



*Afterglow*

*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.  
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down  
the ways of happy times and bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve  
to dry before the sun of happy memories  
that I leave when my life is done.*

*Mary Frances Stephens James Zavala*  
December 4, 1936 January 4, 2021

*Earthly Place of Rest*  
**EASTVIEW CEMETERY**  
802 Ashby Street | Americus, GA 31709

*Our Sincere Thanks*

The Family is extremely grateful  
for all expressions of love, kindness,  
and services rendered during the time  
of illness of our loved one and our bereavement.  
In lieu of flowers, the Family asks that donations be made to  
Antioch Baptist Church,  
P.O. Box 24, Americus, GA 31709.

~Thank You

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IN LOVING  
*Memory* OF  
*Mary Frances*  
**STEPHENS JAMES  
ZAVALA**

December 4, 1936 January 4, 2021

*Service*

Saturday, January 9, 2021  
11:00 a.m.

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*Officiant*

**REV. WILLIAM LASTER**  
Pastor | Ebenezer Baptist Church  
Ellaville, GA



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*Order of Service*  
Mary Frances Stephens James Zavala

Processional	led by Rev. William Laster and Guests
	<i>Last Glance   Final Sealing</i>
Hymn	Deacon David Laster
Prayer	Deacon Charlie Wallace
Scripture	Rev. Ricky Cladd
Old and New Testaments	Jerusalem Grove and Antioch Baptist Churches
Reflections	As a Family Member Ms. Josephine Simpson
Solo	Brother Terry Tyson
Words of Comfort	Rev. William Laster Pastor   Ebenezer Baptist Church   Ellaville, GA
Committal Prayer	Rev. William Laster
Acknowledgements and Presentation of the Heirloom Family Bible	Barnum Staff
Benediction	Rev. William Laster
Recessional	

*Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off  
or to silent mode during the service. Thank you.*

*Obituary*  
Mary Frances Stephens James Zavala

*Mrs. Mary Frances Stephens James Zavala*  
born in Sumter County, Georgia on December 4, 1936, to the parentage of the late Mr. Henry Stephens and the late Mrs. Blanchie Croxton Stephens. Frances was raised in Americus, Georgia, where she received her education in the public schools of Sumter County. At an early age, she joined the Antioch Baptist Church, Plains, Georgia. She worked at various jobs before she moved to Florida. During her time in Americus, she met and married Joseph “Shak” James and after his demise, she met and married Rogelio M. Zavala. In Delray Beach, Florida, she attended St. Paul Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. J. W. H. Thomas, where she was an active member. After retirement, she moved back to Americus, Georgia and reunited with her home church, Antioch Baptist Church.

Frances is preceded in death by her two brothers, Henry L. Stephens and James Arthur Stephens; her sisters, Willie Mae Stephens Thomas and Johnnie Lou Kee; her brother-in-law, Roosevelt Kee, Jr.

Frances was loved and cared for by loving and caring, family, neighbors, friends, and caregivers.

Frances leaves to cherish her memories: one daughter, Mrs. Angela Denise (Ricky) Ramsey, Boynton Beach, FL; one sister, Ms. Ossie Tyson, Americus, GA; two grandchildren, Jayla Denise Ramsey and Jordin Simone Ramsey of Boynton Beach, FL; and a host of nieces, including a devoted niece, Betty Ann Wallace; nephews, including a devoted nephew, Willie James Skeeter Laster; cousins, other relatives and friends also survive.