



## Betty Black-Stephenson

March 25, 1943 - April 14, 2024

Betty May (Holyoak) Black-Stephenson of Ft. Thomas, Arizona, age 81, passed away peacefully from a stroke on the evening of April 14th, 2024, at St. Joseph's hospital in Tucson, Arizona with her loved ones by her side.

Betty was born March 25th, 1943, in Safford, AZ to Lyman D Holyoak and Virgie May (Farley)Holyoak of Geronimo, AZ. Betty grew up in Geronimo. She met Brent Richman Black of St. Anthony, Idaho and soon after married on March 17, 1961, in the Mesa Arizona Temple. They were the parents of 4 children, one son and three daughters.

In 1975 Betty lost her sweetheart, Brent, in a mining accident in California. This sent Betty and her four children back to Geronimo to her parent's home. They then settled in her parent's retirement home in Ft. Thomas where she raised her children with the help of family. Then, twenty-nine years later, she met and married Steve Stephenson, of Elfrida, AZ.

Betty is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She faithfully served in several callings. Betty drove the Ft. Thomas school bus for 30 years. She hung up her seat belt when she turned 70 and never went back. Betty enjoyed sewing, crocheting, quilting, gardening, mechanics, thrift stores and yard sales.

Betty is survived by her husband Steve Stephenson, her daughters Vondalene Black, Donnette (Daniel) Long, and Jacynnda (Ken) Earl- Lovell, sisters Veda Pendleton, Louise (Steve) Hughes, and sister-in-law Janie Shaw. Betty leaves behind a legacy of many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Brent Black, her parents, Lyman and Virgie Holyoak, her brothers, J.L., Leonard, and Vearl Holyoak, along with her son, Deon Black.

Funeral services for Betty will be conducted Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 10:00 am, at the Ft. Thomas chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints with Eric Richards officiating. Concluding graveside services will be at the Emery Cemetery in Geronimo.

Family will receive family and friends Saturday morning, the 27th at 9:00 am in the Ft Thomas ward Relief Society room of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Topic: Betty Black-Stephenson Funeral

Time: Apr 27, 2024 09:00 AM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83593460587?pwd=SENOQitWVEEdJdksvUVIVWFNMaFpRQT09>

Meeting ID: 835 9346 0587

Passcode: 156957

# Cemetery Details

## Emery Cemetery

Geronimo, AZ 85536

# Previous Events

## Viewing

APR 27. 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM (MT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
13985 US-70  
Fort Thomas, AZ 85536

## Funeral

APR 27. 10:00 AM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Betty Black-Stephenson.*



April 26, 2024 at 11:14 AM



“ *Brent and Tera planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Black-Stephenson.*

**Brent and Tera** - April 26, 2024 at 11:14 AM



“ *The Earl Grandkids purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Betty Black-Stephenson.*



**The Earl Grandkids** - April 25, 2024 at 02:13 PM



“ *'I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.'  
I can't think of anyone I know who exemplifies the verse Timothy 4:7 better than Betty.  
I'm thankful to her for the many prayers she has prayed on my behalf everytime I was sick or in peril. Her kindness will not be forgotten.*

**Judy Notes** - April 25, 2024 at 12:30 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Betty Black-Stephenson.



April 24, 2024 at 11:45 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Betty Black-Stephenson.



April 24, 2024 at 07:08 PM



“ *JT and Mary (Sanders) Lines* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Black-Stephenson.

**JT and Mary (Sanders) Lines** - April 24, 2024 at 07:08 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Betty Black-Stephenson.



April 22, 2024 at 01:46 PM

GH

“ Gillian Haber planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Black-Stephenson.

Gillian Haber - April 22, 2024 at 01:46 PM

CF

“ Cindy and Roberta and our families purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Betty Black-Stephenson.



Cindy and Roberta and our families - April 19, 2024 at 07:18 PM

CP

“ Betty was the best friend a person could have. She didn't judge people, just liked them. She was always willing to help. I remember Betty crocheting Barbie clothes for some of the girls as she watched the games she drove the bus too. Betty was a true lady. She will be missed here, but those in heaven are rejoicing.

Cindy Pearson - April 19, 2024 at 07:11 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Black-Stephenson.



April 19, 2024 at 11:12 AM

TP

“ Tom and Tracy Pursley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Black-Stephenson.

Tom and Tracy Pursley - April 19, 2024 at 11:12 AM

SH

“ Sending condolences in the passing of Betty. We will miss her visits to St. Vincent's Thrift store. She was a favorite customer for many years.

Sharon Hathaway - April 18, 2024 at 11:12 PM

LF

“ Love, Roy & Vickie Thompson, and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Betty Black-Stephenson.



Love, Roy & Vickie Thompson, and family - April 18, 2024 at 02:38 PM

SS

“ The kindest & sweetest person who ever lived. She is and was the inspiration for many songs. Just months ago, she caused quite a stir on YouTube as the focus of the famous song & video called Forever 23.  
Her husband Steve mourns her deeply.  
She taught him the true meaning of love, the way Jesus meant it to be.  
Rest high upon that mountain, until we meet again.

Stephen E Stephenson - April 17, 2024 at 12:31 AM