



Verna Dee Stephens

July 30, 1943 - December 19, 2025

Verna Dee Stephens, 82, of Kalkaska, ended her long battle with Alzheimer's Dementia on December 19, 2025. She was born on July 30, 1943 in Pontiac, Michigan to the late Vernon and Naomi (McLain) Frye. She spent the majority of her life in Kalkaska with her husband of 51 years, James "Bill" Stephens. Verna led a quiet life, marked not by loud achievements, but by steady love and gentle talent. A humble, self-taught painter, she found joy in creating new works of art, never seeking praise, but simply sharing them with friends. She also crocheted and knitted countless pieces, each one a small act of care and patience. You could often find Verna out riding her bike or taking small walks. She was content in life's ordinary tasks. Above all else, Verna was devoted to her family. There was nothing she wouldn't do for them, no sacrifice too great, no request met without pure kindness. Her love was constant. Her presence was reassuring. Her heart was endlessly generous. Verna will be remembered for her quiet strength and the deep, unwavering love she gave so freely. She will be forever missed by her two children Todd (Kim) Stephens and Darci (Mike) Fitch. Verna cherished her family, especially her grandchildren: Morgan (Jacob) Hersha, Alaina (Caleb VI) Horton, Mackenzie and Alison Luck. She was also blessed with three great grandchildren: Caleb Horton VII, Brynlee Horton, and Quincy Hersha. A graveside service will take place in the spring at Evergreen Cemetery in Kalkaska. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

272 West St.
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

RO

“ *My thoughts & prayers go out to Verna's family! She was such a sweet & loving lady, whom I was priviledged to have as a friend. She & Bill were such a great couple and always good & kind friends whom I have great memories of. I was in school with both of them and Bill grew up as our next door neighbor when we were kids growing up in the country. May their family find peace in the wonderful memories they share. Bill & Verna were so proud of Y'All, and they shared their joy of their family. May God Bless each of you!*

Rodgers - January 06 at 02:59 PM

ME

“ *Rest in peace dear Verna.*



Melanie - December 22, 2025 at 09:47 AM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Verna Dee Stephens.*



December 22, 2025 at 08:26 AM

RE

“ *rosemary eichenberg lit a candle in memory of Verna Stephens*



rosemary eichenberg - December 22, 2025 at 07:36 AM

KS

“ *We are so sorry, our prayers and thoughts go out to the family.*

Kent and Linda Sieting - December 21, 2025 at 05:53 PM

DN

“ *Deborah Newell lit a candle in memory of Verna Stephens*



Deborah Newell - December 21, 2025 at 04:26 PM

NC

“ *We had Many good times together, great friends.*

Norma, Glenn Cotton - December 21, 2025 at 12:02 PM

RL

“ *Rest in peace sweet Verna, you will be truly be missed ❤️ Prayers for her family.*

Rachel Letts - December 21, 2025 at 03:56 AM