

SHE IS GONE

You can shed tears that she is gone,
Or you can smile because she has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her,
Or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember her and only that she's gone,
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back,
Or you can do what she'd want: smile,
open your eyes, love, and go on.

Love Love Too-A-Loo

I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call;
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I've now found peace at the end of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys:
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.
Oh, yes, these things I, too, will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow;
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life has been full; I savored much:
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.
Lift up your heart, and peace to thee.
God wanted me now—He has set me free.



PALLBEARERS

Nephews

FLOWER BEARERS

Nieces

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We, the family of the late Ms. Bertha M. "Squeak" McKenzie, would like to thank each and every one of you for the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy shown to us during the passing of our loved one. May God's blessings be upon you forever.

The McKenzie Family

We, the staff of Nelson-Halie Funeral Home, sincerely hope that our service has been a source of comfort to each of you. Our goal, for the past five generations, has been and continues to be to provide excellent services to those families we are privileged to serve.



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"Five Generations of Excellent Service"

A SERVICE OF PRAISE CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Ms. **BERTHA**
McKenzie

Sunrise
April 25, 1949

"Squeak"

Sunset
April 17, 2023

Sunday, April 23, 2023
3:00 PM

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH
5840 Springhill Road
Rembert, South Carolina 29128

Reverend Walter Robinson III, Pastor

OBITUARY



Bertha "Squeak" McKenzie, age 73, was born in Sumter County, South Carolina, on April 25, 1949. She was the daughter of the late Marion McKenzie and the late Annie Lee Bennett McKenzie. On April 17, 2023, God called her home to rest.

She attended Sumter County schools but withdrew in order to care for her younger siblings. With her education being left incomplete, she attended Monroe Community College (MCC) where she proudly received her

Graduate Equivalency Degree (GED) in 1998. Bertha accepted Christ at an early age and was a faithful member of Union Baptist Church. There, she continued her service to God as an usher on the usher board. Bertha's talents were many. She was an extremely skilled seamstress and cook. Anyone who knew her, or knew of her, appreciated the fact that she always cooked with love and her pound cakes were proof of that.

While living in Rochester, New York, she was employed at WT Grant, Strong Memorial Hospital and Rite Aide. She then decided to move from New York to South Carolina in 1980 to be closer to her family. There, she was hired at Towne and Country Manufacturing. Being the friendly people-person that she was, Bertha also worked at Hardee's where she greeted each customer with a smile until resigning due to health issues.

Bertha was a shining light. She birthed two children, but she was a mother to so many. She loved, and lived for, her family. Both kind words and hard truths she delivered with unconditional love. Nothing was too good to share with others. If clothes were needed, she checked her closet. If you were hungry, she gave you food. This heart of gold met no strangers. Bertha was an angel from God, placed on this Earth to bring light to dark places, and she did exactly that.

She loved to travel. Playing bingo was her game. She was also in the Golden Girls Club in Willingston, South Carolina.

She was preceded in death by both her parents, Marion McKenzie and Annie Lee Bennett McKenzie; grandparents, Marion and Mable McKenzie, Eddie and Annie L. Richardson Bennett; five brothers, James Marion McKenzie, Charles Ernest McKenzie, Frankie McKenzie, Lee Vernon McKenzie and James, who passed in infancy.

Bertha leaves her precious memories to: two daughters, Jennifer (Randy) Duncan of Rembert, SC, and Terri Holloway of Greenville, SC; three grandchildren, Tequira Holloway, Randall Duncan, and Jenna Duncan; three great-grands, Jamarriyon Burroughs, Justice Duncan, and Jaxson Duncan; she was a mother to Judith (Ernest) McCollom Francis Favor, Johnny Lee McKenzie, and Tomeash Jenkins; six brothers, Samuel (Linda) Session of Central, SC, Tyrone McKenzie of Camden, SC, Robert (Carmen) McKenzie of Piedmont, SC, Edward Jenkins of Washington, DC, Thomas (Bertha) Lewis of Columbia, SC, and Marion (Pamala) Rufus of Florence, SC; three sisters, Johnnie Mae McKenzie of Rembert, SC, Roberta (Edward) Johnson of Bishopville, SC, and Luvenia (Richard) Dix of Bishopville, SC; one aunt, Sally Mae Alston of Rembert, SC; special cousin who she calls her brother, Sam Bennett; her adopted family, Dr. Tallulah Holmstrom, Josh, and George; two special friends, Alfreda Johnson and Gloria Holiday; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

PRECIOUS MEMORIES



ORDER OF SERVICE

Reverend Walter Robinson III, Presiding

Processional..... Clergy, Family, and Friends

Opening Hymn.....Solotone Mass Choir Union Choir

Scripture Readings
 Old Testament - *Psalm 23*
 New Testament - *John 14: 1-6*

Prayer..... Pastor Pamela Rufus

Selection..... Beverly Rufus

Remarks *Please Limit Remarks to Three Minutes*
 Family..... Brother Marion Rufus
 Community Holstrom Family
 Church Doug Sanders, Deacon Brisbon

Acknowledgement Claudette Thomas

Poem Sharon Bennett

Selection..... Solotone Mass Choir

Words of ComfortDr. Michael A. Bridges
 Pastor, Concord Baptist Church, Gaffney, SC

Recessional.....Medley of Selections

COMMITAL, BENEDICTION, AND INTERNMENT
 Union Baptist Cemetary