



## Mrs. Sallie G. Stephens

January 17, 1939 - February 22, 2019

Sallie Ray Stephens, born and raised in Oxford, North Carolina, 80, answered the call of the Lord on Wednesday, February 22nd, 2019, and began her final flight. Ms. Sallie is journeying to meet her loved ones whom had transitioned before her- husband (Edward Stephens); mother (Rosetta Watkins), father (John Lee Watkins); sisters & brothers.

Her dedication and service of 31 years started with OSI (where she was sought after for her special assignments and asked in 2008 by President Barack Obama to serve again but with faithful enlistment, she declined because of health reasons and her beauty of age. She was a faithful member of Abyssinia Baptist Church, where she served as an usher and on the Hospitality Ministry. Sallie also served on the Senior Usher Board and as a chaplain with Langley Air Force Base Chapel. She was a joy to be around and loved to cook in her spare time. Who don't like a "good piece of fried chicken"?

Sallie was a faithful wife, and dedicated mother. Her daughters call her blessed and her household never went lacking. Her personal dedication of dress and style of hats always created a conversation piece for Ms. Sallie Ray.

She leaves behind to cherish her memories; two daughters Jeanette C. (Richard Patrick) and Sherry Ray, one son; Joseph H. Gaines (Chrissie), 6 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, beloved sisters and brothers, and hosts of nieces and nephews and spiritual children.



# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAR 7. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

M.E. Fisher Funeral Home  
2117 Madison Avenue  
Newport News, VA 23607  
(757) 245-3302  
mark@mefisherfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.mefisherfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Abyssinia Baptist Church  
3001 Wickham Avenue  
Newport News, VA 23607

# Tribute Wall

AA

“ Cousins we are so sorry for the pain you are going through right now. We know that Aunt Sallie is out of pain and on her way to a beautiful healing. We wish we could be there to support you but you know we are there in Spirit. Please be strong like our mothers taught us to be. Keep praying and asking the Lord for his strength. Don't cry to much for Auntie she lived a beautiful life. Stay true to who you are as her children. Always praying for you and loving you. Annette Ashe-Montgomery & Lawrence Montgomery



Annette Ashe-Montgomery - March 07, 2019 at 10:17 PM



“ 13 files added to the album Life Tributes



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - March 07, 2019 at 09:43 AM

PA

“ *Paula & Mike Anderson purchased the Peaceful Wishes for the family of Mrs. Sallie G. Stephens.*



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**Paula & Mike Anderson** - March 06, 2019 at 02:52 PM

JN

“ *James & Christi Newsome purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mrs. Sallie G. Stephens.*



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**James & Christi Newsome** - March 06, 2019 at 12:29 AM

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“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Christi A Newsome** - March 06, 2019 at 12:08 AM

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“ *Auntie you will always be in my heart and memories. I always like to let people know you my Aunt 'Mustang Sallie'. We always love clothes, the fancier and different they were the better. Rest in Peace, Auntie.... We love you, James & Christi Newsome, Elk Grove, CA*

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**Christi A Newsome** - March 05, 2019 at 11:56 PM

CH

“ *Sorry for the loss of your dear love one. May you find comfort and hope in God's promise to swallow up death forever and wipe the tears from all faces. Isaiah 25:8 Condolences*

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**CH** - February 23, 2019 at 12:21 PM