



Lucy Shull Stevens 1919-1992

Robert J. Stevens 1907-2005

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Sep 27 1919 - Apr 17 1992
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Lucy Shull Stevens was born in Texarkana, Texas, on September 27, 1919. She is the daughter of Tressie E. Bowman, who was an active member of Rockville UMC for many years, and who at 93, now lives with her grandson in Thurmont, MD.

Lucy spent her early years in various parts of Texas and Louisiana. In 1941, she took a Civil Service Exam on which she scored a 96, and was asked to report to Washington, D.C. at once. She lived in Chevy Chase in the home of a cousin. In May 1941, she began working for the Veteran's Administration where she met Bob Stevens. They were married in January 1942 and have made their home in this area ever since. Lucy and Bob had four children - three sons, Bill, David and Rusty, and a daughter, Dolly. (They suffered the loss of their youngest son in a car accident when he was 18). Lucy worked for the Federal Government for the next 30 years. She was a former Regent of the Chevy Chase Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a longtime member of the National Genealogical Society, Montgomery County Historical Society, and the Natchitoches, Ark-La-Tex and Louisiana Genealogical Societies. She was also a devoted member of the Rockville United Methodist Women's Circle Guild. In 1981 she retired from HEW in Rockville and divided her time between gardening and canning at their country home in Bergton, VA., and genealogy which was a fierce passion she actively maintained through the years. Part of her legacy is a lifetime collection of family genealogy, complete with diaries, photographs, letters and other memorabilia.

"Why should coming alive in another world be considered more miraculous than coming alive in this one. I have no fear of the end. To me it's a commencement." (Anonymous)

LUCY S. STEVENS

Grants Management Specialist

Lucy Shull Stevens, 72, a retired Department of Health, Education and Welfare grants management specialist, died of cancer April 17 at her home in Rockville.

Mrs. Stevens was born in Texarkana, Tex., and moved to the Washington area in 1941.

She began her government career with the Veterans Administration and retired from HEW in 1981 after 40 years of federal service.

She was a former regent of the Chevy Chase chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Children of the American Revolution and a member of the National Genealogical Society, the Montgomery County Historical Society and Rockville United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Robert Jordan Stevens of Rockville; three children, William L. Stevens of Ijamsville, Md., David A. Stevens of Thurmont, Md., and Mary Dolly Stevens of Purcellville, Va.; her mother, Tressie E. Bowman of Thurmont; and three grandchildren.

OBITUARIES

STEVENS, LUCY SHULL

On Friday, April 17, 1992, of Rockville, MD. Beloved wife of Robert J. Stevens; mother of William L. and David A. Stevens; and Mary Dolly Stevens-Tootle; daughter of Tressie E. Bowman; she is also survived by three grandchildren, Tara Elizabeth Stevens, and Matthew Glenn and Rose Louise Tootle. Friends will be received at PUMPHREY'S COLONIAL FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Montgomery Ave. (Rte 28 just off I-270), Rockville, MD, on Sunday from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral services will be held at The Rockville United Methodist Church, 112 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville, MD on Monday, April 20 at 11 a.m. Interment Rockville Cemetery. The family suggests that, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to The American Cancer Society, 11323 Amhurst Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20902.

*How many times
have my dad and I
gone through cemeteries
w/ mom. and how
regularly she poured
through the obituaries.
How strange now to see
hers -*



LUCY STEVENS HAS SURGERY

Lucy has had surgery more times than I can count and she is missing most of what the majority of us have inside that we call our organs - vital or otherwise. She wrote me in September to tell me that the doctors had found more tumors, had to operate and would not put it off till after October 14 so she could come to the meeting in Raleigh. Well, she came anyway and many of you got to meet her. Those who did not can see her picture in this issue.

I received a note today from Bob, Lucy's husband, which I'll quote for your information:

"Lucy got your letter yesterday and asked me to drop you a line.

"She. underwent surgery on Dec 20th: Malignant tumors removed, along with the colon and spleen! At the moment she is recovering nicely and may come home tomorrow (Jan 9).

"This has been an unforgettable winter. Lucy really wasn't well at the Raleigh reunion but wild horses couldn't keep her away! We both enjoyed the week end.

"A George Alford phoned here the other day. I told him to call next week- I'm sure Lucy can help him."

Bob's photo is on page 8 and Lucy is on page 9. The address for those cards and letters I'm sure many of you will want to send is:

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Mr. Gilbert K. Alford, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Alford:

While I have been meaning to write you for sometime, I have somehow kept putting it off, but not intentionally - just too busy. Since I went by Mother's apartment yesterday and found your letter and she suggested that I answer it for her, since she is hospitalized at present and unable to do much.

Nearly two weeks ago, she came down with either a virus type thing or something causing severe diarrhea. My husband and I were at our place in Virginia and although I spoke with her daily she only mentioned that she was having a slight problem. When we returned that Saturday, I found her seemingly better, but still unable to eat much.

On Monday, we called the doctor and he came out to see her and said she was very dehydrated. On Tuesday, he ordered her into the hospital and she has been there ever since - a week tomorrow. They seemed to think she had a chemical imbalance added to shingles and the dehydration, but they are giving her excellent care and I feel she will be able to come home sometime later this week.

Mother said to tell you that the reference to "Alford Charts page _____ refers to the charts of Mrs. Jewel Gallagher, and that since you mentioned her in your letter she feels sure you must have her charts.

I am feeling much better now, although I still find I tire very quickly. I am now trying to get all of my genealogical records, charts, books, etc. in a decent order. Before I retired in 1981, I was teaching a class after work and frequently went to the National Archives after work, arriving home as late as 11:30 p.m. when I would be exhausted and just toss my notebooks, etc. in the genealogy room. Well, it has caught up with me now, for after being out of things for a year (hospitalized a total of 5½ months in 1982), I can't find half of my stuff. I have 19 notebooks with family group sheets on families that I am working on, and I had bits and pieces everywhere.

Your computer sounds like a great idea and I know it is, too. Our local genealogy club has been giving classes in computer orientation, etc. but they have fallen when I was not able to go. I still hope to do something about it later on.

I have a number of problems both with my SHULL lines (my maiden name) and the MAINS/MAINES lines, which was my grandmother's maiden name. It is like a gigantic jigsaw puzzle.

Lucy Shull Stevens 0094
b. Sep 27 1919 & d. Apr 17 1992
Lived in Rockville, MD
Family luc784nc/JAM687VA
Attended 1 meeting(s).
She's a daughter of Tressie Bowman mentioned elsewhere. She was a pioneer in Alford family research. She attended the 1990 meeting in Raleigh stating that she had cancer in 14 different places but that was not going to keep her away.

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One of the things I like about doing this type of research, is the number of interesting people one meets. Also, it is surprising the number of distant cousins one turns up sometimes.

For instance, on the Mains/Maines lines, I have had two nice encounters. A few years back, I sent a query to a woman's magazine saying I was doing genealogical research on the following families, and proceeded to name about 20-25. Later I received a response from a young woman in East Texas who descended from a William Seaborn Maines (known as "Sebe"), who was a brother to my great-grandfather, William Maines. All my grandmother, Lucy Maines Shull ever said was that they didn't know much about Uncle Sebe except that he had "gone to Texas" and no one ever heard of him after that. Well, Jo Ann Jacobs sent me reams of his descendants.

About a year ago, Mother received a telephone call from a young man, a William Maines, who is the City Engineer for the City of Waco. He is only about 31 yrs. old, but he descends from a brother to William Seaborn Maines, a John Maines, whose name we had, but there again we knew nothing much about him, not even who he married or anything else. We have quite a correspondence going with young William and he is actively pursuing the Maines lines. It is a joy to know that there are young people interested and will carry on the work.

Before I forget, another piece of correspondence arrived for Mother, and it is a request for a subscription to the Alford Bulletin. I shall return her check with an explanation and your address. Also, for your info her is her address, you might want to send her a copy of your latest.

Mrs. Lloyd E. Fite
11938 Longleaf
Houston, Texas 77024 782-1557

I sincerely hope you are doing some better with the bulletin. I know it is a very difficult job to get something like that going and to make it profitable, too. I considered taking it over before I got sick, but after all my troubles I decided I could not do it.

Somewhere in this disorganized chaos that I call a bedroom (upstairs and unused for its intended purpose) I have some recent census information for you re Alford's Offhand, I believe they were in West Virginia, because that is where I was looking recently. I'll check it out and send it to you as soon as I come across it again.

Must run and catch the mailman.

Sincerely,

Lucy Shull Stevens
Lucy Shull Stevens

