



Laura M Stephens

September 18, 1951 - May 29, 2026

Laura M. Stephens, 74, of Grand Island passed away on Friday, May 29, 2026.

Celebration of Life services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 20, 2026, at First Baptist Church in Chapman. Pastors Charlie and Beth Gregory will officiate.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements; memorials are suggested to the family.

Laura was born on September 18, 1951, in Lincoln, NE daughter of Duard and Leota (Hilderband) Watters.

Laura left high school early and later returned to complete her GED. After her children were born, Laura went back to school and became a certified mechanic. When the job market was not looking for 5-foot female mechanics, Laura returned to school and began her career as an LPN.

On November 19, 2000, she married Clarence Stephens in Reno, Nevada. They made their home in Nebraska to be near her mother as her health declined.

Laura was a member of the 1st Baptist Church in Chapman, NE. she enjoyed reading, collecting salt and pepper shakers, unicorn figurines and angels, fishing, and playing computer games. Laura was a wonderful cook and ready to try any new recipes she could find. She had a wonderful laugh and brought her joy to every room she entered. Laura loved being mother to her son, Robert and daughter, Heather, she was also known as "Mom" by many of their

friends too. Laura's world was her grandchildren. Laura remembered birthdays for everyone in her life. Her bright outlook on life and love for her family will be missed.

She is survived by her husband, Clarence Stephens; children, Robert (Darcy) Stephens of Grand Island and Heather Root of Jacksonville, FL; grandchildren, Robert JR. Janice, Duard, Abraham Jamez "AJ"; great-granddaughters, Juliana and Sophia; siblings, John Hilderband of Ft Wayne, Max Watters, Duard Watters Jr., Lyla Reeves, and Doreen Connell all of Lincoln; numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, grandson, Clayton Stephens and father of her children, Larry Stephens.

Upcoming Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUN **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
Chapman, NE