

## **Stella Robinette**

H.O.P.E. - **H**elp **O**ur **P**otential **E**volve

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Stella Robinette was born on October 15th in Kingsport, TN but lived most of her life in the community of New Canton, TN, in the Churchill area. She bore two daughters and has three grandchildren. She moved to Nashville, TN in 1977, and moved back to Kingsport, TN in 1989.

Stella started Unique Party Planners by Stella and in 1994 started working for Frontier Health for the Regional Intervention Program better known as "RIP". This program was designed to help 2–5-year-olds. She also volunteered in the community with the Genesis youth choir where she was their public relations person. During this time, she also became involved with South Central Kingsport Community Development Inc. where she served on the board. She was involved big brother - big sister as a mentor to two young girls.

Stella also served on the board for the Downtown Kingsport Association and became involved with Kingsport Chamber Ambassador for the Fun Fest Liaison and is founder of Help Our Potential Evolve "H.O.P.E", which she started in 2008. HOPE is dedicated to serve as a mentoring program for the youth and the Black History Celebration that is held in February. HOPE, also helps families prepare for school with their annual Back to School Celebration which provides children with the basics to start school on the right foot.