



## Audran Roberts Stephens

October 11, 1977 - December 1, 2019

Audran Laverne Roberts Stephens, 42, of Arden passed away on December 1, 2019 after a brief illness. A lifelong resident of this area, she established her career with the City of Asheville. Audran, a graduate of AC Reynolds High School, received her BS degree in Environmental Health from Western Carolina University and a Master's in Public Health Affairs from UNC.

She is survived by her husband of 21 years, Scott E. Stephens; a son, Eric Lee Stephens, both of the home; her parents, Lee and Nancy Roberts of Johnson City, TN; a sister, Dr. Tristan Perry and husband, Will, of Radford, VA; her father in law, Dale Stephens, of Hickory, NC; brother in law, Rick Stephens and wife, Tammy, of Boone, NC; and loving extended family including numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and two labs, Cookie and Jiffy.

Audran was predeceased by an infant daughter, Emily Ann; her grandparents; her mother in law, Louise Stephens; many aunts and uncles; and a spunky and spoiled poodle, Cinnamon.

An accomplished violinist, she performed in countless events and ceremonies, often with her pianist sister. Audran was named after her grandparents, but answered to several nicknames:

“Turtle”, “Bernie” and “Dinky”.

She was a professed Christian and a member of Lake Hills Baptist Church.

A private graveside service will be held at Calvary Episcopal Churchyard with Pastor James Walker officiating. Audran will be interred beside her infant daughter.

Audran was special to many people and loved dearly by her family. She was her parents "Baby". Her memory will always be cherished and will forever be in our hearts. Her family is thankful for her life and have confidence they will one day be united with her in the presence of Jesus, our Lord and Blessed Savior.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lake Hills Baptist Church Benevolence Fund, 370 Lake Dr, Biltmore Lake, NC 28715. Morris Funeral & Cremation Care, 304 Merrimon Ave., Asheville is serving the family. Condolences may be sent through the website, [www.MorrisFamilyCare.com](http://www.MorrisFamilyCare.com)

# Cemetery Details

## **Calvary Episcopal Churchyard**

2840 Hendersonville Road  
Fletcher, NC 28732

# Tribute Wall

TP

“ *Leaf upon leaf laid  
in a pile below a tree.  
Jumped! And they scattered!*

*Summer days are long.  
The years of winter are short.  
Blink! They disappeared.*

*Sitting on the porch  
the rain comes with the sunshine—  
Memories flood. . . Breathe.*

*Quickly fade away  
faces in the photograph. . .  
Just my face remains?*

*—Love your sister forever*

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**Tristan Perry** - December 01, 2025 at 09:34 AM

TP

“ *Daddy is with you in eternity. Miss you both!*



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**Tristan Perry** - March 17, 2025 at 11:23 PM

“ FIVE:

*Missing candles on a cake;  
Less colorful bouquets in a vase;  
Fewer glad tidings to make, and  
Waning golden harvests lighting your face.*

*No "moving forward".*

*No "getting over it".*

*Just building a new existence around the toughest blow,  
in the hope of moving farther away from what life has thrown.*

*Surgeries and victories;  
more loss to add to the count.*

*A pandemic and major milestone;  
all part of what's been dealt.*

*That's one side of the coin--the other side yet to see.*

*We know each other already--don't view the glass so darkly.*

**GRACE~**

*Smelling the fragrant red roses,  
feeling the presence right away,  
hearing a familiar lilt,  
seeing restoration underway.*

*Tasting a new sampling, while savoring the old:*

*Tenderness and mercy, grace upon grace bestowed.*

*One does the best they can with the hand they have to play.*

*Joy comes in the morning, and mourning will end someday!*

**BEHOLD!**

*The City of Emerald so pristine,  
hovering majestically above the ground.*

*Sunlight gleaming off its glass,  
on the horizon it can be found.*

*A gentle breeze blows across the field;  
bringing with it stability and peace.*

*Peace at heart,*

*Peace of mind,*

*Peace on earth,  
Peace for you and me.  
Be still.*

*--Tristan*

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**Tristan Perry** - December 01, 2024 at 12:07 AM

TS

“*O suns and skies and clouds of June  
And flowers of June together,  
Ye cannot rival for one hour  
October's bright blue weather!  
O sun and skies and flowers of June,  
count all your boasts together,  
Love loveth best of all the year  
October's bright blue weather!*”  
*--Helen Hunt Jackson*

*In loving memory on your birthday. . .  
Your sister*



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**Tristan Perry, sister** - October 11, 2024 at 12:16 AM

TP

“ *Praying for a sister in the backseat of the Olds.  
Naming you Raisin as you grew in the womb.  
Seeing you for the first time in Mother's lap,  
with Barbie cradled in your tiny lap.  
Your hand fitting right into mine,  
we began life as teammates from that time.  
Getting into pots & pans and sharing a room.  
Enjoying McD's ice cream and fries after school.  
Sneaking junk food wrappers under my bed,  
definitely without my knowledge!  
Rising early on Christmas morn  
to separate presents prettily adorned.  
Defending each other through the years:  
We rose to challenges, overcoming fears & tears.  
A dueting force to be reckoned with on piano and violin.  
Nothing Asheville will ever hear again.  
Arrayed in monochromatic burgundy with lipstick to match,  
the door remains open. We're attached.  
My prayers, the First and Not-So-Last, granted--  
I'll join you one day when my soul is transplanted.  
O suns & skies & clouds of the earth,  
You can't compare to a sister's worth.  
O Son & Spirit & Father Creator,  
My Loss is great but Your Promise is greater!*

*--Tristan*

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**Tristan Perry** - December 01, 2023 at 12:18 AM



“ *Audran Roberts Stephens*

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October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM

TP

“ *Strings & Keys we played beautiful sister melodies.  
"Memory" at a high school talent show.  
Lovely white weddings and many sacred specials.  
Notable events, local TV and radio programs.  
Giddy girls meeting Itzhak P & Dino K.  
Yearly Christmas recitals in a house on a narrow street  
where hearts gathered in warmth and peace.  
Your bow flowed effortlessly in virtuosity,  
holding my organic approach in strict tempo!  
Knowing what the other thought, 2 peas in a pod, we made a unique  
duo.  
In the hands of This pianist, the violin is a teacher--a new friend.  
Imparting strength, showing ethereality: the sisterhood lives once  
again.  
Strings & Keys we will play one bright day--  
Joyously,  
Harmoniously,  
In Eternity. . .*

*Tristan Perry*

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**Tristan Perry** - November 30, 2022 at 11:36 PM

NR

*That's our girls: one in Heaven and one on Earth. Precious to us  
always.  
Mother and Dad*

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**Nancy and Lee Roberts** - December 01, 2022 at 01:17 PM

TP

“ *Still missing you, my sister. I know you're taking care of Mocha and Nutmeg.*  
—Tristan



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**Tristan Perry** - December 02, 2021 at 09:26 PM

KR

“ *Sending prayers courage strength and love*  
♥  
*Love you all*  
*Kinda Roberts-Cain*



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**Kinda Roberts-Cain** - December 18, 2020 at 07:21 AM

TP

“ *Missing you, my sister*



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**Tristan Perry** - December 01, 2020 at 03:05 PM

LM

“ *I played violin with Audran during High School. She not only was a talented violinist, but also a good friend who was kind and so fun to be around. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.*

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**LuAda Page Malcom** - December 31, 2019 at 10:54 AM

SD

“ I only knew Audran for a short time but I will miss her wit and insights. I hope she has found peace. For Scott and Eric I am so sorry for your loss; may God give the both of you the strength to move forward,



Susan Davis-Brown - December 22, 2019 at 07:42 AM

DP

“ My sister and I enjoying hanging out in our pajamas. Audran is totally thrilled on her horse. What a beautiful child and even more beautiful young lady.



Dr. Tristan Perry - December 12, 2019 at 08:01 PM

SH

“ Sheryl Hope lit a candle in memory of Audran Roberts Stephens



Sheryl Hope - December 05, 2019 at 09:27 PM

MP

“ From Mary Hughes Perry; Our Thoughts and prayers are with you. May the Holy Spirit comfort you all. I know that Audran has gotten her Angel wings and is with Emily. Love you much, mama Mary



Mary Perry - December 05, 2019 at 09:25 PM

NA

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Audran was about 4 yrs old the last time I saw her at her grandmother's in Tennessee. She was a beautiful little girl and very intelligent. I'm keeping all of the family and friends in my prayers for peace and comfort during this difficult time. Nancy Atkins



Nancy Atkins - December 05, 2019 at 03:27 PM

SH

“ Scott, Eric and family,  
We were so sorry to hear of your loss. I know you will remember Audran forever in your hearts. Praying for peace and comfort during this difficult time.  
Stuart Hinson & family

Stuart Hinson - December 05, 2019 at 09:39 AM



“ Sorry for your loss in our thoughts and prayers

Tyler Hughes - December 05, 2019 at 09:13 AM



“ sorry for ur loss u r in our thoughts an prayers  
love todd jr steph zach an lexi



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**Stephanie Groharing** - December 04, 2019 at 08:39 PM



“ Joel Tweed Sr. lit a candle in memory of  
Audran Roberts Stephens



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**Joel Tweed Sr.** - December 04, 2019 at 06:58 PM



“ Brooke Strickland lit a candle in memory of  
Audran Roberts Stephens



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**Brooke Strickland** - December 04, 2019 at 04:14 PM



“ Nick And Megan lit a candle in memory of  
Audran Roberts Stephens



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**Nick and Megan** - December 04, 2019 at 03:54 PM



“ *Audran was my cousin whom when I was little was my favorite cousin. She would spend time with me and play games with me even through she was older and could have been doing better things. She had a stuff toy ( a purple unicorn) that I feel in love with and she gave it to me without even thinking about it. The time I got to spend with her was so much fun because she made it that way. We cooked fish next to the creek by her old house in NC as kids, of course the fish was just really big leaves). I can not say how nice and sweet she was to me growing up. She would even spend time listening and helping me read when I would stay with her and her parents during the summers. She always made me feel special. I will miss her and hate that I could not return the kindness she bestowed upon me as I grew up. Love you and miss you Audran.*

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**KT Conley** - December 04, 2019 at 03:16 PM

BD

“ *Brad Davis lit a candle in memory of Audran Roberts Stephens*



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**Brad Davis** - December 04, 2019 at 03:02 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Audran Roberts Stephens.*



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December 04, 2019 at 01:56 PM

ES

“ *East Tennessee Children's Hospital SPD staff purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Audran Roberts Stephens.*



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**East Tennessee Children's Hospital SPD staff** - December 04, 2019 at 01:03 PM

DB

“ *Darlene Barnwell lit a candle in memory of Audran Roberts Stephens*



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**Darlene Barnwell** - December 04, 2019 at 12:27 PM

AH

“ *I am so sorry. A beautiful soul.*

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**annie hawes** - December 04, 2019 at 09:48 AM

LS

“ *With true heart-felt sympathy to Audran's family. She was an important member of our family here at the City of Asheville.*



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**Lora Sepion** - December 04, 2019 at 08:30 AM

Crystal  
Acuff

“ Our deepest condolences to you; Scott, Eric, Uncle Lee, Aunt Nancy, Tristan and Will. Words are never adequate in moments like these. Our hearts go out to you, and we will always remember the joyous memories that we are privileged to have in knowing Audran. Love you all so very much. Our thoughts and prayers are with you always. Shane, Crystal, David, Brooke, and Buster Acuff



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**Crystal Acuff** - December 04, 2019 at 02:18 AM

BR

“ I loved my conversations and laughter with Audran. She was such a wonderful asset to the City of Asheville team! I look forward to seeing you again one day when we all pass this life.



*Blessings to you her family and comfort and peace in the days to come.*

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**Brenda** - December 03, 2019 at 10:43 PM

CH

“ We Love you all, and feel a deep sadness for this unimaginable sorrow. May God comfort you during this time.  
With Much Love,  
Chris and Renee

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**Chris Hughes** - December 03, 2019 at 10:29 PM



“ I will always cherish the memories of potty training you and I’m sorry I left you with cleaning the bathrooms. I am proud of the beautiful young woman you became, as well as a loving wife and mother. I love you Bernie from the bottom of my heart. You are all in my prayers Scott, Eric, Nancy, Lee, Tristan, Will and the rest of the family and her many friends. Love Aunt Kathy



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**Kathy Hughes Groharing** - December 03, 2019 at 10:15 PM

WH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all in this time of loss.  
We love you all.

*Uncle Walter and Aunt Brenda.*



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**Walter Hughes** - December 03, 2019 at 09:59 PM

Lora Morgan

“ Thoughts and prayers for her family. This breaks my heart. She was an awesome asset to the City of Asheville. May the Lord comfort you all and give you strength.



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**Lora Morgan** - December 03, 2019 at 09:46 PM

PC

“ Remembering Audran and praying for the family. Love, Paula, Allison, and Ethan Conley



Paula Conley - December 03, 2019 at 09:36 PM

MK

“ Mary Kiss lit a candle in memory of Audran Roberts Stephens



Mary Kiss - December 03, 2019 at 09:19 PM

SP

“ Sam Powers lit a candle in memory of Audran Roberts Stephens



Sam Powers - December 03, 2019 at 09:02 PM

KR

“ Sending prayers courage strength and love  
Isaiah 41:10 Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.  
Sending our deepest sympathy & love  
Kinda Ann Roberts-Cain (Jeff)  
And Boys 🐾🐾🐾 Wyatt & Maverick 🐾🐾🐾

Kinda Roberts-Cain - December 03, 2019 at 08:56 PM



“ Beverly Puskas lit a candle in memory of  
Audran Roberts Stephens



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**Beverly Puskas** - December 03, 2019 at 08:48 PM



“ Renee O'Kelley lit a candle in memory of  
Audran Roberts Stephens



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**Renee O'Kelley** - December 03, 2019 at 08:22 PM



“ Cathy Ball lit a candle in memory of Audran  
Roberts Stephens



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**Cathy Ball** - December 03, 2019 at 08:20 PM



“ Randy Rhodes lit a candle in memory of  
Audran Roberts Stephens



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**Randy Rhodes** - December 03, 2019 at 08:18 PM

NC

“ Noel Campbell lit a candle in memory of Audran Roberts Stephens



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**Noel Campbell** - December 03, 2019 at 07:52 PM

KS

“ Kate Spain lit a candle in memory of Audran Roberts Stephens



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**Kate Spain** - December 03, 2019 at 07:15 PM

TR

“ I'm extremely saddened to hear of Audran's passing. Although we lost touch over the years, I still have many wonderful memories of her from school and especially our strings class. Audran was always very kind, patient, and accepting. A beautiful, sweet soul. She was a true friend and I know she will be missed. I wish comfort and peace to her family and friends during this time.



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**Tonya Rhodes** - December 03, 2019 at 07:10 PM

HP

“ *Poodles from heaven  
Cinnamon, CoCo Puff, Nutmeg & Felicia*



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**Heavenly Poodles** - December 03, 2019 at 07:03 PM

AF

“ *Love,  
Aunt Karen, Cousin Katie, Smokie, Lulu, and  
Trixie*



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**Aunt Karen, Katie, and furry family** - December 03, 2019 at 07:01 PM

MD

“ *Love,  
Mother, Daddy and Jasmine*



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**Mother and Daddy** - December 03, 2019 at 06:59 PM

LJ

“ *Lisa Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Audran  
Roberts Stephens*



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**Lisa Jenkins** - December 03, 2019 at 06:57 PM

NR

“ *Nicole Gonnelli Rikard lit a candle in memory of Audran Roberts Stephens*



**Nicole Gonnelli Rikard** - December 03, 2019 at 06:56 PM

TR

“ *Tristan, Will, Mocha and Baby Ruth*




**Tristan, Will, Mocha and Baby Ruth** - December 03, 2019 at 06:56 PM

DH

“ *David Hanks lit a candle in memory of Audran Roberts Stephens*



**David Hanks** - December 03, 2019 at 06:51 PM

  
Racheland  
Buckner

“ *Brandon & Rachell Buckner*




**RachelandBrandon Buckner** - December 03, 2019 at 06:51 PM

CG

“ *Connie Gault lit a candle in memory of Audran Roberts Stephens*



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**Connie Gault** - December 03, 2019 at 06:47 PM

 Ronald Kerns

“ *Ronald Kerns lit a candle in memory of Audran Roberts Stephens*



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**Ronald Kerns** - December 03, 2019 at 06:38 PM

TC

“ *Travis And Jamie Cagle lit a candle in memory of Audran Roberts Stephens*



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**Travis and Jamie Cagle** - December 03, 2019 at 06:12 PM

IT

“ *Ivan Thomas lit a candle in memory of Audran Roberts Stephens*



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**Ivan Thomas** - December 03, 2019 at 05:59 PM

SS

“ *Sonia Salgado lit a candle in memory of Audran Roberts Stephens*



Sonia Salgado - December 03, 2019 at 05:25 PM

AP

“ *Amy Patterson lit a candle in memory of Audran Roberts Stephens*



Amy Patterson - December 03, 2019 at 05:22 PM

SM

“ *Sara McHone lit a candle in memory of Audran Roberts Stephens*



Sara McHone - December 03, 2019 at 03:54 PM

KG

*You are so loved and in all of our hearts. I will cherish my memories of potty training you and I'm sorry I left you with cleaning the bathrooms. I Love You Bernie from the bottom of my heart. I am praying for you Scott, Eric, Nancy, Lee, Tristan and will and the rest of the family. Love Aunt Kathy*

Kathy Hughes Groharing - December 03, 2019 at 09:40 PM

DH

*It's raining in my heart. Audran was the daughter we never had. She will be missed but now she with Emily and waiting in Heaven for her family and friends.*

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**David Hanks** - December 08, 2019 at 07:31 PM