



## Zepherea Marie "Zeppy" Kidd

June 20, 1935 - November 29, 2015

KIDD, Mrs. Zepherea Marie "Zeppy" - Age 80, passed away Sunday November 29, 2015 at Boulevard Health Center in Rochester Hills, Michigan. Family hour 10:30 AM Wednesday, December 9, 2015 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home 268 North Perry Street, with Memorial service commencing immediately at 11:00 AM. Supt. Derrick L. Jones, Officiating. Family and friends will assemble at the funeral home at 10:30 AM Wednesday. There will be no Public Viewing.

Mrs. Zepherea Marie Kidd was born the sixth of nine children to Willie Ann (Montague) Stephens and Frank Stephens Sr. She was known as "Marie" or "Rea" to most, but affectionately called "Zeppy" by her husband. After living several years with dementia, God gave her wings on November 29, 2015, during her sleep at the Boulevard Health Center.

Mrs. Kidd was raised in Pontiac, Michigan, attending Pontiac Public Schools. As a child she was baptized at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, where she remained a faithful and active member until shortly after her February 2014 placement in the nursing home. As a single mother, she supported her children while employed as a domestic worker, later becoming a stay-at-home mom and housewife after marrying Lee Roy Kidd, in February 1967, with whom she had her last child. After retiring as a stay-at-home mom, she served as an Election Officer for District 1 of the City of Pontiac. She loved to cook,

preparing many southern-style meals and desserts for her husband and family. Many will never forget greens, dressing, beans, (or peas) and rice, cornbread, rice pudding, sweet potato and lemon meringue pies, pound cakes, fruit cakes, even the pancakes that only she could make. You could taste the love in her cooking! She loved her houseplants and enjoyed collecting elephants, and different types of each could be found in almost every room. She was a very sociable person who loved to travel and party, whether it was a family gathering, church picnic, neighborhood block party, club convention, American Legion weekends, or meeting weekly to play Pokeno with close friends. She also excelled at Bingo at the nursing home, winning every time! She was a member of the Wives of the 761st Tank Battalion and later the Golden Opportunity Seniors Club, never missing a function or outing. At home she would regularly sit with neighbors on the porch or walk around the block, "just to see what's going on" as she would say, and she did the same thing from her wheelchair in the nursing home. Marie and her husband were devoted to each other in their own special way, such that neither her nursing home placement nor his death just months ago, could keep them apart. A true love story played out in real life, she died of a broken heart, but they are now reunited at the Gates of Heaven. Marie was known for her sassy attitude, tell-it-like-is personality, big pretty eyes and smile, her love for food, and the "Ok I'm ready to go now!" She will be missed dearly by all who knew and loved her.

Mrs. Kidd is survived by five children, Janice (Bobby) Love, Bernadine (Keith) Bryant, Lewis (Bloneva) Stephens, Vonda Kidd (Knockie Moore) and Bonnie Smartt; thirteen grandchildren, Marvin (Keisha) Taylor, Tamara (Vaughn) Brown, Yolanda Dixon, KaTanya (Carlos) Edwards, Kelly Elam, Lewis (LaShawnda) Clark, Antoine, Kenyatta and Khalema Stephens, Donnie, Donielle, Derrick and DeAndre Smartt; thirty two great grandchildren; eight great great grandchildren; two sisters, Queen Ester Coleman-Webb and Geneva Dembo; five brothers, Gloucester, William, James Wesley (Mary),

Robert Earl (Jessie) and Jesse (Lue) Stephens; three sisters-in-law, Frankie (Leon) Chism, Canary Malone and Thelma (A.C.) Mosley; five brothers-in-law, Charles Malone Jr., William (Amelia), Isaiah, George (Annette) Lovelace (Harolyn) Kidd; a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives including special great nephew, DeV Vaughn Stephens.

Mrs. Kidd was preceded in death by her husband, Lee Roy Kidd; grandson, Raymond Clark Sr.; parents, Frank Sr. and Willie Ann Stephens; brother, Frank Stephens Jr.; uncles, James and Earl Montague; close sisters-in-law, Billie and Naomi Stephens; and several other in-laws.

The family would like to acknowledge and thank the following people for their kindness throughout the years: close friends, Edith Davis, Margaret Brewer, Betsy Barnes, Gladys Hardy, Nina Johnson, Mary Graves and Francis Scruggs; and for the last thirty-three months the staff at Boulevard Health Center.

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

DEC 9. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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268 North Perry Street  
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## Memorial Service

DEC 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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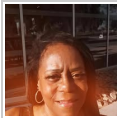
# Tribute Wall



“ Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Zepherea Marie "Zeppy" Kidd



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - December 09, 2015 at 08:00 AM



Beautiful home going service. Thank you for sharing. God Bless Kid/Stephens Family. Love you cousin. Shellene (Buby).

Shellene Stephens - December 09, 2015 at 11:42 AM

MA

Beautiful service! See you later Ree! Still praying for my family! Love to all!

Mavis - December 11, 2015 at 06:02 PM

KE

GRANNY YOU WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. REST PEACEFULLY WITH THE LORD

KaTanya Edwards - December 15, 2015 at 10:23 PM

JH

“ June Henderson lit a candle in memory of Zepherea Marie "Zeppy" Kidd



June Henderson - December 13, 2015 at 11:31 AM

JH

“ God's blessing to the Kidd family. Marie and Roy were not just friends, but family. May God continue to bless the family.

*Gladys Hardy and the Hardy family.*

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**June Henderson** - December 13, 2015 at 11:31 AM

KA

“ KAREN lit a candle in memory of Zepherea Marie "Zeppy" Kidd



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**KAREN** - December 10, 2015 at 02:35 AM

KM

“ Auntie Rie I will always remember your quiet smile. R.I.P.

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**Kimberly Munson** - December 09, 2015 at 05:28 AM

SR

“ My prayers are with the Stephen/Kidd families. GOD will bring you through this difficulty time as HE is faithful and will never leave us or forsake us. Shaylor ray



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**Shaylor Ray** - December 08, 2015 at 03:41 PM

KF

“ Kenneth James Stephens and Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Zepherea Marie "Zeppy" Kidd.



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**Kenneth James Stephens and Family** - December 08, 2015 at 02:02 PM

MH

“ Miss.M Hurner sent a virtual gift in memory of Zepherea Marie "Zeppy" Kidd



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**Miss.M Hurner** - December 04, 2015 at 10:04 AM

MM

“ To the entire family of Marie Kidd, (Stephens Family),

*Our deepest sympathy.*

*May the good Lord bless, and give you peace at this time of sadness.*

*Marilyn McDonald & Family  
Waterford, MI*

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**Marilyn McDonald** - December 03, 2015 at 01:32 PM

MH

“ *Miss.M Hurner sent a virtual gift in memory of Zepherea Marie "Zeppy" Kidd*



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**Miss.M Hurner** - December 03, 2015 at 11:18 AM

BH

“ *Barbara Barnes Haymond lit a candle in memory of Zepherea Marie "Zeppy" Kidd*



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**Barbara Barnes Haymond** - December 03, 2015 at 02:09 AM

BS

“ *My prayers are with the family in this time of sadness .May the Lord comfort you and give you strength God Bless You*



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**Bonji Small** - December 02, 2015 at 10:04 AM

BT

“ *Bernice Thomas lit a candle in memory of Zepherea Marie "Zeppy" Kidd*



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**Bernice Thomas** - December 02, 2015 at 06:53 AM

JS

“ *Janice Stewart lit a candle in memory of Zepherea Marie "Zeppy" Kidd*



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**Janice Stewart** - December 01, 2015 at 09:14 PM

SM

“ *We thank God for the life of Aunt Marie. You will be missed and I will see you again one day. I am praying for the family. Love Shaila and Family*

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**Shaila Murray** - December 01, 2015 at 08:20 PM

 Tammy Brown

“ *Forever loving and missing my granny. Love, Tamara & kids*



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**Tammy Brown** - December 01, 2015 at 06:04 PM

RS

“ *Renee Smoot lit a candle in memory of Zepherea Marie "Zeppy" Kidd*



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**Renee Smoot** - December 01, 2015 at 10:44 AM

AW

“ *Annette Barnes - Wilson lit a candle in memory of Zepherea Marie "Zeppy" Kidd*



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**Annette Barnes - Wilson** - December 01, 2015 at 09:40 AM

CM

“ *Carla Murphy lit a candle in memory of Zepherea Marie "Zeppy" Kidd*



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**Carla Murphy** - December 01, 2015 at 09:35 AM

 Mavis Coleman

“ *Mavis Coleman lit a candle in memory of Zepherea Marie "Zeppy" Kidd*



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**Mavis Coleman** - December 01, 2015 at 09:06 AM

JT

“ *Jean Tillman lit a candle in memory of Zepherea Marie "Zeppy" Kidd*



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**Jean Tillman** - November 30, 2015 at 09:09 PM

ED

*You will be missed my BFF love ya. Edith Davis-Burch.*

**Edith Davis-Burch** - December 03, 2015 at 08:17 PM

JF

*GOD BLESS THE FAMILY OF MARIE KIDD, YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS WE WILL KEEP THE FAMILY IN PRAYER*

**JIMMY TAYLOR AND FAMILY** - December 03, 2015 at 08:52 PM

JF

*JIMMY TAYLOR AND FAMILY SAYS WE ARE SORRY ABOUT YOUR LOSS AND WE WILL KEEP FAMILY IN PRAYER*

**JIMMY TAYLOR AND FAMILY** - December 03, 2015 at 08:55 PM