

*“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.”*

— Revelation 21:4

### Pall Bearers

Family and Friends

### Flower Attendants

Friends of the Family

### Interment

*[viewing from a distance]*

**Monday, September 29, 2025**

10:00 am

### Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Avenue  
Bushnell, FL 33513



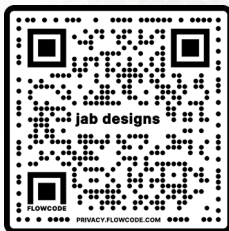
### Words of Appreciation

The Family of Ellen Stephens wishes to express their deepest appreciation and sincere gratitude to those who have offered texts, e-mails, calls, prayers, support, and well-wishes during their time of bereavement. Thank you for your love and strength which, along with the strength of God, has helped to sustain us through our sorrow. May God continue to bless you!

We take comfort in 1 Corinthians 2:9...

*“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”* — the Family

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# Celebrating the Life

OF

# Ellen Bettina Godwin Stephens

*“Ellen carried herself with grace, gave generously of her time and talents, and lived in a way that reflected her deep love for the Lord and for others.”*



Sunrise  
**March 21, 1954**

Sunset  
**September 11, 2025**

**Saturday, September 27, 2025 • 11:00 am**

### El Bethel Temple of Jesus at Orlando

3000 Bruton Boulevard, Orlando, FL 32805

#### Officiating

*Pastor David V. Thomas*

#### Mitchell's Funeral Home

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# A Legacy™

*A Heritage: Character Qualities, Memoirs...*



*Yet we have this assurance: Those who belong to God will live; their bodies will rise again! Those who sleep in the earth will rise up and sing for joy!*

– Isaiah 26:19<sub>NLT</sub>

## Ellen Bettina Godwin Stephens

Ellen Bettina Godwin Stephens was born on March 21, 1954, in Orlando, Florida, to John Wilson Godwin and Lola Beatrice Godwin. She and her two sisters were lovingly raised by their grandmother, Rose Lee Woods, who instilled in them the values of faith, family, and perseverance that carried Ellen throughout her life.

Ellen was a proud graduate of Jones High School, Class of 1972. During her time there, she was a cherished member of the Jones High Choir under the direction of Mrs. Edna Hargrett. Her gift of music carried her forward to Florida A&M University, where she pursued her love of learning and earned a degree in Music Education. While at FAMU, Ellen also pledged Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., a sisterhood that remained dear to her heart.



On June 25, 1989, Ellen married the love of her life, Charles J. Stephens. Together, they built a strong and faith-filled home, and to this union, one son was born—Cornelius James. Ellen's family was her crown and joy. Truly, she embodied the words of Proverbs 31, a virtuous woman whose husband, her son, her family, church family, and friends all rise up and call her blessed.



Her laughter, music, and love left a mark on everyone who knew her. She carried herself with grace, gave generously of her time and talents, and lived in a way that reflected her deep love for the Lord and for others.

Ellen leaves to cherish her memory her devoted **husband** – Charles J. Stephens; her loving **son** – Cornelius James Stephens; her **sister** – Coronet Almeatha Scarborough (Nathaniel); her **brothers-in-law** – Ricky McQueen (Cynthia), Eddie Faulk (Mary), Gene McQueen (Phyllis), and Thomas Gerald Stephens; her **sister-in-law** – Debra Ann Stephens; along with a host of **cousins, nieces, nephews**, extended family, and many sorrowing friends who will hold her memory close.

# Order of Service

*Officiating* – Pastor David V. Thomas  
*Presiding Prelate* – Dr. Cliff C Morris, Jr.  
*Eulogist* – Elder Lillie Jean Conway



**Processional** – *“Hallelujah, Salvation And Glory”*

**Congregational Song** – *“When We All Get to Heaven”*

**Invocation** .....Dr. Cliff Morris, Jr.  
*Presiding Prelate – El Bethel Temple of Jesus at Orlando*

**Prayer Response** – *“It is Well with My Soul”*

**Scripture Readings**  
Old Testament .....Elder Williams James  
New Testament .....Elder Lorry James

**Reflections** (*limit remarks to 3 minutes each, please*)  
As a Choir Member and Deaconess –  
Deaconess Mary Hall  
As a Soror – Karen Floyd

**Resolutions & Acknowledgments**

**Reading of the Legacy** (*soft music*)

**Solo** ..... Charlyce Simmons

**Eulogy** .....Elder Lillie Jean Conway

**Recessional**



I GO  
John 14:1-3

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. **I GO** to prepare a place for you.

And if **I GO** and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.