



Rhea Louise Stephens

June 18, 1945 - June 29, 2025

ADRIAN- Rhea Louise Stephens, who recently celebrated her 80th birthday passed away on Sunday, June 29, 2025, at ProMedica Charles & Virginia Hickman Hospital.

Rhea was born on June 18, 1945, in Adrian, Michigan, the oldest daughter of Louie and Elizabeth (Schmidt) Fischer.

On April 20, 1968, Rhea married Bruce Stephens at North Blissfield Immanuel Lutheran Church. During their 50 years together, they were blessed with three sons. Rhea embraced their sons' activities and never missed a sporting event. Her children and later grandchildren could count on Rhea being in the stands and quietly sending her strength and support out to them.

Rhea worked for Adrian Public Schools as an Administrative Assistant at Adrian High School and LISD. She was a long-time member of the First United Methodist Church in Adrian, where she was involved in volunteering prepping meals for the local community. Rhea was also a proud member of the Alpha Omega women's group. She enjoyed building new friendships while learning about others' hobbies and interests.

Rhea enjoyed being outdoors tending to her yard and flower gardens; with her specialty being tea roses. She shared her knowledge of tea roses with others and would often lead classes on how to care for them. Her creativity showed in the many scrapbooks Rhea completed on family accomplishments and travels. In the winter months, Rhea would leave the Michigan winters behind and head to Florida and Arizona and enjoy the warmer weather with her

children and grandchildren.

Survivors include her sons, Jeff (Tarja), Greg, and Brad (Sharon) Stephens, grandchildren, Tomas and Mia Stephens, Jake and Josh Stephens, and Sage and Trey Stephens, her siblings, Raymond, Royal, Roland, Robert and Rebecca and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial visitation will take place on Friday, July 11, 2025, at Wagley Funeral Home in Adrian, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. On Saturday, July 12, 2025, a memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM at the First United Methodist Church, Adrian with Rev. Alice Ford officiating

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First United Methodist Church.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI 49221
(517) 263-1400
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

Memorial Service

JUL 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
1245 West Maple Avenue
Adrian, MI

Tribute Wall

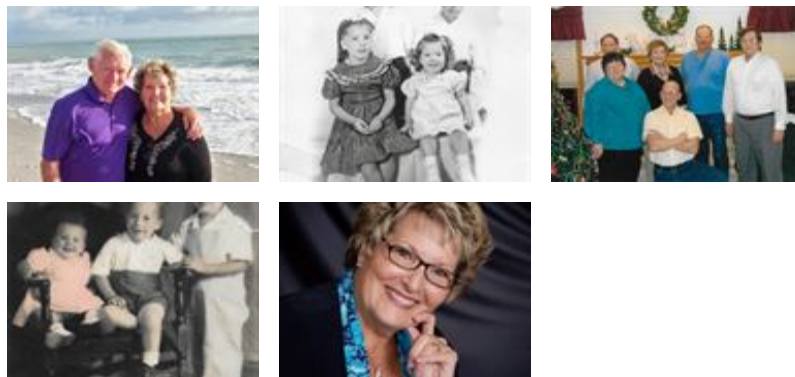
SA

“ Rhea’s smile and warmth will never be forgotten! Our sympathies to her family from tim and me.

Sue Allshouse - July 11, 2025 at 04:34 PM



“ 212 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wagley Funeral Home - July 11, 2025 at 09:08 AM

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“ 1440 Fairlane dr fam. Andra and kids purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rhea Louise Stephens.



1440 Fairlane dr fam. Andra and kids - July 09, 2025 at 11:30 PM

PF

“ Pat and, Phyllis McDevitt and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rhea Louise Stephens.



Pat and, Phyllis McDevitt and family - July 09, 2025 at 09:39 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rhea Louise Stephens.



July 08, 2025 at 01:18 PM

CG

“ Sending my deepest sympathy for your loss.
Cheryl Schmidt Gigax



Cheryl Gigax - July 06, 2025 at 05:10 PM

JB

“ Jeff, Greg and Brad purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Rhea Louise Stephens.



Jeff, Greg and Brad - July 04, 2025 at 12:40 PM

LB

“ Rhea and I have been friends for years. What a lovely, caring lady she was. She and Bruce raised 3 boys who are successful and have been so attentive to Rhea - especially since Bruce passed. I'm feel so bad that she was taken so quickly when she had high hopes her treatment would give her more time to spend w/her family. Her suffering is over and she is a peace. Boys---you had a great set of parents and they loved you dearly. Luana Bixler

Luana J Bixler - July 04, 2025 at 10:10 AM

JS

“ Josh and Becky Stillo purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Rhea Louise Stephens.



Josh and Becky Stillo - July 03, 2025 at 06:19 PM

VW

“ Jeff, I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. She was a wonderful lady and I have fond memories of her—as both the kindest admin assistant at AHS and as my friend's quiet, gentle mom. My prayers are with you, your brothers, and your family.



Vicki Wood - July 02, 2025 at 12:11 AM