

Stephanie Ann Miller Williford

Stephanie Ann Miller Williford stepped into Glory and met her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Friday, February 11, 2022.

She would want this obituary to be accompanied by glitter and confetti, because we all know she brought the sparkle. She didn't just light up the room – she made the room glow with her joyful spirit, infectious laugh, and world-changing hugs.

Her life verse was Acts 20:24: "However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace."

Steph was born on January 4, 1984, to Tom and Debbie Miller in Plano, Texas. She graduated from Plano West Senior High School in 2002 and later graduated from Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, with a degree in religion in 2006.

During high school, she was an active member of the Prestonwood Baptist Church Student Ministry and loved attending mission trips and beach camps every summer. She accepted Christ as her personal Lord and Savior in October of 1998 and was baptized alongside her family on April 18, 1999, which was the last Sunday at the former Prestonwood campus on Hillcrest Road. At Freedom Weekend on January 27, 2001, in a moment of divine clarity and peace, Steph committed her life to ministry and never looked back.

She began faithfully serving the Lord, and in July 2006, she officially joined the Prestonwood Student Ministry staff as Girls' Ministry Associate – serving as the hands and feet of Jesus for preteens and teenagers from all walks of life. She was passionate about her role as Girls' Minister ... her whole heart belonged to girls. It was her soul's calling to point everyone to Jesus at every big or small opportunity. Whether it was hosting epic events for thousands or attending high school football games just to see one of her girls do a three-minute dance number, Steph was intentional about the way she loved her people.

Those who knew Steph would agree she was the epitome of JOY. She was everyone's cheerleader and always found a reason to turn any negative into a positive and any meeting into a party. On any given day, you could find Steph wearing glitter, tulle, or animal print, and she always had a spare set of supplies for every possible situation. The party didn't truly start until Steph arrived. Imagine the party she's experiencing today!

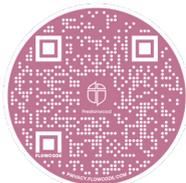
Steph and Bryan Williford were dear friends for many years and later married in May of 2018 in Rosemary Beach, Florida, with their close friends and family. They loved to serve on mission trips around the world and have fun dates at new restaurants and the movies. Even on her last day, she was marveling at how blessed she was to have Bryan as her husband.

Throughout her life, she was immeasurably blessed by her friends. Whether you were friends with her for a season or a lifetime, your life was changed because of Steph's presence in it.

If you knew Steph for more than five minutes, you'd hear her talk about her "Mama Miller" (mother) and "Mak Attack" (sister McKenzie). They were the loves of her life and made her laugh more than anyone else in the world. It was her honor and joy to love them.

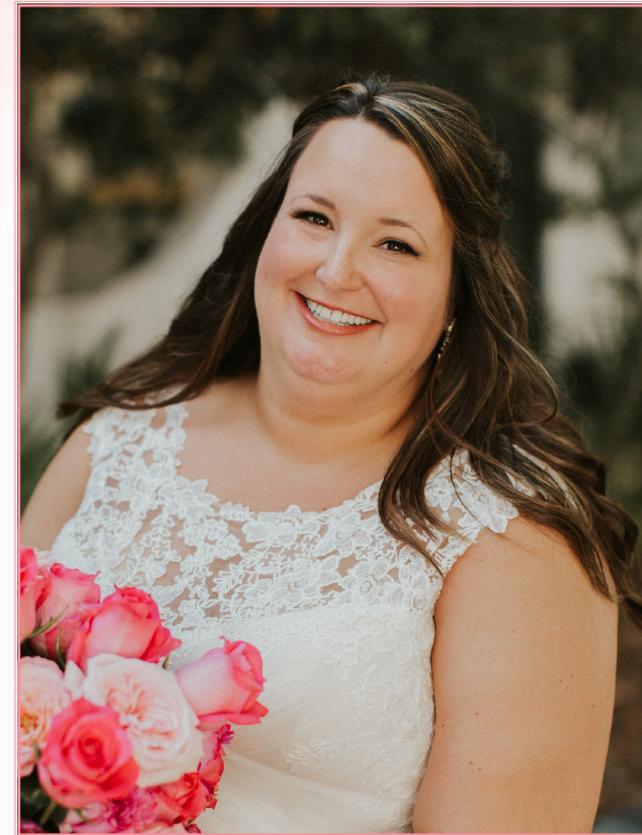
Steph is preceded in death by her father, Tom Miller; and her grandparents, Delois and Dan Deakins, and Joyce and Duane Miller. She is survived by her devoted husband, Bryan Williford; mother, Debbie Miller; sister, McKenzie Lacy and brother-in-law, Thomas Lacy; mother-in-law, Sandra Williford; and her beloved aunts, uncles, cousins and "nieces and nephews" belonging to her best friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Steph to The Stephanie Williford Student Camp Scholarship Endowment through Prestonwood Baptist Church, 6801 W. Park Blvd., Plano, Texas 75093. Please scan the QR code below to donate.



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Celebration of the Life of



Stephanie Williford

January 4, 1984 – February 11, 2022

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—Acts 20:24

Friday, February 18, 2022
10:00 AM
Worship Center
Prestonwood Baptist Church

Devotional Notes Written by Steph Williford

The ultimate good and perfect gift that God gives us is Jesus. We GET to have a relationship with Him.

Because of our sin, we can't do anything good enough to "earn our way" into Heaven and into a relationship with God.

When I was 8 years old, my dad died in the middle of the night. My entire life changed immediately. My family "kinda" went to church – but I remember at that moment, even as a kid, realizing that God must not really love me if He was willing to let this happen. Years go by and I wonder constantly if this God I'm hearing about at church was real. Then one night at MDWK, the student pastor was talking about how Jesus is our perfect everything.

He is the perfect gift. He is our perfect Father. Our perfect friend. Our perfect Savior. Because of what Jesus did for us on the Cross, that means we can have a relationship with Him!

Romans 5:8 says, "But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

God loves us SO much that He was willing to send Jesus, His Son, to earth. And while Jesus was here on earth, He was our PERFECT example. That's why we get to read about Him. That's why the whole Bible is about Him. We can read about Jesus dealing with daily life here on earth. His attitude and actions are what we get to model our lives after!

Jesus trusted God and obeyed Him His whole life – He did not deserve to die. This is why His death can bring forgiveness to others.

Let's read verse 10!

"For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, then how much more, having been reconciled, will we be saved by His life" (Romans 5:10).

I love what this verse says about how we can be "reconciled" – that means "made right" through Jesus' life. He loves us so much that He died for us! So, we get to have a relationship with Him!

Just like when I was y'all's age and I figured out that I needed a Savior, everyone in the whole wide world needs God's help. He sent help for everyone! We are all broken and need Jesus! This is what being a Christian is about!

You are loved! What an amazing thing I get to do pointing this generation of young ladies to Jesus!

Devotional shared in Chapel at Prestonwood Christian Academy (November 2020)

Order of Service

SEATING OF THE FAMILY

"YES I WILL"

BEN WATTS

"BATTLE BELONGS"

KALEB MOORE

WELCOME

DR. JACK GRAHAM

SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER

CLINT IVY

JASON MICK

"BE NOT AFRAID"

RICK BRISCOE

TRIBUTES

CHRISSIE DUNHAM

SAMANTHA SEAL

JEN MCCRADY & MCKENZIE LACY

"CITY OF JOY"

MICHAEL NEALE

PERSONAL REMARKS

DR. JARRETT STEPHENS

"SHOUT TO THE LORD/WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME"

EMILY INMAN

MESSAGE

DR. JACK GRAHAM

CALL TO COMMITMENT

"THE BLESSING"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MARC RYLANDER