



## Caryl Jean Stephens

July 23, 1939 - June 21, 2021

Caryl Stephens was an amazing mother, wife, sister, and daughter. Born to the late John and Carolyn Meider July 23, 1939. Caryl's family moved from Pittsburgh to Columbus when she was a young girl. After graduating from North High School in Columbus, Ohio she went on to attend Ohio State University where she met her husband of 60 years, Colonel (Ret.) Thomas Stephens of Pleasant City, Ohio.

Caryl, along side her husband served her country as an Army wife for 28 years, through indelible support of her husband's celebrated career in the Army. Caryl and Tom hosted extravagant, yet dignified parties together through many tours including El Salvador, Panama, and Spain just to name a few. Caryl was always the life of the party, whether hosting diplomats in her home or attending events at the palace of the King and Queen of Spain. She had a unique way of making everyone she met feel welcome and important.

Being an Army wife allowed Caryl to be home with the children and still nurture her love for interior design. She had the privilege of decorating many Ambassador's homes and quarters of high ranking military officials. Of course she kept their own home decorated with impeccable style with unique antiques she acquired while stationed abroad.

Caryl was a generous, loving, supportive human and will be dearly missed by

all who had the good fortune to know her.

Caryl passed away peacefully at home with her family on June 16, 2021. She is survived by her husband Colonel (Retired) Thomas Stephens, son Todd, and daughters Carla (Jim) Gally, Cristen and Amy.