

Mean Mom's

We had the meanest Mother in the whole world! While other kids ate candy for breakfast, we had to have cereal, eggs, and toast. When others had a Pepsi and Twinkie for lunch, we had to eat sandwiches. And you can guess our Mother fixed us a dinner that was different from what other kids had, too.

Mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were convicts in a prison. She had to know who our friends were, and what we were doing with them. She insisted that if we said we would be gone for an hour, we would be gone for an hour or less.

We were ashamed to admit it, but she had the nerve to break the Child Labor Laws by making us work. We had to wash the dishes, make the beds, learn to cook, vacuum the floor, do laundry, and all sorts of cruel jobs. I think she would lie awake at night thinking of more things for us to do.

She always insisted on us telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. By the time we were teenagers, she could read our minds. Then, life was really tough! Mother wouldn't let our friends just honk the horn when they drove up. They had to come up to the door so she could meet them. While everyone else could date when they were 12 or 13, we had to wait until we were 17.

Because of our mother we missed out on lots of things other kids experienced. None of us have ever been caught shoplifting, vandalizing other's property or ever arrested for any crime. It was all her fault. We never got drunk, took up smoking, stayed out all night, or a million other things other kids did. Sundays were reserved for church, and we never missed once. We knew better than to ask to spend the night with a friend on Saturdays.

Now that we have left home, we are all God-fearing, educated, honest adults. We are doing our best to be mean parents just like Mom was. I think that is what's wrong with the world today. It just doesn't have enough Mean Mom's anymore.

Addendum - Proverbs 22:6 (GNB) *"Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their life."*

Pall Bearers and Floral Bearers

Cousins and Friends of the Family



In Appreciation

Since we are never quite prepared to face life's darkest hour alone, it meant so much to us to have friends like you to share our sorrow during this time. We will cherish your acts of giving, thoughts and prayers of kindness eternally. May God richly bless each of you.

The Family



The Final Care of Our Loved One Has Been Entrusted To:

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Homegoing Celebration for Sis. Frances Bellamy Shivers "Lois"



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2006
3:00 P. M.**

**MOUNT PISGAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
NORTH WRIGHT STREET
BURGAW, NORTH CAROLINA**

REVEREND LEO STEVENSON, OFFICIATING

The Order of Service

- Musical Prelude.....Bro. Roderick Monroe
- Processional (Family and Clergy).....Soft Music
- Hymn of Comfort.....Community Combined Choirs
- Prayer Comfort.....Reverend R. T. Costin
- The Holy Scriptures:
 - Old Testament.....Reverend Dan Allen Smith, Jr.
 - New Testament.....Reverend Michael Redd
- Solo.....Bro. Roderick Monroe
- Acknowledgements & Obituary..Mrs. Virginia Rochelle
- Solo.....Reverend Tremayne Johnson
- Eulogy.....Reverend Leo Stevenson
 - Pastor, Big Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
 - Supply, North Carolina
- Mortician’s Brief.....Bob Dunn, Jr.
- Recessional



Interment
Burgaw Cemetery
Burgaw, North Carolina

The Obituary

Frances Bellamy Shivers, also lovingly known as “Lois”, was born November 8, 1933, to the late Lloyd and Mable Bowden Bellamy in Mount Olive, North Carolina. In the quiet morning hours, on Wednesday, September 28, 2006, she passed away peacefully at her home, while surrounded by her devoted family.

Frances graduated from the former C F Pope High School, Burgaw, North Carolina, Barnes Business School in Goldsboro, North Carolina and the University of the State of New York Nursing School, in New York.

“Lois” married her childhood sweetheart, Lonnie E. Shivers “Red” and to that union two children were born. The Shiver family made their residence in Brooklyn, New York, until 1980, when they decided to make the transition to Burgaw to care for ailing parents.

Church was an important part of her up-bringing; She was reared in a home with Christian parents. “Lois” was brought up in Shady Grove Baptist Church, Mount Olive, North Carolina. Once she moved to Burgaw, she attended her family’s church that was across from the “old homestead house”. While residing in New York, she joined and became an active member of Concord Baptist Church, where Gardner Taylor was pastor, and then, Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, where she remained active until her health failed.

While at Mt. Pisgah, Sis. Shivers participated in, but was not limited to, many activities and organizations. She was a Trustee for many years, Past President of the Pastor’s Aid, Advisor to the Young Adult Choir, a member of the Missionary Department, President of the Ladies Auxiliary and a brief member of the Senior and Gospel Choir. “Lois” also helped with Vacation Bible School, the previous Tutoring Program, and wherever else she could lend a hand. Sis. Shivers was a member of the Daughter’s of Zion and a past member of the Order of Eastern Star, Priscilla Chapter No. 248.

“Lois”, worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse for over thirty years. She started her career at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, New York. She was later gainfully employed at Pender Memorial Hospital, and, then, later retired from Guardian Care Nursing Home.

If she knew you were sick, she would come visit, if she knew you were down, she would talk to you, if she knew you were confused, she would offer advice. And, to those of you that knew her well, knew she said what was on her mind.

Survivors

Frances B. “Lois” Shivers leaves to mourn:
Her Children:
Sylvia Bellamy -Simpson, Burgaw, NC
Lonnie E. Shivers, Burgaw, NC
Grandchildren:
Corey Jarrod Simpson, Burgaw, NC
Lonnie E. Shivers, III, Burgaw, NC
Sister and Brother-in-Law:
LaCena and Dennit Walker, Philadelphia, PA
Brother and Sister-in-Law:
Lloyd “Bro” and Ann Bellamy, Dudley, NC
Special Cousins:
Leon and Corine Bellamy, Burgaw, NC
Leo and Minnie Bellamy, New Bern, NC
God-Children:
Edna Talisa Walker, Burgaw, NC
KaTori MaKala Davis, Rocky Point, NC
God-Brothers:
Dwight N. Bonds, Lawrence Field, GA
Rev. Benjamin Smith, Rocky Point, NC
Several aunts, many dear cousins and friends.



If I Knew

If I knew it would be the last time that I'd see you fall asleep, I would tuck you in tighter and pray the Lord, your soul to keep. If I knew it would be the last time that I'd see you walk out the door, I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for one more. If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise, I would video tape each action and word, so I could play them back day after day. But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get, I'd like to say how much I love you and I hope we never forget. Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike, and today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved one tight.