



## Jo Ann Stephenson

February 20, 1930 - February 4, 2017

Jo Ann (Dempsey) Stephenson age 86, passed away on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Berkeley Square in Hamilton, Ohio. Jo is survived by her husband, Richard J. Stephenson; two children – Connie J. Walker (Rob) and Thomas G. Stephenson (Susan); four grandchildren – Erin E. Walker, Ross C. Walker (Melanie), Sarah L. Stephenson, and Margaret R. Stephenson; three great grandchildren – Wilson, Liesel, and Hogan Walker; and sister – Colleen K. Durrant (David). Jo was born February 20, 1930 in Hamilton, Ohio to Thomas M. and Irma L. Dempsey. She graduated from Hamilton High School in 1948 and attended Capital University as well as Hamilton Business School. They were married on April 5, 1951. Jo spent most of her life in Hamilton, Ohio where she was a past President and Life Member of the YWCA and active with the Amicitia Club. She worked with her husband at Stephenson Oil Co. She was a member of the Front Street Presbyterian Church. Jo was instrumental in the design and construction of a home in Melrose on Daufuskie Island, South Carolina and served on the Architectural Review Board there. She also designed and built a home at Berkeley Hall, Bluffton, South Carolina and enjoyed many years there before returning to Hamilton, Ohio. Jo was an avid and accomplished bridge player. Also known as JoMomma and Grandma Sugar, Jo was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother who embraced, endorsed, and supported her family and friends. The family expresses appreciation and gratitude to all the personnel at Berkeley Square and Hospice of Cincinnati for the care they

provided. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to The Presbyterian Church of Hamilton, Ohio, 23 S. Front Street, Hamilton, Ohio 45011, Berkeley Square c/o Community First, 230 Ludlow St., Hamilton, Ohio 45011 or Hospice of Cincinnati, Inc., P.O. Box 633597, Cincinnati, Ohio 45263-3597 Visitation will be Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at Weigel Funeral Home, 980 N.W. Washington Blvd., Hamilton, Ohio 45013 from 10:00 – 11:00 AM followed by a Memorial Service with Dr. John H. Lewis officiating. A Celebration of Life will be held at The Coach House Tavern, 100 Berkley Dr., Hamilton, Oh 45013 following the Memorial Service. Online condolences are available at [www.weigelfuneralhome.com](http://www.weigelfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Weigel Funeral Home  
980 N.W. Washington Blvd.  
Hamilton, OH 45013  
(513) 892-1524  
<https://www.weigelfuneralhome.com/>

## Memorial Service

FEB 8. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CD

“ *A TESTAMENT for MY DEAR SISTER - by Colleen Dempsey Durrant*

*Though we have been separated by age and time,  
We have been bequeathed the gift of rhyme.*

*Though we have been separated by location and space,  
I have always been able to see your loving face.*

*The bond of our lineage is strong and deep,  
Our roots are spiritual -- even in your sleep.*

*The angels are singing in heaven above,  
To You I am sending my infinite love.*

*THE LINKED CHAIN -- for my AMAZING and KIND BROTHER-IN-LAW -- Author Unknown*

*We knew that God was calling your name.  
In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone;  
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.*

*You left us wonderful memories, your love is still our guide;  
And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.*

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**Colleen Durrant** - February 11, 2017 at 11:16 AM

KW

“ Thinking of the Stephenson Family during this difficult time. We have many fond memories of dining and golfing together. Our deepest regrets that we are out of town and unable to celebrate Jo's life with you all.

Sincerely,  
KAREN and JACK WHALEN

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**Karen Whalen** - February 08, 2017 at 11:51 AM



“ Fruits and Blooms Basket was purchased for the family of Jo Ann Stephenson .



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February 06, 2017 at 04:06 PM

AD

“ On behalf of Santmyer Oil Company, Inc., and family, please accept our sincere condolences. Our hearts go out to you in your time of sorrow. We wish you peace in the coming days.

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**Amanda Dunham** - February 06, 2017 at 01:35 PM

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“ Your Friends at Lykins Energy Solutions purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Jo Ann Stephenson .



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**Your Friends at Lykins Energy Solutions** - February 06, 2017 at 11:50 AM

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“ *Linda Lykins & Jeff Lykins purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jo Ann Stephenson .*



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**Linda Lykins & Jeff Lykins** - February 06, 2017 at 11:47 AM