



## Mabel Stephens Ritchie

June 18, 2015

Mabel Marietta Stephens Ritchie, 72, of Woodstock, passed away Tuesday at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, June 27, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at Columbia Furnace Church of the Brethren. Reverends Bill Fitchett and Brian Duncan will officiate. A Fellowship meal will follow the Celebration service. Mrs. Ritchie was born April 21, 1943 in Shenandoah County, daughter of the late Dabney Thomas Stephens and Maude Edna Shipe Stephens. She formerly worked at Blue Bell, Woodstock Manufacturing, Leggetts, Holtzman Oil and retired as a secretary for her sons' construction company. She was a member of the Columbia Furnace Church of the Brethren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Carl Stephens, Garland ""Bud"" Stephens and Thomas ""Tommy"" Stephens and two sisters, Helen Duncan and Gladys Walters. She is survived by two sons, William T. Murden and his wife Patricia A. of Woodstock and Travis L. Murden of Basye; one sister, Catherine Neff of Woodstock; four brothers, Jerry Stephens, Charlie Stephens, Stanley Stephens and Lester Stephens all of Fort Valley; five grandchildren, Brittany Murden, Chasity Murden, Alan Murden, Melinda Wallace and Stevie Murden. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Columbia Furnace Church of the Brethren, 20910 Senedo Road, Edinburg, Virginia 22824.

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ Tom and family, Very sorry for your loss. May your memories give you comfort in the days ahead.

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**Steve and Gay Bauserman** - June 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ To all of the Murden Family Mabel was my second mother growing up, especially during my high school years. She always had her door open with food on the table and food for the soul, when she made us get out of bed on Sunday for church. I was probably not as thankful at this time in my life. Thanks to her getting on the social media we communicated several times and she was the second mom again and I was able to let her know. Thank again for sharing such a special person and God bless.

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**Jeff Rush** - June 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Mabel worked with my mother at Blue Bell and I worked with Mabel at Leggett. She was always very kind and it was great knowing her. She was patient when we interrupted her work by coming up to the office window and needing change for the registers or other paperwork. I know she prayed for me when I was going through a tough time and I appreciated it very much. May memories of your mom bring you much happiness. In Christ's Love.

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**Joy Gochenour Cutlip** - June 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I'm praying for the family and I know the Lord will help you in your time of sorrow. Let me know if there is anything I can do. I remember years ago how we used to go to Mabel's Country Store. We go way back as friends. Mabel, was a special lady and I know she will be missed by all of us who knew Mabel. God Bless You All ! We Love You! The Clatterbuck Family.

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**Betty Clatterbuck Bucher** - June 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Such a sweet lady. I never seen her that she didn't have a smiling face. RIP!

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June 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ Mabel, I missed yours and Catherine smiles and all the hugs that I got from you. You are/was a very special lady you always offered to help someone in need. You will be missed for a long time. But you are so lucky because you are now with our heavenly father and where you can be happy forever. REJOICE IN PEACE!!!!!!!!!!:-)

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**velvet powell** - June 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM