

# Celebrating *The Life Of*

A portrait of an elderly woman with short, curly, light-colored hair, wearing glasses and a dark top. She is smiling and looking directly at the camera. The background of the portrait is a soft, out-of-focus mix of red and green.

*Thelma Stephens*  
*"Buggs"*

**Born Into Life:**  
**November 4, 1945**

**Born Into Eternity:**  
**October 4, 2019**

**Saturday, October 12, 2019**  
**9:00am**

*William C. Harris Funeral Directors*

*Spanish Lake Chapel*

**1645 Redman Road~ St. Louis, Missouri 63138**



THE LIFE REFLECTIONS OF  
*Thelma Stephens "Buggs"*

*Thelma Stephens "Buggs" was born November 4, 1945 to the union of Espey R. Williams and Aline M. Williams in St. Louis, Missouri.*

*She received her education at Vashon High School and studied at Harris Stowe University and Lindenwood University.*

*She confessed faith in Christ at the age of 12.*

*She was united in Holy Matrimony to John L. Burns Jr., in 1966, and to this union four children Michael Lee, Letitia Nicole, Julian Lee and Gwywell LaiLoni Burns were born. She later met and married Michael S. Stephens after 11 years of courtship, God blessed them with a total of 35 years of the most wonderful, unconditional love affair. From that blended family came two beautiful children Kelly Hill and Kara Stephens Bachman.*

*She was employed with the St. Louis Public Schools until she retired in 1997.*

*Thelma "Buggs" was a mother to more than just the children she gave birth to, her heart, home, and arms were open to all who had a need. She taught us that friends were really just an extension of family. Family fight's for one another, family loves one another. Those relationships were and are nurtured from inside the kitchen, where mama created the most amazing food. She always had enough, even when we didn't. With equal parts love, seasonings, and butter she fed the stomach and soul.*

## Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Reading

Delores Carson Allen

Prayer

Rev. M. Cheeks

Music Selection

Cheryl Brown  
The Battle is not yours

Condolences & Memories

(3 mins please)

Life Reflections

(Read silently to soft music)

Tributes

Music Selection

Cheryl Brown

Eulogy

Rev. Marcus Cheeks

Benediction

Recessional



## Interment

St. Peters Cemetery  
2101 Lucas & Hunt Road ~ St. Louis, Missouri 63121

## Repast

The Signature Room  
9002 Overland Plaza ~ Overland, Missouri 63114

## THE LIFE REFLECTIONS CONT.

*Around the table we laughed, fought, debated, cried and grew up. Most important we loved, we promise to honor your life and memory by loving each other and holding each other close.*

*She departed this life on October 4, 2019. She was preceded in death by her husband Michael and both parents, siblings Samuel, Red, Peaches and her son Michael.*

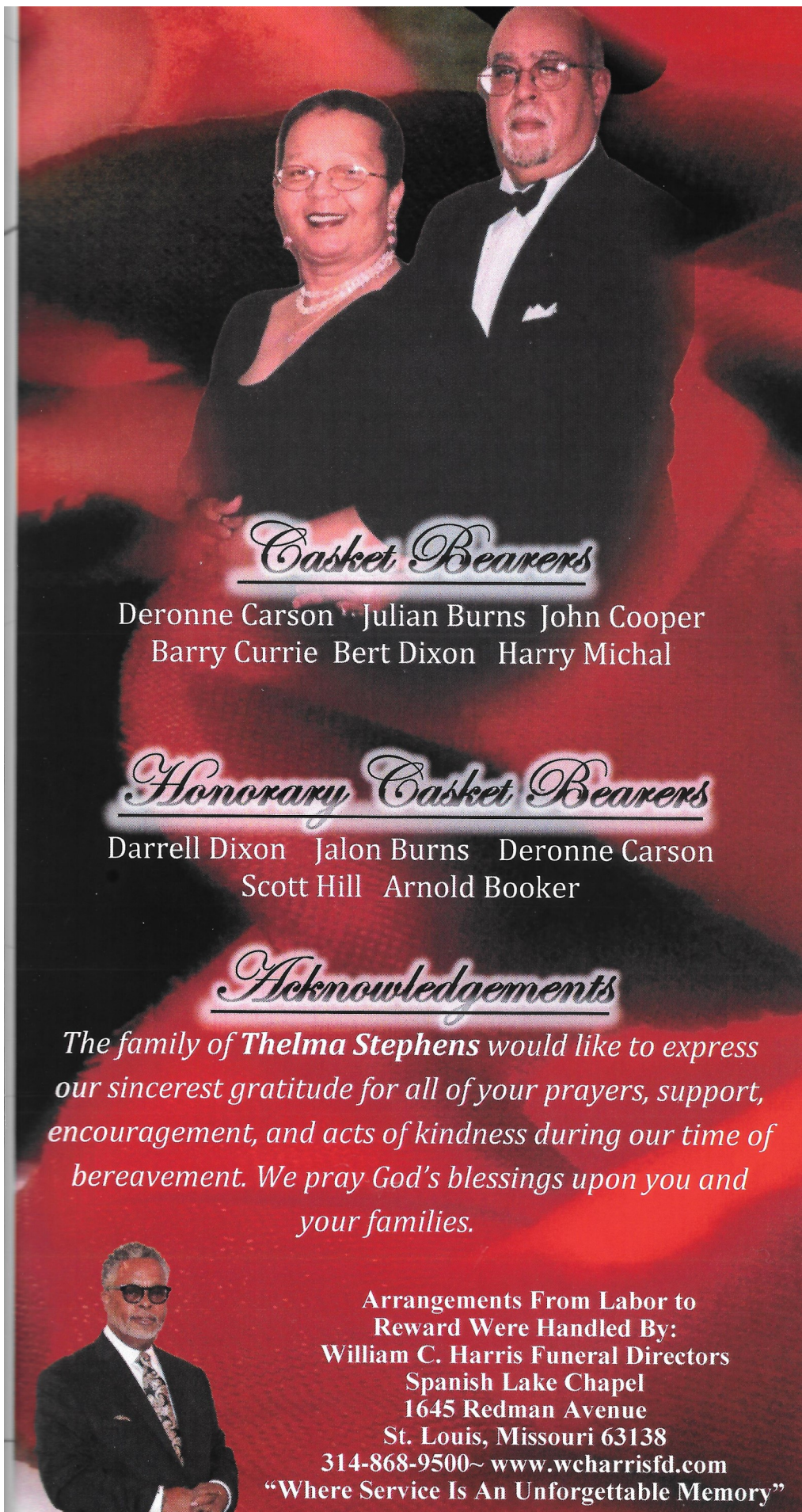
*She leaves to cherish her memories: children~ Letitia Burns, Julian Burns, Gwynell Carson, Kelly Hill, Kara Stephens Bachman; siblings~ Gwynell Graham (Nathaniel), Louise Stepney, Rosaline Williams, Dewitt Williams (JoCarol) and a host of other relatives and friends.*











### *Casket Bearers*

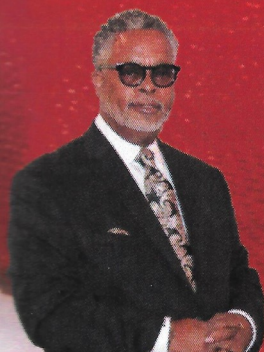
Deronne Carson · Julian Burns John Cooper  
Barry Currie Bert Dixon Harry Michal

### *Honorary Casket Bearers*

Darrell Dixon Jalon Burns Deronne Carson  
Scott Hill Arnold Booker

### *Acknowledgements*

*The family of Thelma Stephens would like to express our sincerest gratitude for all of your prayers, support, encouragement, and acts of kindness during our time of bereavement. We pray God's blessings upon you and your families.*



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