



Loretta Marie Stephan

July 5, 1934 - December 5, 2025

Loretta M. Stephan, aged 91, of Midland, Tx., passed away peacefully on December 5, 2025. We find comfort in knowing Loretta is now at peace with the Lord.

Born in Marietta, Ohio, Loretta met her husband in high school and married in 1953. Shortly after their marriage her husband joined the Army. She embraced her role as the devoted wife of a career Army Officer, demonstrating resilience and adaptability through many military assignments across the United States and abroad. In each of their 22 different homes, she created a warm welcoming home for her family, turning every move into an adventure for her children. She was employed as a legal secretary in the early years of their marriage. After moving to Midland, Tx. she was employed by Grace Presbyterian Childcare Center and worked with her daughter, Tammie for several years.

Her faith was a cornerstone of her life, guiding her through the challenges of military life, including her husband's deployments. She was an active member of her church community wherever they were stationed. She taught Sunday School, sang in choirs, started the Happiness Club in El Paso to minister to children in apartments, and visited those who were sick or couldn't attend the services.

Loretta was a fiercely devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Her family was the center of her world. She was an excellent cook, known for her holiday celebrations and ability to bring everyone together. Affectionately known as "Grandma " and "Granny Nan" to her grandchildren and great grandchildren, she loved spoiling them with their favorite meals, treats, and thoughtful gifts.

Loretta is survived by her daughter Vicki Millstead and her husband Tom of Midland, Tx.; her daughter Sherri Meadows and her husband Bill of Stoutsville, Ohio; her daughter Tammie Hughes of Midland Tx.; her son Thomas Stephan and wife Jan of Midland, Tx.; and 13 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Loretta is preceded in death by her loving husband Thomas Howard Stephan, her parents, Leslie and Myrtle Ritchie of Marietta, Ohio; her brothers Robert, Lester, Leroy, Leonard, Gary, and Michael and her sister Ramona Williams.

The family will receive visitors on Thursday, December 18 from 6 to 8 pm at American Heritage Funeral Home 4100 N FM 1788, Midland, Texas.

A memorial will be held January 9, 2026 at Kelview Heights Baptist Church in Midland, Texas.

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

American Heritage Funeral Home
4100 North FM 1788
Midland, TX 79707

Tribute Wall

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“ I enjoyed visiting the Stephan’s home when they were stationed in Lawton, OK. Tammie and I were friends in grade school.I remember Mrs. Stephan as such a nice lady who always had a happy home life for her family. God bless you all. ~Lisa (Brady) Bowles

Lisa Bowles - April 17 at 07:57 AM

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“ James/Michelle Greenwood and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Loretta Marie Stephan.



James/Michelle Greenwood and Family - December 17, 2025 at 12:50 PM