



Mrs. Tommie Lee Cunningham

July 12, 1940 - August 22, 2022

Mrs. Tommie Lee McKenzie "POODA" Cunningham was born on July 12, 1940 in Talladega, Alabama to Buster Ratchford and Gertrude McKenzie.

She accepted and confessed Christ at an early age and united with Bethlehem United Methodist Church, known today as New Hope United Methodist Church where she served faithfully until her health began to fail. Mrs. Cunningham was educated in the Talladega City School System where she later in life became an employee for several years. She was also a long-time dedicated employee of Palm Beach until they closed.

Mrs. Cunningham was a great mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. Affectionately known as "Pooda" by many, Mrs. Cunningham enjoyed making crafts, cooking, and helping others. She was a mother to all in the community and loved feeding anyone that was willing to eat. She demonstrated exactly what it meant to be a pillar to her community and the matriarch of her family. She was united in holy matrimony to Mr. Calvin Cunningham and together they were blessed to have the privilege of sharing six children and three grandchildren they raised as their own.

Mrs. Cunningham answered the Lord's call on Monday, August 22, 2022 while in the comfort of her home surrounded by loved ones. Once gaining her

heavenly wings, she was reunited with her parents, Buster Ratchford and Gertrude McKenzie; brother, James McKenzie; sisters, Mary Charles Storey and Tan Ratchford; and grandson she raised as her own, Byron "Knuckle" Hammonds.

Mrs. Cunningham leaves to cherish her memory: a loving and devoted husband, Mr. Calvin Cunningham; three sons, Jerome (Tina) Hammonds, Antonio (Marsha) Hammonds, and Calvin Hammonds; three daughters, Sheila Cunningham, Michelle Hammonds, and Myra Hammonds; a granddaughter and a grandson she raised as her own, Kimico Hammonds and Dontorius Hammonds; one brother, Clarence (Nell) McKenzie; three sisters, JoAnn Curry, Elva Ratchford and Gloria Cole; bonus sister, Martha Thompson; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends who will forever miss her.

Cemetery Details

Pine Hill Cemetery

35036 AL - 21
Talladega, AL 35160

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG **28**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home Chapel
217 Coosa St. East
Talladega, AL 35160

Celebration of Life

AUG **29**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Greater Ebenezer Baptist Church
601 Scott Street
Talladega, AL 35160

Tribute Wall

AT

“ To the McKenzie and Cunningham Family, we extend our sincere condolences. Rest in Paradise Mrs. Podda!

Andriette Nolen Turner and Family...

Andriette Turner - August 31, 2022 at 04:49 PM



“ Mrs. Podda, I'm going to always miss you on the porch and you waving at me. Fly your wings high and may God strengthen your family to carry-on. My deepest condolence to the family. Tina Mckenzie and family

Felisa Keith - August 29, 2022 at 12:10 PM

YW

“ Yulanda DeeDee Willson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Tommie Lee Cunningham



Yulanda DeeDee Willson - August 29, 2022 at 11:36 AM

WR

“ My prayers and condolences to family.



Wanda G. Ross - August 28, 2022 at 09:15 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mrs. Tommie Lee Cunningham.*



August 27, 2022 at 07:35 PM



“ *Conrad & Vickie Ragland purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mrs. Tommie Lee Cunningham.*



Conrad & Vickie Ragland - August 26, 2022 at 08:31 PM



“ *Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. Rest in perfect peace, Pooda.*



Elva Lois Ratchford - August 26, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Condolences to the Cunningham family and my extended McKenzie family. We all shall remain in prayer. "Pooda" will never be forgotten.*



Helen Millender

Helen Millender - August 26, 2022 at 04:52 PM

TD

“ Tina Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Tommie Lee Cunningham



Tina Dickerson - August 26, 2022 at 02:10 AM

JH

“ Jackie Hall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Tommie Lee Cunningham



Jackie Hall - August 26, 2022 at 02:08 AM

SW

“ You are loved by so many. 💕💕 You are truly going to be missed. Take your wings and fly Angel sent from God. ❤️

sandra walker - August 25, 2022 at 06:45 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Tommie Lee Cunningham.



August 25, 2022 at 03:48 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Family 🙏*



Gwennette Duncan - August 24, 2022 at 01:01 PM

SF

“ *Sharon Fluker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Tommie Lee Cunningham*



Sharon Fluker - August 24, 2022 at 07:38 AM

LP

“ *Sending up my prayers and condolences to the family during their loss!! 🙏🙏🙏*



lori pope - August 24, 2022 at 01:11 AM

MM

“ *Remembering the things we use to do and the places we use to go. Such a nice lady. Tony I'm sending my deepest sympathy to you and your family so sorry and I pray God keep you all and give you strength for now and the days ahead love you guys.*



minister Zeola Moore - August 23, 2022 at 10:53 PM

WT


Praying for healing and strength for you and your family. Walter & Odelle Taylor

Walter Taylor - August 24, 2022 at 08:24 AM

DW

Praying for the family. May God give u all strength and understanding 🙏❤️.

Donna Woods - August 25, 2022 at 05:56 PM

 Barbara Scott

We are sending Our Condolences and LOVE to All ❤️ The Scott and Mckenzie Family

Barbara Scott - August 27, 2022 at 12:03 AM

GW

“ *Gwendolyn Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Tommie Lee Cunningham*



Gwendolyn Wilson - August 23, 2022 at 06:25 PM

KH

“ *Kerry Holt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Tommie Lee Cunningham*



Kerry Holt - August 22, 2022 at 08:23 PM