



Lenora Burks McDaniel Lessley

February 8, 1940 - May 10, 2012

Lenora A. Burks McDaniel Lessley, age 72, of Malvern, Arkansas, passed away Thursday May 10, 2012 at National Park Medical Center in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

She was born February 8, 1940 in Santa Maria, California to the late Earl L. and Devora Whigby Burks. Lenora was a faithful member of South Main Missionary Baptist Church of Malvern. Her family stated that she was determined to attend every service that she could, so much so that she requested that she be able to leave the hospital to attend the last service prior to her death. She enjoyed camping and fishing. Lenora loved her family and friends and when asked what she did for a living and if she was a veteran, her family replied, "She was a housewife, but she could have been in a military service because she went to war with her children most of her life, keeping them all in line".

She is survived by:

Sons: Charley McDaniel and Donald Lessley of Malvern. Arkansas

Daughters: Jamie Lessley of Malvern, Arkansas, Lynn Ray of Malvern, Arkansas and Mary Schlenker of Royal, Arkansas

Brothers: Albert Burks (Ruth) of Malvern, Arkansas and Joe Burks (Sherry) of Kansas City, Missouri

Sisters: Lynda Burks of Malvern, Arkansas and Hilda Corley (Gary) of Hot Springs, Arkansas

Several nieces and nephews, 26 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and 2 great great-grandchildren

Good friends; Theresa Robinson, Irene Davis, Brenda Kay Simmons and Mary Furr

She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands; James McDaniel and Fred Lessley, daughters; Becky McDaniel Fuller and Patricia June McDaniel, brothers; Leonard, James and Lonnie Burks, sons; Gordon Earl McDaniel and Fred Lessley Jr., great grandson; Seth McJunkins

Pallbearers will be Curtis McDaniel, Shawn Fuller, BJ Lessley, David Lessley, Daryl Ray, Matthew Ray, Gary Ray Jr., Brittan McDaniel, William Gage, Adam Fish, and Chris Merrit

Honorary Pallbearers: The Entire Malvern High School Class of 1958 and all of her nephews

Funeral services will be Monday May 14, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at South Main Missionary Baptist Church in Malvern with Brother Glen Alston, Pastors: Gary Jennings, Bill Carter and Keith Pennington officiating. Interment follows Social Hill Cemetery under the direction of Atkinson Funeral Home of Malvern. A visitation for family and friends will precede the service on Monday from 11:00 until 1:00 p.m. at the church.

Family and friends will be gathered at 527 East Sullenberger Street in Malvern

Tribute Wall

LG

“ Aunt Lenora,
Even though I wasn't ever around you enough or said I love you
enough I did love you and I did enjoy being around you. You always
lite up the room and made me and every one else smile. I'm
honored to be the great nephew of a special lady like you and I'm
honored to make a wonderful memento to you and the family of
your life...may you live on in our hearts forever! I love u !

Labon Gilbert - March 22, 2013 at 08:37 AM

BP

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. She must have been a strong Christian.
With Prayers,
Beth Peters

Bethel Dillavou Peters - March 22, 2013 at 08:37 AM

CW

“ Mary, I am so sorry for your loss. My heart & prayers go out to you
& your family during this time. Peace & love to you

Cindy

Cindy Whorton - March 22, 2013 at 08:37 AM

BW

“ Lenora was a sweet lady and I enjoyed taking care of her through
the years. I know her family will miss her greatly . May God give
them all comfort.

Bruce White

Bruce White - March 22, 2013 at 08:37 AM

CF

“ MY BEST MEMORY WAS THE DAY WE MET.YOU EXCEPTED ME AND MY KIDS AS PART OF YOUR FAMILY FROM THE FIRST DAY.SHE WAS ALWAYS THERE TO LISTEN AND TO SAY SHE LOVED US

CINDY FULLER - March 22, 2013 at 08:37 AM

SF

“ grandmal i love you and always will.We been through alot together . your the best in my books you did two jobs in one raising all off us kids . So i will never forget you but i will really miss you.so tell all are loved one you will see that i love them and miss them to.i love you!!!
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shawn fuller - March 22, 2013 at 08:37 AM

JM

“ i love n miss u grandma!!

Jami Mcdaniel - March 22, 2013 at 08:37 AM

PE

“ So sorry for your loss. I often think about those days growing up with yall as our neighbors. Please except my condolences..God Bless

Paul Erwin - March 22, 2013 at 08:37 AM

TJ

“ Lenora was actually a friend of my Mom's, so I didn't know her that well. My mom thought the world of her, so she must have been a special lady. Our prayers go out to the family. May God bless you during your time of loss.

Teresa Perry Johnson - March 22, 2013 at 08:37 AM

JM

“ Was such a pleasure in know Mrs.Lenora. Never have I met such a wonderful person who loved to help everyone. Always on the go, even when just out of the hospital. Mrs.Lenora took care of my girls and kept them in line when we was was not around. Got to go camping with her last summer I have to say it was fun, never a dull moment and she had some great campfire stories. Gonna defiantly miss her very very much. Thank you Mrs.Lenora for all the wonderful memories. May the Lord be with her family during these hard times.

James McKa - May 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM