



Jimmie Ruth Williams Stephenson

February 17, 1943 - April 13, 2026

Jimmie Ruth Williams Stephenson, 83, of Bessemer, was called home to her Lord on April 13, 2026. Born February 17, 1943, Jimmie Ruth lived a full life. She attended Bessemer High School and worked at United States Steel for over 35 years. She was a member of Baptist Church at McAdory in McCalla (formerly South Highland Baptist Church). She was married for 49 years to her high school sweetheart, James C. Stephenson. After retirement, she took care of her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was a member of the Jayceettes and the Bessemer Beautification Board, the Business and Professional Women (Bessemer) and the Red Hat Society. Besides her family, she enjoyed being on the lake or visiting the beach, as well as her flowers, and of course her many cats and dogs over the years. She was spirited and almost always in a good mood, and took pride in her appearance.

She is preceded in death by her husband James C. "Bunky" Stephenson, her parents, James David Williams, Jr., and Minnie Ruth Jones Williams, and her brother James David Williams, III. She is survived by her loving children James R. Stephenson II (Candice), Cindy Ritchie (Herb) and Jennifer Johns (Charlie); grandchildren Scieler Stephenson (Lauren McKenzie), Lauren Nicole Stephenson, Clint Ritchie, and C.J. Johns; great-grandchildren Brooks Wilson, Slade Wilson, Harleigh Stephenson,

Harper Stephenson, and Hayes Stephenson; and great-great-grandchild Hazel Rae Albert.

Visitation will be Friday, April 24, 2026 at 11:00 at Bessemer Brown Service Funeral in Bessemer with service starting at 1:00, followed by burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Bessemer. Brother Bill McCall officiating.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill Cemetery

650 Circle Heights Cir
Bessemer, AL 35020

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 24. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bessemer Brown Service Funeral Home
1300 4th Avenue N
Bessemer, AL 35020
(205) 425-2424
bessemer-brown@hotmail.com
<https://www.bessemerbrownfh.com/>

Service

APR 24. 1:00 PM (CT)

Bessemer Brown Service Funeral Home
1300 4th Avenue North
Bessemer, AL 35020

Tribute Wall

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“ Futrell L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jimmie Ruth Williams Stephenson.

Futrell L. - April 24 at 12:08 PM

PB

“ The first time I met Nana, I knew she was a lady that loved her family, had a forgiving heart, was filled with Love, Joy, Hope and Wisdom that can only come from above! She told me to always Love your family and give more than you receive in all situations. She always had a smile every time I saw her. Nana was truly a blessing to so many and Nana will be greatly missed. Love to the family in Jesus Christ!
♥ Perry Brown

Perry Brown - April 23 at 09:30 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jimmie Ruth Williams Stephenson.



April 22 at 12:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jimmie Ruth Williams Stephenson.

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“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jimmie Ruth Williams Stephenson.*



April 21 at 08:09 PM



“ *From Sandra Tindle purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Jimmie Ruth Williams Stephenson.*



From Sandra Tindle - April 21 at 07:07 PM



“ *From Sandra Tindle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jimmie Ruth Williams Stephenson.*

From Sandra Tindle - April 21 at 07:07 PM

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“ My Nana was a loving, caring and deeply cherished grandmother who's kindness touched everyone she met. She had a warm heart, a gentle spirit, and a way of making every person feel seen and loved. Her home was always filled with comfort, laughter, and the feeling that you truly belonged. She dedicated her life to her family, always putting others before herself. Whether through her words of wisdom, her hugs, or the simple moments spent together, she created memories that will live on forever. To me, she was more than a grandmother - she was a guiding light, a source of strength, and one of the greatest blessings in my life. I will forever carry her love in my heart. She will be deeply missed but never forgotten - always in my heart.

Your LaLa



Lauren Stephenson - April 20 at 10:37 PM