



Mrs. Ella McKinney

December 6, 1929 - October 29, 2017

Mrs. Ella Stephens McKinney our beloved mother, grandmother and sister was called home to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at the age of 87 years. She was born December 6, 1929 in Lamar, Mississippi to the late Jesse and Pinky (Gatewood) McKinney.

Ella was a resident of Saginaw, MI and a loving and caring woman who adored her family and the Lord. She confessed her faith at Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church in 1952 and has remained a devoted and faithful member ever since. Ella's love for children led her to a 22 year career at Saginaw's Child Receiving Home where she retired in 1990. She also loved to cook and enjoyed being in the kitchen preparing food for her family and loved ones.

Ella leaves behind her legacy to cherish her memories, five daughters, Barbara (Voisne) Ross, Ruthie Doster of Houston, TX, Joyce (Willis) Stuckey, Linda Monroe and Cathie and Shnethia Stephens of Atlanta, GA; 12 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; 18 great-great-grandchildren; 5 sisters, Jesse Bell (John) Smith, Clara Lenore, Paulette (Bernard) Moore, Memphis, TN, Regina (Eurston) Luellen of Lamar, MS and Linwood Mull, Chicago, IL; aunt, Lillian Stewart, Memphis, TN; a special god-son, Maurice Moten of Houston, TX; a host of other nieces, nephews other family members and friends, including special friends, Ella Powell, Iola Terry, Earlie Gibson, Rosie Conway, Rosie Lewis and Arthur Lee (JoAnn) Thomas.

Ella was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse and Pinky McKinney; the

father of her children, Elijah Stephens; two daughters, Jacqueline and Terry Lynn Stephens; one great-granddaughter, Daquaris Ross; three sisters, Scotia McKinney, Olivia Banks and Sylvia McCraw; one brother, Curly Main McKinney and two sons-in-law, Eddie Monroe and Lester Doster.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church, 2115 Wadsworth Street. Interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 South Washington Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48601. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48607 on Tuesday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

NOV 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church
2115 Wadsworth Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Ella McKinney*



Browne's Mortuary - November 09, 2017 at 02:29 PM

LB

“ *Larry & Marilyn Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ella McKinney*



Larry & Marilyn Bowman - November 22, 2017 at 08:34 PM

LO

“ *Leah O'Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ella McKinney*



Leah O'Daniels - November 14, 2017 at 11:11 PM

BP

“ *Betty Pruitt-Daily lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ella McKinney*



Betty Pruitt-Daily - November 14, 2017 at 12:26 AM



“ *Family so sorry to hear of Aunt Ella passing. To be absent from the body is to be present. With the Lord. Love u all praying for u all*



Mittie Buchanan-Russell - November 12, 2017 at 10:09 PM

MW

“ *MARIE HARTFIELD WASHINGTON lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ella McKinney*



MARIE HARTFIELD WASHINGTON - November 08, 2017 at 10:38 PM

BS

“ *Dee
Your Mother, Grandmother left to be with God and is always watching... Our deepest condolences on the death of your loved one. God loves you and so do we.
Grandma Betty and all the Stevenson family*

BETTY STEVENSON - November 08, 2017 at 03:37 PM

DC

“ Rev 21:3,4 God will wipe all tears from their eyes, and there will be no more death, suffering, crying or pain. Sorry for your loss of Ella. Acts24:15 there is going to be a resurrection. You will see your precious loved one again. My deepest sorrows are with the family and friends

Darlene Casmere - November 08, 2017 at 07:41 AM

BM

“ Our deepest condolences to the family of "Aunt" Ella Mckinney. May the blessing of love be upon you, May it's peace abide by you , May it's essencse illuminate your hearts now and forever more .

Betty , Danielle, & Lejhin MASON

BETTY MASON - November 08, 2017 at 03:26 AM

PA

“ Blood may be thicker than water. But enough sugar in the water makes it thick like syrup! "Sis" "Auntie Ella" is a part of that sugar that has stuck our families together like syrup for over sixty years. This jewel of a woman always showed the love and kindness of God to whomever she could. We will miss her and I will especially miss the love that she baked into each and every butter roll. Heaven has won again!

Pastor Dempsey Allen and the Allen, Hodges and Moten family

Pastor Dempsey Allen - November 07, 2017 at 09:00 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ella McKinney.*



November 07, 2017 at 02:33 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ella McKinney.*



November 07, 2017 at 02:21 PM



“ *RANDY VANHOOK & FAMILY & ROGER TAYLOR purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Ella McKinney.*



RANDY VANHOOK & FAMILY & ROGER TAYLOR - November 07, 2017 at 12:08 AM



“ *Patricia Jones Gamble lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ella McKinney*



Patricia Jones Gamble - November 06, 2017 at 09:11 PM

PG

My deepest condolences to the entire Stevenson and McKinney family

Patricia Jones Gamble - November 06, 2017 at 09:13 PM

VL

“ *My deepest condolences to the family of McKinney. You all are in my prayers. Peace & Blessings! Love Valerie Lewis*



Valerie Lewis - November 06, 2017 at 01:06 PM

CG

“ *Carolyn Griffin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ella McKinney*



Carolyn Griffin - November 06, 2017 at 09:33 AM

SD

“ *Sending my sincere condolences to the family. Mrs McKinney was a beautiful woman. I have fond memories of with through the mall with her and Mrs Shells. The family is in my prayers.*

Stacy Duran-Shells - November 05, 2017 at 02:56 PM

SD

I have fond memories of her walking through the mall with Mrs Shells.

Stacy Duran-Shells - November 05, 2017 at 06:23 PM

BW

Deepest condolences to the Stephens family from Mr.Ben,Marcia Williams.

Ben R Williams - November 06, 2017 at 05:15 PM

CS

“ *Sis McKinney was like a second mom to me, always keeping me in line. I loved her for that. R.I.H.*

Charles Shells - November 05, 2017 at 12:13 PM

SG

“ *Tammy sorry to hear about the loss of your grandma*

Shawn Green - November 05, 2017 at 10:10 AM

VP

“ *To Barb and Family, so sorry to hear of Mrs. Ella's passing. I know she will be missed. Thank God for the length of time and the closeness you shared. May you be comforted by many happy memories! Praying for you. (Evelyn's friend, Val)*



Valerie Packard - November 04, 2017 at 10:49 AM

DC

“ *Rev 21:3,4 God will wipe all tears from their eyes, and there will be no more death, suffering, crying or pain. My deepest condolences for your loss of Ella. May all find the peace and comfort needed during this time of bereavement*

Darlene Casmere - November 04, 2017 at 10:13 AM

TA

“ Tony And Nikki (Lewis) Anderson lit a candle
in memory of Mrs. Ella McKinney



Tony and Nikki (Lewis) Anderson - November 03, 2017 at 07:35 PM

LM

“ Loudean Moultrie sent a virtual gift in memory
of Mrs. Ella McKinney



Loudean Moultrie - November 03, 2017 at 02:33 PM

HJ

“ Houston And Elaine Jackson, Jr. lit a candle
in memory of Mrs. Ella McKinney



Houston and Elaine Jackson, Jr. - November 03, 2017 at 09:14 AM

LW

“ I was so sorry yo hear about the loss of your mother and want to
extend my deepest heartfelt condolence. She was a great mother
and was always full of laughter or making you laugh. But God saw
her getting tired and wrapped her in his arms and whispered "Come
with me." Her memories will be you forever as with me. I pray that
Got will grant your family strength through this tiime.

Linda Donahue Wilson - November 02, 2017 at 11:16 PM

AN

“ Alicia Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ella McKinney



Alicia Nelson - November 02, 2017 at 10:07 PM

JG

“ Jocelyn Gordon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ella McKinney



Jocelyn Gordon - November 02, 2017 at 10:01 PM

IC

“ Iola Terry & Evelyn Culberson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ella McKinney



Iola Terry & Evelyn Culberson - November 02, 2017 at 07:21 PM

IT

Iola Terry

Iola Terry - November 02, 2017 at 07:22 PM



“ *Josie Sherman-Cash lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ella McKinney*



Josie Sherman-Cash - November 02, 2017 at 02:42 PM

MS

“ *Mary Smithers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ella McKinney*



Mary Smithers - November 02, 2017 at 10:00 AM

DC

“ *Deborah Champion lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ella McKinney*



Deborah Champion - November 02, 2017 at 09:51 AM

GH

“ *Greg & Cheryl Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ella McKinney*



Greg & Cheryl Hardy - November 01, 2017 at 04:30 PM

CT

“ *Claudia Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ella McKinney*



Claudia Thompson - November 01, 2017 at 02:14 PM

CJ

“ *Carolyn Jarrett-Mason lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ella McKinney*



Carolyn Jarrett-Mason - November 01, 2017 at 01:23 PM

CJ

So painful, but God will dry your tears, lean on him my SISTERS he will see you through today and forever more. Joy will come !!!

Carolyn Jarrett-Mason - November 01, 2017 at 01:32 PM

SP

“ Our deepest condolences and sympathy go out to Ms. Ella McKinney's family. Ms. Ella was a good friend of my Grandmother. They lived right next door to each other for years. When my Grandmother came to Hawaii to help me with my girls, Ms. Ella came right along with her and stayed for about 6 months. She was the best. She helped my grandmother with those girls while I was away on an assignment. She was an excellent cook and made the best yeast roles ever! Whenever, I came home to visit I would go see her and of course she would always ask me about those girls. She loved Fredi and Lauryn as if they were her own grandchildren. She was a jewel and will be deeply missed. She is resting with the Father. I love you Ms. Ella.
The Pritchett Family.



Stacey Pritchett - November 01, 2017 at 11:11 AM

AT

“ Arthur & JoAnn Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ella McKinney



Arthur & JoAnn Thomas - October 31, 2017 at 07:41 PM

MB

“ Our Sincerest Sympathy To The Stephens/McKinney Family and Friends. God Bless You All! Love & Prayers, Pat and Jackie (Ms. Patricia Bragg and Mrs. Jacqueline (Edwards) Curka



Ms. Patricia A. Bragg - October 31, 2017 at 06:21 PM

RT

“ *Rosalind Tillman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ella McKinney*



Rosalind Tillman - October 31, 2017 at 04:40 PM

PG

“ *Patricia Green-Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ella McKinney*



Patricia Green-Jones - October 31, 2017 at 04:12 PM

AH

“ *ANN HUGHEY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ella McKinney*



ANN HUGHEY - October 31, 2017 at 12:03 PM

DM

“ *Doloris Mixon sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ella McKinney*



Doloris Mixon - October 31, 2017 at 09:30 AM

MF

“ *My Deepest Condolences Cathy, Linda, Barb, Joyce, Ruthie, All Family and Friends of Miss Ella. I surely Love Miss Ella and All the 'Girls'! Miss Ella was one Beautiful Lady--knowing the Family and Met Good and Dear Friends Through the Stephens since I was a Very Young Girl, Especially Cathy and Linda, Lots of Memories, and to this Day. I Love Y'all So Much! God Bless! With Love, Prayers & Sincerest Sympathy, Bren-Bren (Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds)*



Ms. Brenda Bryant-Reynolds & Family - October 31, 2017 at 08:51 AM

GC

“ *Gwen / Larry Conway sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ella McKinney*



Gwen / Larry Conway - October 30, 2017 at 09:31 PM

TJ

“ *Tina Jamerson-Mata lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ella McKinney*



Tina Jamerson-Mata - October 30, 2017 at 07:10 PM

JM

“ Ma Ella was the sweetest mother you could talk with her about anything, and her fried chicken and corn was The Best ! She was a lady and a lady always knows when to go home. Angel Ma Ella peace in the arms of our Father 🙏🙏🙏🙏



JoEllen Gaddis McElhaney - October 30, 2017 at 06:45 PM

SW

“ Mrs Ella was like a second mother such a joy to be around my heart goes out to you girl that I grew up with my tears are of the joy I got to know your mom.love you all my prayers go up for you all.

Shelly Warren - October 30, 2017 at 02:00 PM

EM

“ "IN MY LIFE THERE'S ONLY BEEN A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE HAD SUCH A LEVEL OF PRESENCE AND KEEPING IT 100% AS YOU.... YOUR LOVE WAS TO MUCH FOR ONE HOUSEHOLD...IT WAS FELT THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD...OTHER FAMILIES...AND CHILDREN THAT WERE PULLED INTO YOUR LOVE...YOU ARE A VERY SPECIAL LADY....AND YOU STILL ARE MY TREASURE FOREVER....YOUR PRESENCE WILL NEVER EVER LEAVE ME....YOUR SON...

EARL"MOE" MOTEN - October 30, 2017 at 01:32 PM

SH

“ My condolences to my family. This is one Angel that will truly be missed. Love you guys.

Sonny&Freddie Hodges - October 30, 2017 at 11:36 AM