

*Mrs. Rhonda Lashell Lawson Stephens* was born in Americus, Sumter County, Georgia on September 25, 1965, to the parents of the late Mrs. Betty Jean Ferguson Lawson and Mr. Eugene Lawson, who survives. Rhonda received her education in the public schools of Sumter County. She received a bachelor's degree in Social Work from Albany State University, Albany, Georgia. Rhonda was employed as an Apex Case Manager with the Middle Flint Behavior Healthcare. She was a member of the Union Tabernacle Baptist Church, where she served faithfully in several capacities of the church, including the Mercy Showing Ministry and Women of Purpose Ministry. She was married to Mr. Herman Stephens.

In addition to her father, Mr. Eugene Lawson, Americus, GA, she leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Mr. Herman Stephens, Americus, GA; three sons: Micah A, Stephens, Herman Stephens, Jr. and Sherman Stephens, all of Americus, GA; two daughters, Sherika Stephens and Brittany Stephens, both of Americus, GA; a brother, Derrick (Rasheedah) Sims of Atlanta, GA; two sisters, Christina Lawson and friend, Gerald and Briana Lawson, all of Americus, GA; eight grandchildren; her sisters-in-law, Erica Stephens, Lawanda Nelson, both of Americus, GA and Evette (Dwight) Christmas of Atlanta, GA; her aunts and uncles: Ms. Irene Holland, Bridgeton, NJ; Ms. Geraldine Ferguson, Ms. Helen Tullis, Ms. Lillie Bell Lawson, Ms. Louise Golden, Mr. Jessie (Ella Ruth) Ferguson, Mr. Roosevelt Lawson, all of Americus, GA; Ms. Carrie Brown Tampa, FL and Mr. Willie (Betty) Thomas of West Palm Beach, FL; a god-brother, Rev. Roderick (Sharon) Haugabook, Americus, GA; a host of nieces and nephews, including: Braylen, Sariyah, Laila and Jase; cousins, including devoted cousins: Jessie (Cynthia) Ferguson, Emmett (Theresa) Martin, Latrina Patrick, R. Craig Ferguson, Demeika Brown, Ronneisha Tullis, Nancy Lawson, Timothy Lawson, Corrensky Lawson, Anthony Lawson, Kiandrea Minter, Kaelyn King, Stanley Ferguson, Jamie (Rameka) Ferguson, Christopher Ferguson, Eddie Lawson and Alphonso Ferguson; friends, including devoted friends: Kerri Pride, Karen Baker, Rachel Pope, Luneda Brown, Darlene Gordon and Wendy Jackson also survive.