



## Mrs. Stephanie Medlin Franks

March 6, 1959 - August 21, 2016

Stephanie Medlin Franks, 57, of Albany, GA, went home to the Lord on Sunday, August 21, 2016 at her residence. Visitation will be held Saturday, August 27, 2016 from 1:00PM until 3:00PM at Albany Bible Church, 100 Grand Island Dr., Leesburg, GA 31763. A memorial service will follow the visitation. Pastor Pete Daughtry will officiate.

Stephanie was born in Albany, GA on March 6, 1959 to the late James Russell Medlin and Patsy Turner Medlin. She graduated from Albany High School in 1977. She continued her education, receiving her A.A. in Fine Arts from Albany Junior College in 1979 and her B.A. in Music Education from Valdosta State College in 1981. After marrying Kenneth Franks in 1981, they enlisted in the United States Air Force that same year. She served for eight years with the 581st AF Band at Robins AFB, GA as a pianist and featured vocalist. In 1989, she and her husband returned to Albany. She worked here in various self employment ventures and most recently worked as the Association Executive with the Albany Board of Realtors. She was a member of Albany Bible Church since its foundation in 1974 and enjoyed serving her Lord as a pianist and singing His praises regularly.

Survivors include her husband Kenneth Franks; daughters, Kate Mitchell (Luke) and Marlee Ott (Robert); grandchildren, Everett and Wren Mitchell; brother Jim Medlin (Jan); Step mother, Toby Medlin; stepsisters, Terry

Coleman (Tommy) and Tamara Anderson (Steve); stepbrother, Tony Oxley  
(Deborah)

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Albany Bible Church, 100 Grand  
Island Dr., Leesburg, GA 31763.

To share your thoughts with the Franks family you may visit our website at [www.kimbrellstern.com](http://www.kimbrellstern.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 27. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Albany Bible Church  
100 Grand Island Dr  
Albany, GA 31707  
(229) 435-1820

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Stephanie Medlin Franks*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Stephanie Medlin Franks*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



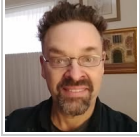
“ *Mrs. Stephanie Medlin Franks*

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“ *Mrs. Stephanie Medlin Franks*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ Stephanie Medlin as unchanged image from youthful memories remains 40 years after I left 31707 - kind, sweet, focused, of bedrock faith, decency, she will always be the nicest - and prettiest - girl on 5th, her house and household in all details are as then in my mind. Music, kind busy parents, nice brother, warm, hospitable home, including an attic unit - all floods back amid regret that reunions were missed along the way!

*We walked home together from Palmyra Heights Elementary School for years, I continued to Pinecrest Drive. We spoke briefly ca. a decade ago, our last words. Farewell, Stephanie.*

*Whoever married Stephanie did well, as whoever was fortunate to be her offspring. May the serenity of her ways and honest cheer light your way.*

*Benno McKemie - Jerusalem, Israel - arborvista@yahoo.com*

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**Arbor Vista** - March 05, 2017 at 07:47 AM



“ Stephanie and I were close friends during high school. Unfortunately, life took us in opposite directions and we rarely saw each other over the past ten years. I will always remember her a a beautiful person who had the most kind heart of anyone I have ever known. I have thought of her often and will regret not taking the time to reach out to her when I would pass through Albany/Leesburg. My prayers are with all of her family. The world was a better place because Stephanie was a part of it.

*Tammy Ward Fletcher*

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**Tammy Ward Fletcher** - August 29, 2016 at 06:36 PM

BR

“ Never having met Stephanie, I know she had to be a very loving and kind person. Her mother in law spoke very highly and lovingly of her. Heaven has increased by one more great person. Stephanie, you will be missed by all those who love you and even those of us who never met you but prayed diligently for your health....

*Barbara Anderson Robinson (a former Albany resident and graduate of AHS class of'62)*

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**Barbara Anderson Robinson** - August 27, 2016 at 06:19 PM

RD

“ Our time with Stephanie (and Ken) at Robins AFB, Ga. are some of the most memorable of our 20 year career in the AF Bands. She was always full of life, a classy lady and a super class act. We will truly miss her. Ken, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this very difficult time. Ralph and Marlene Davis.

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**Ralph Davis** - August 27, 2016 at 10:32 AM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Stephanie Medlin Franks.



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August 27, 2016 at 10:13 AM

PW

“ I am sorry to hear of Stephanie's passing. Although I knew Stephanie for a short while in the Valdosta State Music Department, she was such a sweet person with a beautiful voice. My prayers are for Ken, daughters and the Medlin/Franks family.

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**Patricia Welch** - August 27, 2016 at 07:14 AM

GT

“ Gerry & Barbara Thomas purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Stephanie Medlin Franks.



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**Gerry & Barbara Thomas** - August 26, 2016 at 10:32 PM

SF

“ Stepahnie will be Very Much Missed. She was always so Happy and A JOY to work with. Knowing she will rest in Peace is a comfort. Ken our Prayers and Thoughts are with you at this time.

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**Sherry Flournoy** - August 26, 2016 at 09:17 PM

JD

“ Stephanie always has a happy disposition - no matter the stress she kept a smile and was always there to help. She was always above and beyond in her loyalty and dedication. She is sorely missed but her memory of love and her devotion will live on.

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**Jackie Dixon** - August 26, 2016 at 07:21 PM

CJ

“ I only came to know Stephanie when she hired me as her assistant at The Albany Board of Realtors, but in that short time she became a wonderful and invaluable friend. She helped me through some rough times including the sudden death of my dad and some really rough patches in my marriage. One thing I will always remember Steph telling me is "Cindy, you and Steve have to put GOD first or your marriage will never survive" Steph, I know you are looking down and realizing I am trying really hard, because if we can have half the marriage you and Ken did then I'll be happy. Thanks friend for everything, especially just being here. You taught us all what courage looks like. Prayers for Ken , girls and entire family.

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**Cindy Johnson** - August 26, 2016 at 03:31 PM

JH

“ I am so sorry to hear this news about Stephanie-brings back too many memories of Patsy, Russell and and my husband James. We used to get so thrilled when we would see them at the Officers Club performing beautifully and we would have our time to visit with them and catch up on all family news. My heart is full of love for all of you, and prayers will continue for a long time. Blessings from our family,  
Jo Wright Hughes

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**Jo W Hughes** - August 26, 2016 at 03:05 PM

EH

“ So sorry for your loss. While I only knew Stephanie a short period of time, she was a wonderful person. Praying for comfort for your family.

*Elizabeth Hiatt*

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**Elizabeth Hiatt** - August 26, 2016 at 10:16 AM

GR

“ Ken and Family,  
So sorry for your loss. Stephanie will be missed by so many, she was a delight to be around and was always so helpful to me. I am grateful to have know her. I will always remember her singing at our board luncheon such a beautiful voice. May she be at peace and pain free.

George Rosso

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George Rosso - August 25, 2016 at 08:43 AM

PI

“ I am so grateful to have worked with Stephanie. She was a hard worker and always had such a great attitude and smile. It was our blessing to have her in our lives for a brief time.

Penni Ivy

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Penni Ivy - August 24, 2016 at 09:50 AM

DS

“ My deepest sympathies to Mrs. Franks' family. May God comfort you and give you peace during this time of grief. Psalm 46:1

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D Stevenson - August 24, 2016 at 08:24 AM

JS

“ Stephanie was always so full of life. Her smile, her laugh and she always brought joy to those around her. And what a voice. She is now singing with the angels because her life exemplified the love and faith she had in her Lord. We have some great memories from Central Baptist Church youth days. Prayers for her family!

John Sikes

Clarksburg, WV

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john sikes - August 23, 2016 at 10:32 PM

MS

“ You and your family are in our hearts and prayers. Stephanie touched our lives deeply. We will miss her very much. Her courageous spirit lives on. We will never forget her!

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**Molly Swan** - August 23, 2016 at 08:52 PM

LS

“ Ken and Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless!  
Our Deepest Sympathy, Jack & Laura Stone

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**Laura Stone** - August 23, 2016 at 02:44 PM

DS

“ Ken and Family, I am so sorry that Steph is gone! But thankful she is not suffering. She and I were in and out of each others lives forever it seems! We went to school together, double-dated together, took voice lessons together, and then she went to work at the Board office and we re-connected again! I will miss seeing her and talking about old times....she was a beautiful person! Her illness has really touched me and I was so moved by the letter she wrote to the Board members. Her Faith was so strong, and she was an awesome witness to what the Lord can do in your life. We will all miss her smiling face! Love, Debbie (TenHagen) Sutton

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**Debbie Sutton** - August 23, 2016 at 01:22 PM

TF

Stephanie and I were close friends during high school. Unfortunately, life took us in opposite directions and we rarely saw each other over the past ten years. I will always remember her as a beautiful person who had the most kind heart of anyone I have ever known. I have thought of her often and will regret not taking the time to reach out to her when I would pass through Albany/Leesburg. My prayers are with all of her family. The world was a better place because Stephanie was a part of it.

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**Tammy Ward Fletcher** - August 29, 2016 at 06:33 PM

TH

“ I haven't seen Stephanie in years. We did share 12 years of school together. She was always a so talented, what a voice. Not to mention she could always make me laugh. my deepest sympathy to all her family. She will be loved and missed.

*Ted Hayman*

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**Ted Hayman** - August 23, 2016 at 11:45 AM

TD

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family. I only knew Stephanie for a short time, but she felt like an old friend. I had a great time playing with her and I will miss her.



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**Tim Davis** - August 23, 2016 at 05:43 AM

CD

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to all of Stephanie's family and friends. She was always so sweet and always had a beautiful smile. She was blessed beyond measure with a beautiful voice and soul. Rest in peace beautiful one! May God grant you all with love and comfort.

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**Cherry Granado DeReus** - August 23, 2016 at 12:17 AM

WB

“ Ken, I am so very sorry for your loss. When I think of Stephanie, the first thing I remember is her beautiful smile. Praying for peace and comfort for you and the rest of your family.

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**Wendy Bellacomo** - August 22, 2016 at 10:24 PM

CY

“ Prayers go out to Stephanie's family. I was saddened to hear about her passing and am so sorry for your loss. I have not seen Stephanie in many years but she was one to leave happy memories with everyone she met. We became close friends in elementary school and she was sweet and talented then. I remember how supportive and loving her mom and dad were in everything she did. I know she is singing in heaven. She touched many hearts and will always live in those who knew her.

*Celinda Yoakum*

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**Celinda Yoakum** - August 22, 2016 at 09:25 PM

RC

“ My prayers go out to Stephanie's family. I went to Jr. High school with Stephanie and she was just the sweetest person to be around. Although I haven't seen her in years, in her picture on Facebook she looks just like I remember. I am so sorry for your loss and will keep you in prayers.

*Rita Brown Cline*  
*Merry Acres Jr High School*

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**Rita Cline** - August 22, 2016 at 08:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Stephanie Medlin Franks.



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August 22, 2016 at 08:04 PM

KN

“ Stephanie will be truly missed. I only had the chance to know her for a short time. She was the very helpful and willing to help you anyway possible to get the job done right. She will be truly missed. My heart is sadden for your Lost. But Know that God is always in control. ( John 11: 25-26 )



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**Kim Norman** - August 22, 2016 at 07:07 PM

CY

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Stephanie's passing. What a treasure she was to those that knew her! She is now, without a doubt, one of God's Angels. May God hold her family close in the days ahead, and shower you with sweet memories. Rest in peace sweet Lady.

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**Carol York** - August 22, 2016 at 04:24 PM

IC

“ I am so sorry and saddened to hear of this great loss of our friend Stephanie. Having worked with her at the Albany Board of Realtors for years, I remember her enthusiasm for our industry and her organizational skills as she kept us all on track for continuing education classes, luncheons, committees, and board duties. She will be missed much.  
*Iris Cobb*

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**Iris Cobb** - August 22, 2016 at 03:56 PM

SA

“ Stephanie was a part of my early life at Central Baptist Church singing in the choir and then later in life as she introduced me to my wife of 39 years. Words are not enough to say about what she brought to me in life and I will always remember her infectious laugh and beautiful smile. Rest in Peace Stephanie.

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**Steve Allen** - August 22, 2016 at 03:32 PM

BH

“ Stephanie was one of the most beautiful, musically talented woman I have ever known. The music she made was pure joy!!!

*Beverly Smith Herrington  
AHS Class of 1955*

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**Beverly Smith Herrington** - August 22, 2016 at 03:00 PM

SB

“ I worked at the Air Force Band with Stephanie and Ken. Working with the two of them was a real pleasure. I have many memories from that time of of our lives. It was a fun time we and we made the most of it. Ken, just know you and your family are in our prayers. Sent with love from Sue and Lionel.

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**Sue Barfield** - August 22, 2016 at 02:52 PM

PM

“ *Ken and family:  
How sad we all were to hear of Stephanie's passing yesterday. She was such a courageous soul, who was teeming over with faith and love for her Lord. She taught us much as we worked side by side with Stephanie. But she taught us more, once she received her latest diagnosis.....She was one of the most courageous women I have ever met, and her strength and faith will love on in all of our realtors. Our prayers with you and your family.*

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**Patsy Martin** - August 22, 2016 at 02:43 PM

GE

“ *I knew Stephanie in our teen years. She was a very sweet and beautiful young lady, and I knew she was going to be a wonderful adult. I am so very sorry to hear of her passing, and offer my deepest sympathies to her family and friends.*

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**Gordon Etchison** - August 22, 2016 at 11:05 AM