



Ms. Aquila Stephens

November 3, 1964 - April 18, 2023

Aquila Wynell Brown was born on October 3, 1964 in New Britain, CT to the late Levonia Brown, Sr and Beulah Brown.

Aquila was raised in a Christian home where she attended Beulah A M E Zion Church. She sang in the choir, ushered, and she was also President of the youth choir known as The Buds of Promise.

Aquila attended Bristol Eastern High School where she graduated in 1983. After she graduated Aquila earned a living working in the Medical Insurance Industry for 30 years. During that time, she was promoted to Supervisor.

Aquila moved to NC in 2009 where she started to attend Mt Calvary. She would join and become an active member until her health failed in 2019. She sang in the Mass Choir.

Although Aquila has 2 biological children, she has loved and cared for so many. So much so that while here in NC she started to provide childcare in her home to many children. This care gave working mothers the comfort in knowing that their children were being loved and cared for as if they were her own. The children were loved so much that they often cried when their parents came to pick them up. She formed a bond with so many children. She was

affectionately known as “Gigi” by James Brown, Brianna Brown, Xavier Barnes “baby,” Dawson Phillips, and Xzavier Ward. She brought them to church with her on many occasions.

While being a resident in a nursing home Aquila always had an encouraging word to share with other residents and the staff. She was well loved by everyone she encountered.

Aquila was preceded in death by her parents; Wallace Crandell the bonus father who raised her; one son in law, Andre Talley; a bonus sister, Brenda Taylor.

Her life will forever be cherished in the lives of her children, Viola Monique Stephens Talley of Bristol, CT, Jesale Stephens of the home; siblings, Levonia Brown, Jr of Hartford, CT, Lorenzo Brown, Sr of Souix Falls, SD, Thomas Brown of Springfield, MA, and Aretha Crandell of Bristol, CT; bonus siblings, Nate Bush, Patricia Bush, Jeff Bush, and Hattie Bush; grandmother, Suzanne Yopp; aunts, Betty Wooten (Roscoe) Regina Yopp, Vendetta Yopp, Yvette Yopp; uncles, Willie Yopp (Gloria) Thomas Yopp (Sandy); a host of nieces, nephews, godchildren, and cousins.

Previous Events

Viewing

APR **30**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Calvary Free Will Baptist Church
411 Watauga Avenue
Greenville, NC 27834

Celebration of Life Service

APR **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Congleton Memorial Mortuary - May 01, 2023 at 03:13 PM



“ *MOM, it has been two years since you went home to be with the LORD. I want you to know that you are missed dearly every day here. Your legacy lives on thru your beautiful granddaughter that has your personality and sass. She knows who you are and I am so blessed to know the way you raised and loved me and Jesale is being passed on to her. Please continue to rest and watch over us. We love you and miss you! - Monique*

monique stephens - May 21, 2025 at 12:05 PM



“ *Ms. Aquila Stephens*

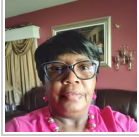
October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *I miss you Gigi*



X'Zavier Ward - September 06, 2023 at 05:47 PM



“ Patricia Wooden lit a candle in memory of Ms. Aquila Stephens



Patricia Wooden - April 27, 2023 at 06:30 PM



“ Dennis And Rita Vannatta lit a candle in memory of Ms. Aquila Stephens



Dennis and Rita Vannatta - April 27, 2023 at 06:06 PM



“ LINDA PATTERSON lit a candle in memory of Ms. Aquila Stephens



LINDA PATTERSON - April 27, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ Ramona Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Aquila Stephens



Ramona Williams - April 22, 2023 at 07:57 PM

RF

“ I spent many days in laughter with you. You're gone from this earth , but you remain in my ❤️ (CiCi) Daughter's of Ms. Stephens remember all the things your mother taught you, let her memories live in you because your mother was a wonderful Woman 👠 . Be blessed better days are coming Amen.



Rev.Milton & Delores Staton & Family - April 20, 2023 at 04:41 PM

JF

“ Our family has been blessed by the sweet and loving spirit of "Ms. Aquila." We will cherish these memories. Rest now and thank you. May our loving God grant the family and the many lives she touched peace, comfort, and strength.~The Ford Family



Johnny & LaVette Ford - April 20, 2023 at 08:13 AM

EH

“ My Deepest Sympathy Are With The Family



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - April 19, 2023 at 08:24 AM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - April 18, 2023 at 03:05 PM

GJ

A loving spirit whom I had the pleasure of living and loving during my early years and I will cherish her love for me forever, I am sad to hear that she is physically gone, but she will always be in my heart and until we meet again sweet lady, Greg and the Jenkins Family loves you dearly, thanks for loving me and sharing the love with so so many.....R.I.P. my dearest friend....

Gregory Lewis Jenkins - July 15, 2023 at 08:28 PM