

Velma Holloway

Velma Olivia McLin Holloway was born Sept. 28, 1926, in Limestone County. She was the sixth of eight children, four boys and four girls, born to the late Harris and Rozina Coble McLin. She passed away Saturday in a tragic automobile accident.

She was active in and supportive of church and community service. At Lakeside United Methodist Church, she served in a number of capacities. Velma was a member of United Methodist Women, the Usher Board, Lee Fearn Circle, and varied church committees. Her professional and social affiliations included NEA, AEA, Retired Teachers Association and the Lamron Club.

Velma was educated in the public schools of Limestone



County in the Athens community, where she graduated from Trinity High School in 1947. Upon graduating from high school, she enrolled in a two-year program at Stillman College in Tuscaloosa. She earned the bachelor of science degree from Alabama A&M University in 1952 and the master's degree from Tuskegee University.

Mrs. Holloway began her working career in civil service on Redstone Arsenal. She started her teaching profession in 1959 as a third grade teacher at Calvary Hill Junior High School. During the addition to Calvary Hill, she was assigned to the Home Economics teacher position. Later, she was transferred to Butler High School's Home Economics department, where she worked enthusiastically until her retirement. At Butler, she enjoyed working with food preparation for faculty meetings and other events, and mending garments for students in athletics and other emergencies as they arose. Mrs. Holloway was a devout educator and delighted in helping and encouraging her students as Future Homemakers of America. Preparing dolls for Christmas Charities, providing food to needy families and taking gifts to the nursing homes are just a few of the services that students rendered to others under her guidance in the Future Homemakers of America.

She was wed in holy matrimony to her beloved Condredge Holloway Sr. in August 1962. This union gave her two wonderful step-children, Condredge II and Valerie, whom she dearly loved. Velma was a loyal and devoted wife, always serving her husband and family with the greatest care and comfort.

She leaves to cherish her beautiful and loving memory: one stepdaughter, Valerie DeVore and husband Alfred of Denton, Texas; one stepson, Condredge Holloway II and wife Courtney of Knoxville; two step-granddaughters, Lindsay DeVore and Jasmine Holloway; two stepgrandsons, Bradley DeVore and Condredge Holloway III; one sister, Everett Woodruff of Athens; nine nieces, Cozie Maxwell, Shirley Yarbrough, Diane Smith, and Pearly Moore and husband James, all of Athens, Brenda McLin of College Park, Ga., Jackie Parks and husband Ricky of St. Louis, Mo., Minnie Johnson and husband George of Nashville, Jackie McLin of Michigan, and Marilyn Turner and husband John; nine nephews, Albert Malone and wife Glenda, Billy McLin, Gene McLin, Ennis McLin and wife Joyce, Harris McLin and wife Marie, Harry McLin and Ronnie McLin and wife Pauline, all of Athens, Ira McLin and wife Joyce of Michigan, and Randolph McLin and wife Johnnie of Decatur; and a host of great-nieces and great-nephews, cousins, and friends.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Royal Funeral Home in Huntsville. Funeral services will be at noon Tuesday

at Lakeside United Methodist Church, 3738 Meridan Street N., Huntsville, AL 35811, with the Rev. Sara Cameron officiating. Interment will be in Valhalla Memory Gardens.

