

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Officiating Minister.....Apostle Ronald Hoard

Congregational HymnFirst Baptist of Lawndale Choir

Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....Pastor Wade Wallace

New Testament.....Pastor Karen Poston

Prayer of Comfort.....Dr. R.E. Devoe

Song.....First Baptist of Lawndale Choir

Remarks.....Donnie Gidney, Deacon Neveth Gidney
Rodney Gidney, Reggie Saddler
James Holeman, The Houze siblings
and Deacon Paul London

Song.....The Ridley Angels

Acknowledgements.....Martika Gidney

Reading of the Obituary.....(silent)

Poem.....Tamecia Proctor-Wilson

Song.....The Ridley Angels

Words of comfort.....Pastor B. D. Houze

Recessional.....First Baptist of Lawndale Choir

Interment
Sunset Cemetery

Obituary

Mr. Robert “Bob” Laurance Stephens, Jr. (Mr. Piano), 67, of 1308 Newton Street, Shelby, NC transitioned on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at his residence. He was born October 9, 1952 in Dayton, Ohio to the late Robert L. Stephens and Ruby Henry Hoard. He was reared by his grandparents Bishop Sim Lee Henry and Lillian Henry.

Bob was a 1971 graduate of Nettie Lee Roth High School in Dayton, Ohio. He obtained an Associate’s Degree from Cleveland Community College and studied at Gardner Webb University. He encouraged youth to pursue their passions through education. Bob was an amazing mentor and educator to people of all ages and backgrounds.

Bob was able to utilize his love of music to serve God as a record producer, songwriter, singer, musician, choir director, vocal coach, audio engineer, and music teacher. Many people were blessed to experience his God given talent as he worshiped through music. His musical talent lead him to travel the world sharing his unique style. He played at Walt Disney World with Reggie Saddler and Janice Barnette and traveled to Spain with Thomas Spann and the Famous Brooklyn AllStars. He showcased his talent with the Gospel IQ’s of Grover, NC, the GMWA Workshop Chapter with Ted Martin of Charlotte, NC, John P. Kee & Choir of Charlotte, NC, Japan Mass Choir produced by Jett Edwards and Jenna of Tokyo, Japan, various plays, gospel greats and many other musical groups. He also appeared in the movie “Having Our Say: The Delaney Sisters’ First 100 Years” produced by Camille Cosby. These are just a few of the accolades for Bob. He could often be seen at any church service making his way to the piano or organ whether invited or inclined.

In addition to his parents and grandparents, he was preceded in death by a son, Anthony Gidney, brother-in-law, Marvin Brunson, his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Oscar T. Gidney and Ruth L. Gidney, his uncle Leon Holt and aunt “Mama” Doris Holt and a host of other beloved family members.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his beloved wife of 34 years, Janie Gidney Stephens and a son Donnie Gidney (Brenda) of Shelby, NC, his sister, Anita Brunson and brother Apostle Ronald Hoard (Henrietta) of Columbus, OH, and James Holman who was reared in the home and God brother Marvin Lattimore of Dayton, OH , one granddaughter, Martika Gidney of Charlotte, NC. One brother-in-law Earl Gidney, Sr. (Evelyn) of Spindale, NC and three sister-in-laws Cynthia Gidney London (Paul), Theresa Gidney Proctor, and Dobbie Gidney all of Shelby, NC. Bob saw all his many beautiful nieces and smart nephews as special whether they where related by blood or through love, they were all “THE BEST ONE.”

*Psalm 34 :14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and purse it.
Romans 12:18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.*

A Loving and Lasting Legacy

Floral Bearers
Nieces and Friends

Pall Bearers
Nephews and Musicians

Acknowledgment

We wish to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to our friends and family for the many comforting acts of kindness and sympathy shown during the passing of our loved one. Please know that each of you has been a source of strength and comfort to us.

A special thank you to Pastor B.D. Houze and the First Baptist Church Lawndale.

May God bless each one of you.

The Family of Mr. Robert “Bob” Laurance Stephens, Jr.



*Celebrating
the Life of*

MR. ROBERT “BOB”
LAURANCE STEPHENS, JR.

SUNRISE:
OCTOBER 9, 1952

SUNSET:
AUGUST 26, 2020



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**HOMEGOING SERVICE FOR
MR. ROBERT “BOB”
LAURANCE STEPHENS, JR.**



**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020
1:00 PM**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
LAWNDALE, NC
REV. BILLY D. HOUZE, PASTOR**



“The Best One”

Whether it was your boisterous laugh or the music you played
The memory of you for us will never fade.
We could often find you behind a piano
and you knew just what to do.
Whether it was the Temptations or a Gospel tune
We knew whatever you played would give rise to the room.
A dream God brought me that led me to call.
I did not now that would be my final laugh with you at all!
We laughed about me being the “best”
Although I know you said the same to the rest.
We say thank you Uncle Bob from all your
“best nephews and nieces!”
So today we don’t say goodbye, we say farewell
We promise to love your precious Janie Bell!
We Love You Uncle Bob!

