



Stella Mae Hankins

January 25, 1945 - July 8, 2023

Stella Hankins, 78, passed on July 8, 2023, due to stroke in Gilbert, Arizona in hospice care.

Born January 25, 1945, in Little Rock, Arkansas to Cordelia Nash, better known as “Madear”. After high school, Stella went on to become a wife and mother to three daughters, Beverly, Lula and Rita.

Professionally, Stella enjoyed life on the road as a truck driver, making multiple cross-country trips in the US. She had many unique and crazy stories about her adventures while trucking.

In 2000, Stella moved from Tennessee to California to live with her youngest daughter, Rita and her, then two, eventually three, grandchildren. In 2009, she moved, with her family, to Arizona where she lived until her passing.

Stella was a practicing Jehovah’s Witness who enjoyed spreading the Word with her Brothers and Sisters, loved her daughters, her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren, along with any of the children who crossed her path, being a true grandma or Madea to whomever she could. Her hobbies included fishing, bingo, gardening, watching westerns and Perry Mason, cooking and causing trouble whenever she could.

Stella was predeceased by her daughters Beverly and Lula, her husband and her brothers and sisters. She is survived by her daughter Rita, her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren, who are scattered through the United States.

Services will be held at Bunker Family Funeral Home, the University Chapel at 3529 E University Dr., Mesa, AZ on Monday, July 17, 2023 from 6PM to 8PM

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **29**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Snow Funeral Home
1650 E. Shelby Dr.
Memphis, TN 38116

Tribute Wall



“ *Snow Funeral Home created a Memorial Service of Stella Mae Hankins in memory of Stella Mae Hankins*



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“ *In Loving Memory of my adopted MOM Stella. I met my sister friend Rita at work 2003 in San Diego. Rita and I quickly bounded over our mutual love of books and reading. Rita took me home to meet her family and her mom - who immediately became my MOM! Over the years, even after the move to AZ, Mom Stella and I remained in touch. Sometimes with long marathon phone calls. Mom, generously shared her stories, her advice and her love with me! While I am saddened by her passing, I'm blessed with the assurance that she is today in Paradise with the Father! My love and prayers to my sister friend Rita and her wonderful family at this their time of loss. "Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us everyday. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed and very dear" ♡♡*

Lindy Quintyne - July 28, 2023 at 03:28 PM