

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free. I'm following the path God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard Him call. I turned my back and left it all. I would not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work, or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way. I found that peace at the close of the day. If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss: oh yes, these things, I too, will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much, good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief: Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me. God wanted me now. He set me free.....

PALL BEARERS

Nephews & Grandchildren

Interment

St. Rose Cemetery
Skipperville, Alabama

Repast

Shiloh Seventh-Day Adventist Church
Ozark, Alabama

Acknowledgements

THE FAMILY OF THE LATE LERA MCKINNIS GRATEFULLY
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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR "LERA MAE (GREEN) MCKINNIS"



SUNRISE

FEBRUARY 11, 1917 ---- AUGUST 9, 2016

Service

FRIDAY, 12 AUGUST 2016 11:00 A.M.

SHILOH SEVENTH-DAY
ADVENTIST CHURCH

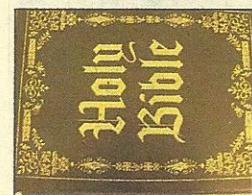
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PASTOR RASHAD BURDEN, PASTOR
OFFICIATING MINISTER

PASTOR S. J. JACKSON

Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....	Musician
Processional.....	Ministers and Family
Musical Selection.....	Chior
Scripture Reading:	
OLD TESTAMENT	Pastor Rashad Burden
Musical Selection.....	Elaine Knight
NEW TESTAMENT	Pastor Rashad Burden
Prayer of Comfort.....	Elder James Harris
Musical Selection.....	Chior
Acknowledgements & Expressions (please limit to 3 minutes)	
Obituary.....	Read Silently.....
Eulogy.....	Soft Music
Recessional.....	Pastor S. J. Jackson
Recessional.....	Pastor Rashad Burden



Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life; He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

Believest thou this? John 11: 25-26

Obituary



Sister Lera McKinnis was the daughter of a Baptist Minister and accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior at an early age. She was a founding member and driving force of Shiloh Seventh-Day Adventist Church. She served as Deaconess, Treasurer, Usher, and Sabbath School Superintendent until declining health precluded it.

Sister McKinnis was unable to have children of her own and gladly accepted the children of her husband, Robert McKinnis, as her own. She embraced the children of her heart as their "Mother" and their children as grandmother.

She excelled at giving advice whether it was solicited or not because as a "Mother" she felt this was her job. She ensured her children attended church, and were baptized.

To the Shiloh Seventh Day Adventist Church Family; Mother would tell you to keep up the good work and she plans on greeting each of you in Paradise.

She is survived by her three children; Barbara Crittenden(Robert) Ozark, AL; Melodie McKinnis, Skipperville, AL; Robert McKinnis (LeKanja) Ozark, AL; Five grandchildren: Reagan, Brandon, Adam, Erika, Robert & John Jontre; Three great grandchildren: Jaidyn, Aubree, and Oliver; One Sister: Evelyn Williams and one Brother-in-Law: Noah Harper, Jr.; One special niece: Alice Beasley and One special nephew David Bryant. & a host of nieces and