

Pall Bearers

Howard Shaw	Harris McLin
Carlos Kennemer	Randolph McLin
Preston Harris	Billy Carthen

Flower Bearers

Nieces
United Methodist Women
(Lakeview & Oakland)

Ushers

Lakeview U.M. Church

Repast

Fellowship Hall
Lakeview U.M. Church

Interment

Thatch-Mann Cemetery
Athens, Alabama

Acknowledgement

The McLin family would like to thank all who expressed their love and sympathy at this most difficult time. May we continue to be in your prayer and you in ours.



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***A Homegoing Celebration
In Loving Memory
of
Lila Benford McLin***

July 10, 1923 - January 31, 2010



**Friday, February 5, 2010
Eleven O'clock AM**

Homer L. Moses Chapel

Peoples Funeral Home
12060 Highway 31 South
Tanner, AL 35671

**Pastor Larry Eddie, Oakland U.M. Church
Officiating**

Obituary

Lila Benford McLin was born July 10, 1923 to the late Fred Douglas Sr. and Lezie Mae Benford. She departed this life January 31, 2010 at Huntsville Hospital.

Lila confessed in Christ at an early age and united with Frazier C.M.E. Church. She later joined Oakland U.M.C. with her husband where she was a faithful member until death. There she sang in the choir, was a member of the United Methodist Women, and Secretary of Sunday School. She always worked wherever there was a need.

She worked as a seamstress outside of the home for many years. Lila was a great cook, loved fixing big dinners for family and friends. We will always remember her chicken and dressing, caramel icing and fried catfish. She truly loved cooking for her children.

She was joined in Holy Matrimony to Willie McLin on May 31, 1942, who preceded her death. To this union seven children were born, two preceded her in death, Ennis Eugene and Lily Ray; one great grandson, Isaiah McLin and one brother, Bill Benford also preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her memories four sons: Billy McLin, Doyle McLin, Ennis McLin (Joyce), Ronnie McLin (Paulene), one daughter, Lila Smith (Denver) and Curtis Moore who they raised as their own, all of Athens, AL; two sisters, Louise Collier of Athens, AL and Cora Fletcher (William) of Louisville, KY; one brother, Fred Douglas Jr. of Nashville, TN; eighteen grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren and a host of loving nieces and nephews, relatives and dear friends.



Service

Processional	Pastor Larry Eddie Oakland U. M. Church
Selection	Lakeview Choir
Scripture Reading	
New Testament	Pastor John Purifoy Lakeview U.M.C.
Old Testament	Pastor Roderick Howell Kingdom Way Church
Solo	Sisters Roslyn and Rachel Malone
Prayer	Minister Albert Malone Jr.
Selection	Lakeview Choir
As I Knew Her	Sis. Earlean Gray
Solo	LaTrice Jones
Acknowledgments	Sis. Frannie Everson
Obituary (Read Silently)	Soft Music
Selection	Lakeview Choir
Eulogy	Pastor Larry Eddie
Solo	Granddaughter, Sis. Erica Allen
Closing Prayer	Pastor Larry Eddie
Recessional	Peoples Funeral Home

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God has laid you
see. I took His hand when I heard
him call. I turned my back and left it all.*

*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 loves ones
touch.*

*I couldn't stay another day. To laugh,
to love, to sing, to play. Tasks that I left
undone must stay that way. I found that
peace at the close of day.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue
grief. Lift up your hearts and peace to
thoe. God wanted me now -*

*If my parting has left a void, then fill it
with remembering joy. A friendship
shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh yes, these
things I too will miss.*

I'm Free