robert "Jim" Stevens on May 10, 1973, and they celebrated 44 wonderful years together. Her career was in office management for Manly in Longview and Marshall, Comptroller for the Marshall News Messenger, and office manager for Don Bates Accounting. Her office skills served both the Service League as President and the Sammy Brown Library where she was made permanent president of the library board. She was an integral part of the development and modern re-purposing of the armory into the cutting edge Sammy Brown Library we have today. Suzanne was a longtime member of the First Christian Church where she served on the fellowship and the library committees. She is preceded in death by her parents, a sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and Ronnie Ritch, and their son Jud Ritch.

Mrs. Stevens is survived by her devoted husband Jim Stevens of Carthage, beloved mother-in-law, Alice Stevens of Carthage, aunt, Elizabeth Newburg of

Marshall, niece, Eloise Lambright and husband Kevin of Marshall and their children, Jake and Millie all of Marshall, cousins, Steve Bryan and wife Janis of Minden, Louisiana, Jim Atkins of Corpus Christi, Oscar Lee Atkins and wife Anita of Houston, Cecilia Kay Frazier of Benton, Louisiana, sister-in-law, Linda Hudson and husband Jerry of Kingwood, many other nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.

The family would like to thank Heartsway Hospice for the many kindnesses shown. The family requests in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the Cookson and Hills Children's Home at 60416 Hwy. 10 Kansas, Oklahoma 74347, the Shriner's Children's Hospital, or charity of choice. A guest register may be signed at [www.hawthornfuneralhome.com](http://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Suzanne Stevens



Hawthorn Funeral Home - August 29, 2017 at 02:54 PM

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“ I wanted to share a story Suzanne told us once in Sunday School. She said that it was told of how when she was a little girl and they went to the five and dime, that instead of heading for the toys, she went straight to the shoes! Suzanne was known for her love of shoes and I have chuckled over this story many times. Suzanne was a very sweet lady and will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathy to Jim, Alice and all of their family.

*In Christian love,*

*Kim Roberts*

Kim Roberts - August 30, 2017 at 07:08 PM

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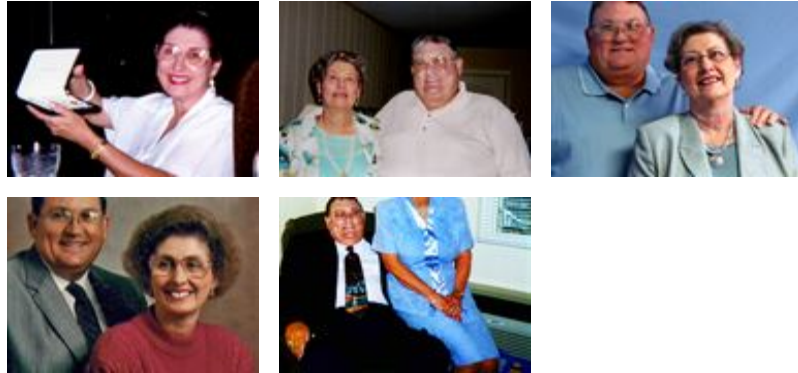
“ Lorrie Stevens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Suzanne Stevens



Lorrie Stevens - August 30, 2017 at 03:24 PM



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“ Faith Dossett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Suzanne Stevens



Faith Dossett - August 29, 2017 at 07:46 AM

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“ MaryKate Hunter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Suzanne Stevens



MaryKate Hunter - August 28, 2017 at 04:44 PM

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“ *Mere words cannot reflect the love and gratitude that the staff of the Sammy Brown Library has for Suzanne Stevens. The library flourished under her care and guidance. Suzanne loved the Library with all her heart. Her legacy will live on through the Library with every book checked out and every smile on a child's face during Storytime.*

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**Debbie Godwin** - August 23, 2017 at 02:22 PM