



## Vanita Stephens

August 11, 1965 - April 7, 2024

Vanita Lyne Alsup Stephens, born on October 11, 1965, in Dallas, Texas, to Billy Alsup and Linda Curry Alsup, peacefully passed away at her residence surrounded by her loving family on Sunday, April 7. She was 58 years old.

Vanita was a proud graduate of Blooming Grove High School, Class of 1984. On October 16, 1987, she exchanged vows with the love of her life, Billy Ray Stephens, in Chatfield, Texas, marking the beginning of a beautiful journey together that spanned 36 years.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Billy Ray Stephens, and their extended family, including Laura Fira and Jake, Andy Fira, Alex Fira, Billy Stephens Jr., Linda Alsup, Curran and Heath Oakley, special nephew Justin Alsup and Riley, Emily Oakley Luman, Heath Michael Oakley, Brandon Oakley, Dalton Oakley, Bryce and TJ Madigan, Billy Alsup II and Trae, mother-in-law Cora Stephens, and numerous other beloved family members.

Vanita was preceded in death by her father, Billy Alsup, her niece Brittany Alsup, her father-in-law George Stephens, and her sister-in-law Ann Alsup.

Vanita's greatest joy in life was spending time with her grandsons, indulging in pillow fights, and sharing the simple pleasures of reading and playing slots with her best friend, Amy Learned.

Visitation to honor Vanita's life will be held at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home on Wednesday, April 10, from 6-8pm. Graveside services will take place on Thursday, April 11, at 1pm at New Chatfield Cemetery. Pallbearers for the service will include Justin Alsup, Andrew Fira, Alexander Fira, Dalton Oakley, Brandon Oakley, and Jake Fira. Heath Oakley and Christopher Stephens will serve as Honorary Pallbearers.

Though Vanita may have left this world, her legacy of love, laughter, and cherished memories will forever live on in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know her. May she rest in eternal peace.

# Cemetery Details

## New Chatfield Cemetery

5001 FM 1603  
Chatfield, TX 75105

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **10**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana  
1530 N. 45th Street  
Corsicana, TX 75110  
(903) 874-4774  
[info@griffin-roughton.com](mailto:info@griffin-roughton.com)

## Graveside Service

APR **11**. 1:00 PM (CT)

New Chatfield Cemetery  
5001 FM 1603  
Chatfield, TX 75105

# Tribute Wall



“ Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Vanita Stephens



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - April 10, 2024 at 05:44 PM

CB

*That was beautiful, rest in peace cousin Vanita in heaven with your dad other grandma, my mom, aunt Sandra. I am going to miss you, love you.*

Carol bell - April 10, 2024 at 07:52 PM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Vanita Stephens.



April 10, 2024 at 02:51 PM

BA

“ Bryce Alton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vanita Stephens.

Bryce Alton - April 10, 2024 at 02:51 PM

KG

“ Working late night shifts at the call center gave her prime quality time to spend with her family that she loved. Thankful for her friendship. Praying for comfort for her family.  
Miss Kay

Kay Gilliam - April 09, 2024 at 11:21 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Vanita Stephens.



April 09, 2024 at 05:47 PM

DF

“ Diantha, and family purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Vanita Stephens.



Diantha, and family - April 09, 2024 at 05:41 PM

RG

“ Robin & your friends at Fisher Group purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Vanita Stephens.



Robin & your friends at Fisher Group - April 09, 2024 at 04:35 PM

RG

“ Robin & your friends at Fisher Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vanita Stephens.

Robin & your friends at Fisher Group - April 09, 2024 at 04:35 PM

DT

“ Debbie & The AB Universal Messaging Team purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Vanita Stephens.



Debbie & The AB Universal Messaging Team - April 09, 2024 at 04:17 PM

CB

“ My sweet cousin Vanita, caring loving person. I am going to miss and going to miss talking to her on Facebook. Rest in peace sweet cousin Vanita. Love you, prayers for all her family and friends.

Carol bell - April 09, 2024 at 02:59 PM

DR

“ Such a sweet friend, since 5th grade, always kind to everyone, caring and loved her family so much. We will all miss Vanita very much, praying for all of her family 🙏

Dawn Robinson - April 08, 2024 at 05:40 PM