

***IT'S ALRIGHT***

*It's alright to weep and mourn,  
But now it's time to continue on.  
You, too have a race to run and much work to do,  
I have finished my course and you must, too.  
Consider this a challenge, consider this a test,  
Take on with humility and give it your best.  
Weeping may endure for a night,  
But, the joy of the Lord will give you strength to fight.  
Even though you may not understand,  
Take comfort, I am in the promised land.  
So get your houses in order!  
It is not too late, my friends,  
Give Jesus your heart,  
And we will meet again.!*

***Honorary Pall Bearers***

Grandsons

***Honorary Flower Bearers***

Granddaughters

***Pall Bearers***

Nephews

***Flower Bearers***

Nieces

***Acknowledgments***

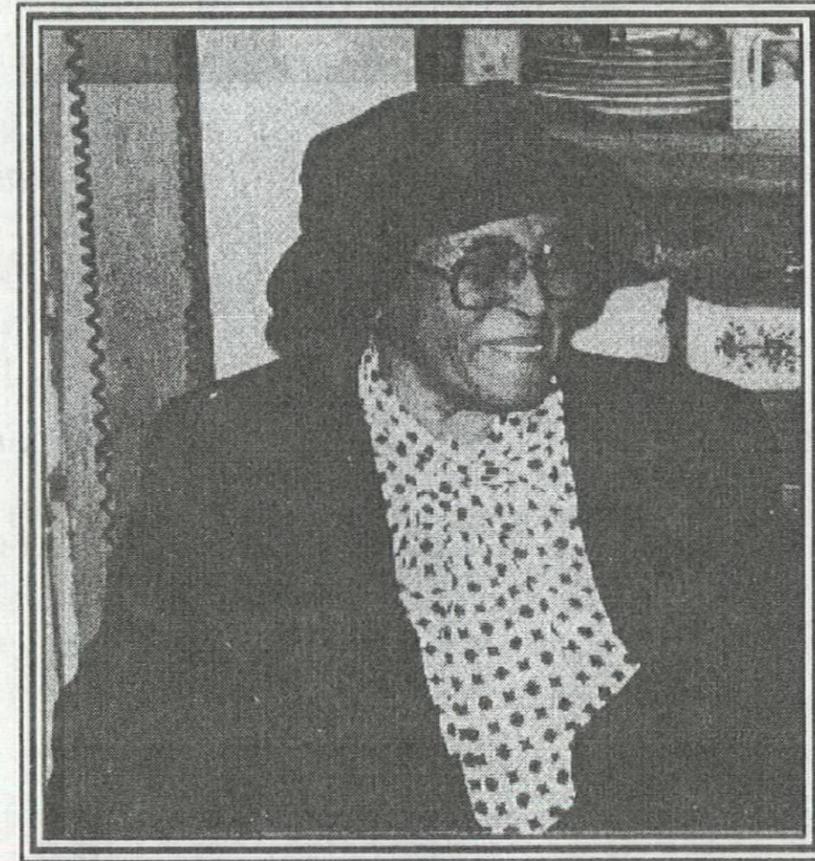
The family wishes to extend sincere thanks and deep gratitude for the many expressions of sympathy, love, and kindness shown in their hour of bereavement. May God bless you all!

*Arrangements  
by*

*Person and Baker*

*4856 North Carolina Highway - 705  
Robbins, North Carolina*

*Home Going Service  
for  
Lonia McSwain Shamburger*



*Sunday, March 2, 1997  
2pm*

*New Zion AME Zion Church  
Robbins, North Carolina*

*Reverend Oscar Rush, Pastor*

## Order of Service

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*Processional*

*Selection* *New Zion Gospel Choir*

*Scripture Reading* *Pastor Joseph Walker*

*Old Testament - Proverbs 31:10-31*  
*New Testament - 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18*

*Prayer of Comfort* *Reverend Addie Clarke*

*Selection* *New Zion Gospel Choir*

*Acknowledgments* *Dessie Brower*

*Obituary* *Dessie Brower*

*Remarks*

*Selection* *Sister Betty & Brother Calvin Simmons*

*Eulogy* *Reverend Oscar Rush*

*The Recessional*

*INTERMENT*  
*New Zion Cemetery*  
*Robbins, North Carolina*

## Obituary

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*A light from our house is gone. A voice once heard is still.*  
*A place is vacant in our home. That never can be filled.*

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Lonia McSwain Shamburger was born to the late Cattie and Willie McSwain on May 3, 1912, in Randolph County, North Carolina. She entered eternal rest on February 26, 1997.

She was united in marriage to James Elgin Shamburger on December 24, 1931. She was a loyal wife to her husband of 65 years, 2 months, and 1 day. To this union eight children were born. Two sons, Henry Elgin and Willie Lee preceded her in death. Her mission began at home. She was a devoted mother to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. There was always a deep concern for her family. She never hesitated to put aside her needs and problems to devote time to their welfare.

After moving to Moore County, she joined the New Zion AME Zion Church where she served on the Stewardess Board until her health failed. Today, we the family can say, "Thank you Lord" for the years you allowed our mother to dwell among us and touch our lives so beautifully. May the shining example of her life be a beacon to draw us closer.

She leaves to cherish her memory: husband, James Elgin Shamburger of the home. One son, Jimmy Shamburger of Robbins, North Carolina. Five daughters, Rosa Maness of Mitchellville, Maryland; Eunice Boone of Capitol Heights, Maryland; Helen Shamburger of New Carrollton, Maryland; Donna Mance of Lanham, Maryland; and Lola S. Nobles of Robbins, North Carolina. Two brothers: Vester McSwain of Siler City, North Carolina and Harden McSwain of Seagrove, North Carolina; and One sister, Beulah Chisholm of Martinsville, Virginia. 34 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

### *Message from the Family*

Our mother knew the seriousness of her illness and expressed her readiness to be with the Lord. Her words to us would be:

#### I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God made for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call,  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh yes, these I too will miss.

Be not burden with time for sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been filled, I savored much,  
Good Friends, good times, a love ones touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all to brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undo grief.  
Lift up your hearts and share with me,  
God wanted me, He set me free.