



## Anna Belle Spiggle Stephens

February 25, 1932 - May 29, 2020

Anna Belle Spiggle Stephens 1932 ! 2020 Anna Belle Stephens, of Fort Valley, passed away on Friday, May 29, 2020 at home. She is predeceased by her loving husband, Calvin Timothy Stephens, Sr. Anna Belle is survived by her children; Sally Stephens Ball, Tim Stephens (Nancy), Kenny Stephens (Bonnie), Sam Stephens (Teri), Keith Stephens (Donna); her grandchildren Jessica Ball Marrow (Tim), Jennifer Ball Giles (Keith), Dagan Stephens (Kristin), Derrick Stephens (Fiance Katie Spitzer), Mark Stephens (Melissa), Matthew Stephens, Jerod Stephens (Tayler), Eric Stephens, and Hannah Stephens; her great-grandchildren Chase Marrow, Warren Giles, Calvin Giles, Calligan Stephens, Gibson Stephens, Lane Stephens, Kora Stephens, Luke Stephens, Briar Stephens, and Anna Kate Stephens, due in July; her sisters Kathaleen (Tookie) Spiggle Clem (Billy), Judy Spiggle Cook (Larry), and Sue Spiggle; her sister-in-law Maxine Stephens Pence (William). She is also survived by many, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and her wonderful friends at the Fort Valley Senior Center and her church family. She is predeceased by a sister, Shirley Spiggle Polk, her brothers Robert Spiggle, Sr., Samuel (Bud) Spiggle, and Claude Spiggle. Anna Belle was born February 25, 1932 in the Readus area of Edinburg to the late Samuel Lorenza and Fleta May Bowers Spiggle. She graduated from Edinburg High School in 1949. After high school she held several jobs in the area before meeting her husband Calvin whom she married in 1950 and moved to Fort Valley where she lived for the remainder of her life. During those years she worked at Blue

Bell and Aileen and helped around the farm. Soon she and Calvin welcomed their five children who were her pride and joy. Anna Belle and Calvin ran St Davids Grocery and the adjoining post office. After Calvin's death in 1975, she became the Postmaster of St Davids Church Post Office which then merged with Seven Fountains Post Office to become Fort Valley Post Office. In 2009, after 34 years, she retired from the postal service. She was a member of Oak Hill Church of the Brethren, Fort Valley Fire Department Ladies Auxillary, and a docent at Fort Valley Museum. Anna Belle was an amazing woman. She lived life to the fullest and made the most of everyday she was here with us. In her younger years, she enjoyed horseback riding and pitching horseshoes. She loved spending time at the ""rivah"" with her sisters or going on trips with them to visit their brother in South Carolina. She was always on the go and always had something she was working on, no matter the time of year. In the summer, she could often be found out in her beautiful flower beds, planting flowers, pulling weeds, spreading mulch and hosting Moonflower parties for her friends and family. As summer turned to fall it was time to gather walnuts so she could crack and shell them to be used in her yummy Raw Apple Cakes. And of course she would hold court over the apple butter kettles, making sure the kids and grandkids got them spiced just right. As the leaves began to fall from the trees and the weather got colder, it was time to pull out all those bags and bags of fabric. She would sit and cut fabric for hours to roll into balls which were then turned into beautiful rag rugs. When she wasn't busy cutting rags for rugs, she could be found in her chair working on her needlepoint quilt squares, except for Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tuesdays were reserved for time at the Fort Valley Senior Center, where she and her friends would play cards, tell stories, and spend time with the children at Faith Lutheran Preschool and Thursdays were reserved for time with her Woodstock Seniors Group. Some days she could be found out checking the cows on her four-wheeler or riding the trails with her grandkids. She was even known to ride her four-wheeler to Seniors when she had a dead battery or a flat tire. The last few years she rode her four-wheeler in the Fort Valley 4th of

July Parade and even rode in the Edinburg Ole Time Festival Parade. Anna Belle was full of color and life which showed in her ""Skittles-colored"" toe nails which matched her colorful personality. Anna Belle should not be remembered for the day she was born or the day she passed, but for the exclamation point that was her life. Pallbearers will be Jessica Ball Marrow, Jennifer Ball Giles, Dagan Stephens, Derrick Stephens, Mark Stephens, Matthew Stephens, Jerod Stephens, Eric Stephens, and Hannah Stephens. The family wishes to extend a special thank you to Blue Ridge Hospice, especially Jeanna Miller and Wanda Stephens for the loving care they provided in her last months and days. A private burial service will be held at Detrick Cemetery in Fort Valley, Virginia conducted by Pastor Duke McCaffrey of Oak Hill Church of the Brethren. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Oak Hill Church of the Brethren, 1705 South Fort Valley Road, Fort Valley; Faith Lutheran Preschool, PO Box 132, Fort Valley,; Detrick Cemetery, 6378 Woodstock Tower Road, Fort Valley; Fort Valley Volunteer Fire Department, 7088 Fort Valley Road, Fort Valley; or a charity of your choice. Cemetery Details Detrick Cemetery Seven Fountains Road Fort Valley, VA 22652

# Tribute Wall

BD

“ I just found out Anna Belle passed and I wanted to share my condolences. I only met her once, when I interviewed her in February for an article for the Shenandoah Update. The COVID-19 pandemic prevented me from publishing the story in April as planned, however, I do hope to release something very soon. She struck me as a wonderful, giving person with a spark that kept her a step ahead. I also admired her courage and drive to live every moment of her life. May God send his comfort to her family as we honor her memory. Brenda Diehl

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**Brenda Sanford Diehl** - July 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Anna Belle was such an institution in Fort Valley! She was always a delight whether you met her at the post office or out in the community. Fort Valley's light is just a bit dimmer without her sparkling personality. She will be missed!

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**Pam Murphy** - June 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ I only got to meet Anna Belle last year, and I could tell just from my visit how she instilled such a great work ethic and devotion to community service in her family. I'm sure she will greatly missed, but what a legacy and inspiration! Bob Peer

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**Bob Peer** - June 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Fort Valley and the world has lost a true gem. I remember long talks with Anna Belle and how much she welcomed me to The Fort when I moved here in 2000. Mary Murphy

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**Mary Murphy** - June 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Anne Belle will always hold a special place in our hearts. What a special lady and great example to everyone who knew her. Her wit, enthusiasm for life, no-nonsense style, hard work, and giant heart will be remembered. Though not by blood, we considered her family. Her wonderful family is testament to a life well lived. For all of the Stephens family, we pray for peace, comfort, and the ability to remember the beautiful times. Love, Jamie & Troy Cash (Richmond)

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**Jamie Cash** - June 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ So sorry for your loss & thinking of u at this difficult time may you all find peace & comfort as time goes & you start to think back over so many happy,fun memories you all have shared it's never easy to lose the rock of the family . With our deepest sympathy, Phil, April, Cole & Brady Baker

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**April A Baker** - June 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ What a beautiful tribute to a wonderful lady. I felt the love her family had for her. My deepest sympathy for your loss ,but wow, What a life well lived!!! Deepest Sympathy, Jane Meadows McDaniel

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**JANE MCDANIEL** - June 02, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ When I think of Anna Belle I will always smile...she was such a fun loving person that I always truly enjoyed being around. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this most difficult time, but I hope you can find comfort in knowing she lived her life to the fullest and left her mark on our communtiy in so many ways. Sending our love to you all, Larry Cave & Sandy Burner-Cave

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**Larry Cave & Sandy Burner-Cave** - June 02, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire family on the passing of such a Wonderful person. May your fond memories give you comfort in the coming weeks and months. God bless you all. Matt Burkett*

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**Matt Burkett** - June 02, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Prayers and Thoughts for the family*

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**Bubby Shipe** - June 02, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Mike Blackburn purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Anna Belle Spiggle Stephens.*

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**Mike Blackburn** - June 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Anna Belle Spiggle Stephens.*

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**Lavender Reflections Spray** - June 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family! Mrs. Stephens touched a lot of lives, she will be deeply missed! Kenny and Grace Farmer*

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**Grace Farmer** - June 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *Best Post Mistress ever! Well done faithful servant. Blessings to your beautiful family. A life well lived is a wonderful testimony. Love Susan Larson*

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**Susan Larson** - June 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Keith, Our thoughts and prayers are with the Stephens family during this difficult time. Love, The Albis family

Carl S. Albis, Jr. - June 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Stephen's and Spiggle Families. I am so sorry for your loss. Anna Belle was a sweet and kind,fun loving lady. My mother, Polly Hamman, always enjoyed time she spent with her and her sisters. She fought the good fight. May God be of comfort and bring you all peace. With heartfelt prayers and sympathy. Kay Hamman.

Kay Hamman - June 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Tim, Nancy and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. God Bless and help you through.

Maggie and Gary Good - June 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ So sorry for your loss. Heaven gained an angel... Rich Cooley

Rich Cooley - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family?

cassandra Frye - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Keith~ So sorry for your loss. Some of my best childhood memories are with you riding horses when we were young. Your dad was a jokester and your mom was always kind and made me welcome. I appreciate all of the many hours I spent in the fort with you and your family. I'm lifting you all up for peace, love and comfort during this time. Please take care- Carla Harbison Woodward

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**Carla Woodward** - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ I never got to meet you but I knew you well! I got to share the good times and not so good because Sally was great on keeping us informed. I loved you deeply.

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**paulette craig** - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Annebelle was such a kind and loving person. She will greatly be missed. Prayers

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**Sharon** - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Our deepest sympathy to Anna Belle's entire family at this difficult time. She was a wonderful woman and will truly be missed by everyone in the Fort. God bless each of you. Gary and Jerry Stinson.

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**Gary and Jerry Ann Stinson** - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Prayers and condolences from all of the Ritenours.

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**Dail Ritenour** - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Michael Stephens purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Anna Belle Spiggle Stephens.*

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**Michael Stephens** - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM