

Precious Memories



WHEN GOD SAW YOU GETTING TIRED

When God saw you getting tired

And a cure was not to be

He put His arms around you

And whispered come to me

He didn't like what you went through

And He gave you rest

His garden must be beautiful

He only takes the best

And when we saw you sleeping

So peaceful and free from pain

We wouldn't wish you back

To suffer that again

Today we say goodbye

And as you take your final rest

That garden must be beautiful

Because you are one of the best.

Love always,

The Grandchildren



A Celebration of Life for

Sunrise

June 28, 1928

Sunset

August 19, 2021



"Sister Baby"

Mrs. Lera Finley Burton

GRAVESIDE SERVICE

Monday, August 23, 2021

1:00 PM CDT

Finley Cemetery
County Rd. 32
LaFayette, Alabama 36862

Pastor Lovell Martin, Officiant
Pastor Michael T. Winston, Eulogist

OBITUARY

Mrs. Lera “Sister Baby” Finley Burton was born June 28, 1928, to the parentage of the late Jim and Mary Lizzie Vines Finley in Chambers County, AL. She departed this earthly life on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at Lakeshore Community Hospital, Dadeville, AL.

Lera confessed Christ at an early age and joined St. John United Methodist Church, Lafayette, AL where she remained faithful until her health declined. Her greatest love was her family, and she was instrumental in the rearing of her grandchildren. In her past time, she enjoyed quilting, sewing, fishing, and cooking. She always made sure that everyone that entered her home called her Mama Lera and had a hot meal that consisted of a sweet potato pie or fruit cobbler.

Lera was preceded in death by her husband, William Jake Burton; her parents; four brothers: Walter Lee “Big Boy” Finley, Jimmy Lee “Little Boy” Finley, Clifford “Claude” Finley, and John Frank “Stump” Finley; two sisters: Veola Pulliam and Ludie Mae Pitts; three grandchildren: Tervey Burton, Alquino Burton, and Arlo Burton, and two great-grandchildren: Courtney Russell and Ar’mani Burton.

Mrs. Lera Finley Burton leaves to cherish her precious memories her three sons: Ellis Holloway, Jr. and James (Nancy) Burton of Dadeville, AL and Larry (Virginia) Burton of Camp Hill, AL; two devoted daughters and caretakers: Elaine (Tony) Sims of Camp Hill, AL and Carolyn Chatmon, Dadeville, AL; 16 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; one brother: Johnnie Lewis Huguley, Opelika, AL; one brother-in-law: Clyde Pitts, Camp Hill, AL; three sisters-in-law: Minnie B. Finley, Camp Hill, AL; Phyllis Burton, Dadeville, AL; and Sadie Burton, LaFayette, AL; childhood friend: Emma Hughley; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional
Song.....Pastor Clifford Spradley
Scripture
 Old Testament.....Pastor Clifford Spradley
 New Testament.....Pastor Jimmy Thomas
Prayer..... Pastor Ed Vines
Acknowledgments
Obituary.....Read Silently
Song.....Dea. Henry Burton
Eulogy.....Pastor Michael T. Winston

Committal
Benediction

FAREWELL DEAR MOTHER

*Somewhere in our heart beneath all our grief and pain,
Is a smile we still wear at the sound of your dear name.
The precious word is ‘MOTHER’, she was our world you see,
But now our heart is breaking cause she’s no longer here with us.
God chose her for His angel to watch us from above,
To guide us and advise us and know that we’re still loved.
The day she had to leave us when her life on earth was through,
God had better plans for her, for this, we surely knew.
When we think of her kind heart and all those loving years,
Our memories surround us and we can’t hold back the tears.
She truly was our best friend, someone we could confide in,
She always had a tender touch and a warm and gentle grin.
We want to thank you Mother for teaching us so well,
And though the time has come that we must bid you this farewell.
We’ll remember all you’ve taught us and make you proud you’ll see.
Thank you our Dear Mother for all the love you showed us.
Although you’ve left this earth and now you’ve taken flight,
We know that you are here with us each morning, noon and night.*

Love,
Your Children

PALLBEARERS

Nephews & Friends

FLOWER BEARERS

Nieces & Friends

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPRECIATION

The Family of the late Mrs. Lera Burton wishes to acknowledge, with sincere appreciation, the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and other expressions of kindness and concern evidenced at this time in thought and deed. A more personal acknowledgment will be made at a later date.

INTERMENT

Finley Cemetery
LaFayette, AL

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