



## Denise Anne (Seymour) Stephens

*August 25, 1971 - May 12, 2008*

Denise Anne (Seymour) Stephens, age 36, of McKinney, Texas, passed away May 12, 2008, in Dallas, Texas. She was born August 25, 1971, in Marshalltown, Iowa, the daughter of Frederick and Betty (Vandercook) Seymour. She attended First Baptist Church in McKinney and was the office manager for Dr. Edgar Nace. She is survived by her daughters, Zoe, Breanna and Mia Stephens of McKinney; mother, Betty Seymour of McKinney; and numerous other loving relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Frederick Seymour; and her grandparents. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM, Tuesday, May 20, 2008, at First Baptist Church in McKinney with Dr. Jeff Warren officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home in Allen, Texas. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Denise Stephens Memorial Fund, North Dallas Bank, Attn: Amelia Saba, 12900 Preston Road, Dallas, TX 75230, 972-716-7160.

## Memorials

*We are saddened to hear that Denise passed away. Although our friendship is from many years ago, we still have fond memories of her. May Gods blessings be upon the family.*

**GREGORY AND DARENE CAMPBELL, JULY 23, 2008**

*I attended C.I.C.A. with Denise and although I was a few years older I remember her as a fun and cheerful person. I do not understand everything that life has to offer, but I do know that she was loved and will be missed.*

SCOTT ROBERT BOLT, MAY 26, 2008

*Betty - I recently met you at the Senior Center playing hand and foot. I am so, so sorry for your loss and send love and sympathy and extend the hand of friendship to you and those precious children. God be with you as you grieve and as you move forward each day. God will hold you and the children in His eternal love and Denise will be with God in Heaven. I cannot imagine how hard all of this will be but please know you have many friends in McKinney.*

MARY V DICKERSON, MAY 25, 2008

*Sorry to hear the news. I do pray that everyone involved will pull through stronger from this incident.*

DONALD M. COOK, MAY 24, 2008

*Betty, I am so very sorry for the loss of Denise. I grew up with Denise at CICA. When I heard of her tragic death it was very hard to deal with. I have been praying for you and her girls daily. I have been going through pictures of us from cheerleading and volleyball, it is so hard to understand. I know we are not to question and I know God has a purpose for all things, its just very difficult right now to truly understand His timing and purpose. I am praying for you as you take on the responsibility of raising her daughters. May God bless you and the girls and give you all the strength you need to make it through this tragic time. Carrie (Nablo) McDowell*

CARRIE (NABLO) MCDOWELL, MAY 22, 2008

*Betty i wish i could be there but my heart is with you. Teri and Dan send their love to Love David Moore*

DAVID MOORE, MAY 20, 2008

*My dear sister Betty, and girls, Just wanted to let you know on this day how much we love you all. Our thoughts are with you always. Betty you raised a very loving daughter into a great mom for those precious little girls. They will turn out great and God loving by just the influence that Denise had on them and the memories that we will all keep alive. Too many things to post, Love you all. Diane sends loves and kisses also. Love from both of us. Aunt Fern and Uncle Carl. Remember we will see her in Heaven.*

FERN/CARL BALMER, MAY 20, 2008

*I can remember Denise, you and Fred at church when i was a young kid and later as a teenager at school and othr church outtings. We lost touch over the years and one day there we were working along side each other. It was a joy to get to see all the pictures of Denise and the grandbabies all over your office. We missed that dearly and was beyond shock when the news came to us. Us gals gathered and said a prayer for Denise, you and those baby girls. Your a strong lady Betty, I know those girls will always know how loving and special their mamma was, cause they'll see it in you everyday for the rest of their life...God Bless, your in my prayers and the prayers of others at Scott Industries.*

SANDRA L RHODES, MAY 19, 2008

*When I read the news today My heart almost broke. Denise I have always loved you and will always carry apiece of you in my heart. At least when we do see each other again there will be no pain. I love you and miss you, David*

DAVID E LANDON, MAY 19, 2008

*I will be thinking of you.*

LINDA FORD, MAY 19, 2008

*Betty- As I have told you time and time again, I am so so sorry for your loss. I cannot imagine the pain you must be going through. Please know that "if God brought you to it, he will bring you through it". I know you will be there for those girls, they need you more than ever now. This is a horrible tragedy and I have been sleepless for many nights thinking of this. I love you and miss you... know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. Speak with you soon*

PAIGE HUGHES, MAY 19, 2008

*May God bless you and give you comfort during your time of sadness.*

ALYSIA LINDSAY, MAY 19, 2008

*Betty...our deepest sympathies go out to you and the girls. When my brother, Jeff, called and told me about Denise and her senseless death...I was saddened by the way she died but rejoiced that she is in heaven with Fred but even more glorious she is with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ...what a*

*wonderful thought to think that she has no more pain and suffering. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your granddaughters. Let them never forget how strong of a person she was as well as a protector of their well-being. May God bless you richly during this tough time. Deepest sympathies,*  
John, Renee, Emma, Ava Stadnick Orlando, FL

**JOHN E STADNICK, MAY 18, 2008**

*Betty and Family: I was appalled to hear about Denise and cannot imagine losing a daughter this tragic way. In case you don't remember me, I was a friend of Denise's at the Academy and went home from church with you several times. I remember watching the Karate Kid with Denise and how we both fell in love with Ralph Macchio after that. Words cannot express the sadness I felt after hearing about her death. Tell her daughters what a fun, loving, non-judgemental person she was and that she was a friend to some when others were not. The kindness you, Fred and Denise showed me during my teen-age years has not been forgotten. I wish I could attend her funeral and while I am not there physically, I will there in spirit. May God comfort you and her daughters. Please know that your family will be in my thoughts.*

**DEEANNA (WARNER) SERRES, MAY 17, 2008**

*Betty, I pray that God will give you strength to carry you through this difficult time. My heart aches for you and the girls. Know that you will be in my thoughts and prayer for days to come.*

**JEAN BARNES, MAY 16, 2008**

*Betty, we were honored to have known Denise and will cherish the memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the girls during this time of sorrow.*

**FRED & ROBBIE MCCAULEY, MAY 16, 2008**

*Betty, I was most definitely saddened and shocked to hear the news of Denise's death. It just doesn't seem possible. It is never easy to lose a child, but God will be with you as you become mother as well as grandmother to her children. I know that she was a good mother to her girls. Please know that I will be praying for you*

**JEFF STADNICK, MAY 16, 2008**

*Betty, My thoughts are with you and the girls everyday and I am so sorry for you loss.*

**DEBORAH HINTON, MAY 16, 2008**

*My prayers are with you and your grandchildren.*

**GLENDAM PARKER, MAY 16, 2008**

*Our prayers are with you and the girls. I pray that God will watch over you and the girls and keep you safe and strong through this very difficult time in your lives. I wish I could be there with you and give you a big hug. Just know that I'm thinking of you and praying for you. God Bless you and Al and the girls.*

**BARBARA ANN DILLEHAY, MAY 16, 2008**

*Betty, Our prayers are with you and those 3 precious girls. Remind the girls often of their loving mother and how much she loved them! God will help you all get through this!*

**GARY AND PHYLLIS WHITE, MAY 16, 2008**

*Betty, We are so sorry for your loss of Denise, we know how proud you and Fred were of her and the girls. We miss seeing Fred and you sometimes out and about mostly Wal-Mart here in Marshalltown. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the girls now. Our daughter Robin reminded me that it was Denise that first started teaching her the piano. Friends: Marshalltown Iowa.*

**JOHN & NANCY GRIMES, MAY 16, 2008**

*Dear family of Denise- I met all of you when her dad, Fred, died last year. I am very sorry for your loss and pray for you. Sincerely, Marty Mitchell, Mitchell Funeral Home in Marshalltown, Iowa.*

**MARTY MITCHELL, MAY 16, 2008**

*As I try to write this, I am at a loss for words. There aren't words to express the magnitude of feelings that we have experienced over these past days after hearing about Denise's senseless death. Our comfort is in knowing Denise is with her dad and her grandparents...and Betty, in knowing that you will see her again. Justice will be done in the end. You and those adorable little girls are constantly in our prayers, and will be for a long time to come. We love you.*

**REX AND CHERYL GUNDERSON, MAY 15, 2008**

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