

Dry Your Eyes

Dry your eyes, don't you weep for me
Don't you cry another tear
You no longer have to worry
'Cause there's nothing left to fear

Death came to battle me
So I put up a decent fight
I held on with all my strength
But his grip was just too tight

I said, "I'm Erenestine Columbia,
Maker of all the cakes and pies
My family will miss me too much
If in the morning, I do not rise"

As I slowly drifted
All my memories passed me by
I thought of everyone of you
And I said my last goodbye

I remembered all the moments
And they filled my heart with glee
I knew then I could leave this world
Because I left you all, part of me

So in the morning when you wake
And learn of my demise
Just think of all the memories
And please, dry your eyes!!
-Kyndall Crudup

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*In Loving
Memory*

*Erenestine C.
Wheelless*

Sunrise
August 25, 1928

Sunset
May 9, 2020



Graveside Service

Sunday, May 17, 2020

2:00 PM

Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church

893 Bunn Elementary School Rd

Bunn, NC 27508

Order of Service

Dr. Johnny Hill, Presiding

Scripture

Reverend Vickie Rogers

Prayer of Comfort

Dr. Johnny Hill

Solo

Tawanta Wheless

Obituary & Acknowledgements

Donna Crudup

Solo

Chris Brinkley

Words of Comfort

Reverend Everett Jenkins

Committal

Richard Harris Funeral Home Staff

Benediction

*"When tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right there in your heart."*



Obituary

Erenestine Columbia Crudup Wheless was born August 25, 1928, early Saturday morning, to John and Mattie Crudup on her family farm in Bunn, NC. She was the second daughter born of ten children. She was married to the late Rufus Wheless. Together they raised three children. Early Saturday, May 9, 2020 she finished the final lap of her race.

Known affectionately as “Momatine”, “Queentine”, or simply “Tine”. Erenestine was a hardworking, strong willed, and nurturing woman. Determined to always be one step ahead of trouble, she lived by the phrase “prepare for war in times of peace.” Diligently doing whatever she needed to provide for her family, she found employment as a housekeeper in New York, a Home Health Aid, and even a highly requested “Stone Country” Cook. No matter what role she had to take, she handled it with pride. Nothing was more important, however, than her role as Mother and Sister.

As a child Erenestine was her mother’s “Right Hand”, tending to younger siblings and taking care of home while her mother worked the field. Even once she married and had children of her own, she still made sure to keep her baby brothers supplied with fresh baked tea cakes and ginger snaps, so they would know they were still “Tines” little boys. As a mother she dedicated herself to raising strong capable children. Her two sons, Ricky and Curtis, were her pride and joy. Though sometimes it meant working away from home for weeks at a time, Erenestine made the sacrifice to ensure her sons had everything they needed. Just when she thought her heart was fully occupied by her sons, her baby sister blessed her with a three month old niece to raise as her daughter. That baby girl completed her little family. She absolutely adored her babies.

Throughout the rest of her life Erenestine courageously played whatever hand life dealt her. No doubt devastated by disappointments and losses, she never allowed grief to weaken her faith. A lifelong member of Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church, Erenestine always remembered to lean on the Lord, even when her mind and body declined. She knew where her help came from. If during her last years she questioned anything, it most definitely wasn’t her family’s love for her. Whether a phone call, a ride to her doctor’s appointments, a surprise visit to just say “I’m thinking about you”, a sweet treat from her niece, a hug from a beloved nephew, or in her final days a video call or kiss from outside her window. Erenestine Columbia Crudup- Wheless knew she was loved. She will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rufus Wheless; sons, Frederick Wheless, Curtis Wheless; daughter, Belinda Crudup; brothers, Mozell Jones, Wesley Crudup, John Crudup, Irvin Crudup; sisters, Martha Crudup and Geraldine Harris.

Erenestine is survived by her brothers; Seth Crudup (Revester), Harold Crudup, Wardell Stallings (Mary); sister, Margaret Felder; sister-in-law, Rose Crudup; grandsons, her first born which she delivered by hand, Daniel Crudup of Bunn NC, Christopher Brinkley of Raleigh NC, Derrick Crudup of Garner NC; granddaughters, Kurtisha Wheless of Wake Forest NC, Karen Crudup of Nashville NC, Kyndall Crudup-Bland (Brandon) of Bunn NC, Kristaine Crudup of Bunn NC; precious great grandbaby, Knatyleigh Crudup of Bunn NC; and a host of cherished nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, friends, and caregivers.

