



Mrs. Stephanye Henderson

March 17, 1953 - January 1, 2018

Stephanye Kenyear Henderson was born March 17, 1953 in New Bern, NC to Harold and Janie Kenyear. Throughout her childhood, Stephayne excelled in many things; including sewing, piano and education. In fact, she was one of the first black students chosen to intergrate public schools in New Bern, NC. In 1971, she graduated from New Bern High School and was able to pursue her BS in Nursing from UNC Chapel Hill. Stephayne earned her degree in 1975 and went on to work in Oncology at John's Hopkins in Washington, DC.

After completing the necessary requirements to become a Nurse Practitioner and living for a brief time in Phoenix, AZ, Stephayne moved back to her home town of New Bern, NC. It was there she began working at Craven Regional Medical Center in charge of Infectious Disease Control. She even volunteered as a flight nurse in the Reserve.

Even though Stephanye loved being a nurse and caring for others; she also longed to be a mother. In 1984 she adopted Courtney Michelle and it seemed as if the two of them were just perfect, until Courtney repeatedly asked for a baby sister. In 1988, Stephanye gave in and adopted Schuyler Janae. Their family became truly complete when Stephanye married Michael Henderson in 1989, adding another daughter, Georgette Yvette whom she loved very much.

Over the years, Stephanye was a faithful member of St. Peter's A.M.E Zion

Church, working as a youth choir director, organist, Y.A.M. director, and Gospel Choir member, where she frequently led "How I Got Over". Stephanye emphasized the importance of music to her daughters who sang and danced, and to her own piano students.

Desiring a change, Stephanye moved to Greenville, NC and started working at Cambridge Mental Health. It was a positive change from simply treating patients to helping them make lifestyle changes to improve their overall health. It was during this she attended and became a member at Koinonia Christian Center Church. There, she served as a Children's Church worker and a member of the Senior Choir. Stephanye loved her church and especially her Bishop, whom she was so excited to get a picture with after earning her Master's in Counseling from Liberty University.

Besides her roles as a wife, and a mother, Stephanye was devoted Mema, who would do anything for her grandchildren. Before her illness, Stephanye didn't miss a game, recital, or graduation. Each year, she would have pictures made of all of them together.

In a photo on social media, Stephanye described her mother as her hero and friend. They were like two peas in a pod, when they got together. Her family relationships were of the utmost importance to her, and she did her best to invest time in all of them. During her final years, Stephanye and Michael's relationship grew closer than ever before. They spent time visiting their favorite spot at the beach and even going to Vegas for the first time together. The two of them had so many things on their bucket list they wanted to accomplish when pancreatic cancer interrupted. Like a team, they faced it head on. Stephanye began doing research on the latest treatments and Michael became her full time caretaker and encourager. This continued until Stephanye went home to be with the Lord on January 1, 2018.

Stephanye is preceded in death by her father, Harold Kenyear.

Stephanye leaves the following people to cherish her memory, her husband, Michael Henderson of Greenville, NC; mother, Janie Kenyear of New Bern, NC; daughters, Courtney Henderson Newkirk (Dewitt), Schuyler Henderson, Georgette Henderson Jones (Cassiem) all of Greenville, NC; grandchildren, Samuel, Stephan, and Madison Newkirk, Raymond, Jr. and Janiya Cox, Bryce Henderson, Michael and Jaxson Jones; her brother, Eric Kenyear (Debra); sister, Alice Faye Webb, PA; godsons, Tony Bond and Carlton Thompson; goddaughter, McKenzie Taylor; sisters and brothers in love; a host of aunts, uncles nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Koinonia Christian Center Church
1405 Greenville Blvd SW
Greenville, NC 27834

Tribute Wall



“ *I miss your peach cobbler so much and I love you*



janiya cox - March 18, 2024 at 09:02 AM



“ *Mrs. Stephanye Henderson*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *My heart is so deeply saddened to learn that Mrs. Stephanye has passed away. She meant a GREAT deal to our family. She touched our lives in such a miraculous way. If it weren't for her knowledge and gentle advise, I woukd never have known about what was going on with my autistic son.*

I salute you Mrs Stephanye Kenyear Henderson. Words will never express my gratitude for you allowing God to help bring answers and results into our lives. For that we will forever be thankful.

My continuous prayers for the family. We have had a great loss but Heaven has had an even greater gain.

Love always..The Vance and Wiggins family

Teresa Vance - August 28, 2018 at 08:32 PM

VM

“ *Victoria Mltchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson*



Victoria Mltchell - January 23, 2018 at 01:32 PM

VM

“ *My name is Victoria, she was the best doctor I ever had, she always kept it real with me and I am going to truly miss her and I will be praying for her family.*



Victoria Mltchell - January 23, 2018 at 01:30 PM



“ *Dr Stephanie Kenyear was awesome woman of God She will be missing to family and you have my deepest sympathy love you all*

Terry Westmoreland - January 16, 2018 at 06:17 PM



“ *Terry Westmoreland sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson*



Terry Westmoreland - January 16, 2018 at 06:15 PM



“ Terry Westmoreland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson



Terry Westmoreland - January 16, 2018 at 06:13 PM



“ Laura McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson



Laura McDaniel - January 10, 2018 at 08:53 PM



Stephanye was an awesome, caring person and will be sadly missed. Mrs. Janie- I think of you so often and am lifting you and your family in prayer through this very difficult time.

Laura McDaniel - January 10, 2018 at 08:58 PM



“ Stephanye were a good friend and my cousin she love her family and she will be greatly missed.



Lessie Clemons - January 10, 2018 at 11:59 AM

KB

“ I want to send my deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Stephanie Henderson.

The bible tells us we can gain comfort from God, even during times of sorrow. We pray to our heavenly father for help to cope with the sorrow felt from the death of a loved one.

“May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and gave everlasting comfort and good hope by means of undeserved kindness, comfort your hearts and make you firm.”—2 Thess. 2:16, 17.

May you find comfort by relying on our heavenly father and learning more about the blessings of God's kingdom.

Local ministry volunteer

KBattle - January 09, 2018 at 06:39 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home And Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - January 09, 2018 at 03:27 PM

TK

“ Stephanye was a kind and patient sister in law to me during my preteen years. I have fond memories of her playing the piano. And we bonded over the spelling of our names. Condolences to her family.



Tammye Greene King - January 09, 2018 at 08:20 AM

RS

“ Prayers and sympathy that her beautiful memories will bring you comfort, and the Heavenly Father grant you peace and strength.



Rev. Sarah Littlejohn Smith - January 08, 2018 at 11:41 PM

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KBattle - January 08, 2018 at 09:28 PM

LF

“ Lori Fenner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson



Lori Fenner - January 08, 2018 at 03:29 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson.



January 07, 2018 at 08:44 PM



“ Starr And Greg Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson



Starr and Greg Murphy - January 07, 2018 at 10:51 AM



Stephanie lit every room she entered, always giving of herself to others. Heaven has gained a beautiful angel.

Starr and Greg Murphy - January 07, 2018 at 10:53 AM



“ Douglas Loftin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson



Douglas Loftin - January 07, 2018 at 06:53 AM

TF

“ *The McKinnon Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson*



The McKinnon Family - January 06, 2018 at 04:10 PM

RP

“ *Robin And John Palmer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson*



Robin and John Palmer - January 06, 2018 at 02:54 PM

BG

“ *Barbara George lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson*



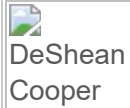
Barbara George - January 06, 2018 at 01:11 PM

BF

“ *Barbara George & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson*



Barbara George & Family - January 06, 2018 at 01:11 PM



“ *From weakness to strength, from grass to grace and from nothing to something. The knowledge you have imparted unto me has been a tremendous blessing . In loving memory of a great nurse mentor and friend. With all of my love and respect, DeShean R. Cooper & Family!*



DeShean Cooper - January 06, 2018 at 12:35 PM

DF

“ *DeShean R. Cooper and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson.*



DeShean R. Cooper and Family - January 06, 2018 at 12:29 PM

JA

“ *Johnetta James & Jessica Bowen Austin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson.*



Johnetta James & Jessica Bowen Austin - January 06, 2018 at 10:43 AM

SS

“ *Soror Floleeshur Sawyer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson*



Soror Floleeshur Sawyer - January 05, 2018 at 11:06 PM

AF

“ *Annie H. Walston And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson*



Annie H. Walston and family - January 05, 2018 at 09:32 PM

KF

“ *Katie Forney lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson*



Katie Forney - January 05, 2018 at 09:20 PM

SB

“ *Sharon C. Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson*



Sharon C. Bryant - January 05, 2018 at 09:16 PM

IS

“ *Integrated Family Services purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson.*



Integrated Family Services - January 05, 2018 at 02:42 PM

TR

“ *Thurman & Jacqueline Roseboro lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson*



Thurman & Jacqueline Roseboro - January 05, 2018 at 01:28 PM

TH

Love and Prayers

Thurman - January 05, 2018 at 01:29 PM

KR

“ *Sending my love, prayers and condolences to the family. I had the pleasure of working with Stephanye at CBHS some years ago. She had a radiant smile and was always so sweet.*

Kendya Reddick

Kendya Reddick - January 05, 2018 at 12:21 PM

DD

“ *This woman of God will be truly missed but never forgotten. Loving daughter, wife, mother, cousin and friend. I will always remember how she was there for the difficult times in my family crisis especially during the loss of my brother James Green. She spoke words of comfort to me that I will always remember. Love you cuz see you later in God's kingdom. Praying for our family.*

Dicy Durham - January 05, 2018 at 12:14 PM

SB

“ *Starlin L. And Pamela Simmons Beatty lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson*



Starlin L. and Pamela Simmons Beatty - January 04, 2018 at 10:43 PM

RB

“ *We are so sorry for your lost. Stephanye was a beautiful child and grew into a lovely lady who touched people's heart. Ms. Janie my heart breaks for you because I know how you feel. God Bless you and family and know that others care and share your grief.*

Rochelle and Family

Rochelle Benjamin - January 04, 2018 at 11:43 AM

DF

“ *Deborah Holloway & Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson*



Deborah Holloway & Family - January 04, 2018 at 10:44 AM

CB

“ *Cassandra Collins Barber lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson*



Cassandra Collins Barber - January 03, 2018 at 06:33 PM

CB

My prayers and condolences goes out to Mrs. Janie Kenyear and family.

Cassandra Collins Barber - January 03, 2018 at 06:44 PM

SM

“ *Sharon Rodgers Maalik*



Sharon Rodgers Maalik - January 03, 2018 at 06:06 PM

DL

“ *Don And Myrna Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson*



Don and Myrna Lewis - January 03, 2018 at 02:57 PM

BS

“ *Brendolyn Midgett Singleton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson*



Brendolyn Midgett Singleton - January 03, 2018 at 11:15 AM

ME

Peace and comfort to my adopted family. Stephanye was my sister in Christ, Delta sister as we pledged together, my neighbor at one point and colleague at the hospital. We go way back and Mrs Janie is my eldest friend as people thought that I was Stephanye at times when we worked at the hospital a long time ago. Rest in peace Stephanye, you fought a good fight and God has your 🙏 waiting for you.

Marsha Eastland - January 04, 2018 at 07:52 AM

AF

“ Anderson Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson



Anderson Family - January 02, 2018 at 10:39 PM

NC

“ Nettes Childcare sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Stephanye Henderson



Nettes Childcare - January 02, 2018 at 10:31 PM

SB

“ Stephanye, you were such a beautiful and loving soul, a role model, and a die hard friend. I will miss you so much. You have made such a difference in my life. I am happy that you are finally at peace. I pray for peace for Mike, Schuyler, Courtney, Mrs. Kenyear, your grandchildren, and Eric and his family and all of your extended family. I know your father will be waiting for you with open arms. With love and profound admiration - Sandra Vail Bass on behalf of the William A. Vail Family.

Sandra Vail Bass - January 02, 2018 at 09:31 PM

DH

“ *Stephanye fought the good fight and she won! We have been friends since before kindergarten. I think that I have known her almost as long as I have known myself. She is free now, no more pain and suffering. Our selfish flesh would have tried to keep you but our loving Father knew your end even on March 17, 1953. Rest on, my friend. You are in His presence now. We will see you when we get there.*

Deborah

Deborah Holloway - January 02, 2018 at 08:01 PM