

## *Tribute*

Grandma,

A baby cradled in your arms...  
Teaching me your gentle charms.  
Growing up with you by my side...  
Learning from you never to lie.  
To understand and not judge too...  
Love and kindness I also learned from you.  
Through the years, you watched me grow...  
Teaching me everything I'd need to know.  
Listening to every word I've said...  
And every word I wrote, you've read.  
You've been there for me to the end...  
Until the day for you, God did send.  
Now you watch me from up above...  
Shining down on me your heavenly love.  
I will miss you with all my heart...  
Thank you for being there from the start.

Love, your Granddaughter  
Kenyetta McNeill

## *A Mother's Love*

A mother's love is everlasting, though the flesh is gone.  
The memories of joy and laughter will still live on  
I will always miss your voice and your presence  
I will remember all of the times we shared.  
I know life still goes on,  
As I start my days and end my nights  
my mother's love will embrace me tight.  
Feeling your presence and knowing you're there  
letting me know I have nothing to fear.  
I will then close my eyes and squeeze real tight  
then I will have a good sleep.

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of Clara Bell Carmichael McKinnon would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions. Your phone calls, visits, flowers, thoughts and prayers have all helped greatly during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you, is our prayer.

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IN LOVING MEMORY

*Clara Bell*  
CARMICHAEL  
McKINNON



*Sunrise*  
MARCH 3, 1933

*Sunset*  
AUGUST 29, 2017

Saturday, September 2, 2017  
2:00 PM

KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Bro. William Averette, Officiating



# Obituary

CLARA BELL CARMICHAEL MCKINNON took flight on the wings of a snow-white dove and left her earthly home for her heavenly home on August 29, 2017.

She was born to the late Judson and Aggie Carmichael. Born on March 3, 1933. Clara was the wife of the late John McKinnon. Later in life, she dedicated her life to her God Jehovah in the early 1980's. She was a dedicated member until her health failed her. Clara worked in the food industry, retiring after 30 years of service. Clara had a nurturing heart and loved taking care of others, especially the little ones.

To the community, she was known as Clara Bell, but to her family, she was known as Aunt Happy, Momma, and "love bug". Clara's dedication and love to others will be truly missed. Clara was also heroic. We will forever remember the moment when Clara became the town hero, when she alone stopped a robbery from happening in a local store. At 70 years old, she had the strength of an ox, to save the day.

Clara was the best soul food cook; she made food with love. Fried chicken was her signature dish. Clara was passionate about caring for others. She gave unselfishly of herself and provided exceptional care for the loves of her life – her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She created innumerable memories with them that they will forever cherish in their hearts. She desired the absolute best for them and worked diligently to meet their every need.

Clara is preceded in death by: her husband, John McKinnon; children, Belinda, Patrick, and Patricia; brothers, Willard, Authur, Charlie, James, Robert, and Wilbert; sisters, Laura, Janie, Neva, Inez, Eva, Clara, Louella, and Margaret.

Left to cherish Clara's memories are: children, Jacqueline Crawford, Geraldine McKinnon, Cynthia McKinnon, Tonya McKinnon, and Ricky McKinnon (Lolita); one brother, Judson Carmichael, Jr. (Debra); three sisters, Betty McDougal of Philadelphia, Odessa Troy of Lumberton, and Louella Thompson of Red Springs; one sister-in-love/best friend, Ms. Beatrice Leggett; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Clara and her sharp words will certainly be missed.

# Precious Memories



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