



## Leona Wilson Cooksey

April 5, 1933 - May 9, 2008

### Leona Wilson "Mama" Cooksey

She was the most precious wife, devoted mother, loving grandmother, great-grandmother and best friend anyone could ever have. At 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 9th, 2008, "Mama" Cooksey, a licensed Pentecostal minister, became an angel in heaven at the age of 75. She was a native of Toone, Tennessee and resided in Baton Rouge for 30 years before moving to Independence.

"Mama" Cooksey was well known as being the lead guitar player for the Cooksey Family Gospel Singers. Being the First Lady of Blue Grass Music for Louisiana, she was inducted into the Blue Grass Hall of Fame. "Mama" Cooksey was a member of the Faith Apostolic Church and she lived the life she professed.

She is survived by the love of her life for 58 years, L. J. Cooksey, Sr.; one son, L. J. "Butch" Cooksey, Jr. and his wife, Charlene, all of Independence; two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and D. L. Hudson, Jr. of Holden, Cathy and Junior Carrier of Independence. "Mama" Cooksey is also survived by a sister-in-law, Audrey Wilson of Central, Louisiana, numerous nieces and nephews along with 8 cherished grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Seven sisters, six brothers and several nieces and nephews preceded her in death.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services from the Faith Apostolic Pentecostal Church in Holden on Monday, May 12th at 10:00 a.m. with visitation beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 11th.

Conducting the religious services will be Rev. Marlin Arceneaux assisted by Rev. Marvin Wilson and Sister Margie Sullivan. Interment will be in Twin Pines Cemetery.

She will be sadly missed by all those who were honored to be a part of her life.

Condolences and other information available online at [www.bgthompsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.bgthompsonfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home of Hammond.

# Tribute Wall



“ I was privileged to hear this dear lady play and sing gospel music from about 1965. What good memories.##imported-begin##Austin J. Crehan, Jr.##imported-end##

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February 01, 2011 at 10:15 PM



“ I love you very much.And we miss you very much.Love always THE WILSON FAMILY!!!##imported-begin##ronnie wilson##imported-end##

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December 31, 2010 at 11:11 PM



“ To the Cooksey family,

*We know "Mom" is in the arms of Jesus now. She was a precious lady touching the lives of many. Though I have only known the family for a few short years I feel like I have known them all of my life. "Mom Killer" will be sorely missed. She has made the journey that I as a Christian, saved, and on my way to heaven, look forward to making one day. Your family is in my prayers.*

*Love, Kim Ware##imported-begin##Austin J. Crehan, Jr.##imported-end##*

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May 16, 2008 at 10:49 AM



“ To the Cooksey Family--  
May God hold you in his arms as we hold you in our prayers today  
and in the days and months ahead. We loved "Mama Cooksey" so  
much, and we will miss her .###imported-begin##Kim  
Ware###imported-end##

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May 13, 2008 at 10:42 AM



“ WHAT AN AMAZING LADY. I REMEMBER AS A CHILD GOING TO  
HER HOUSE,SPENDING THE WEEKEND,AND HER COOKING  
US BREAKFAST. AVON SMELL I WILL NEVER FORGET AS A  
CHILD. WHAT WAS SO AMAZING I WAS VISITING HER AND  
SHE WAS VERY SICK,BUT SHE TOLD LINDA IN HER OWN WAY  
SHE NEED HER ANOINTED OIL. THERE WAS GENTLEMEN  
THERE THAT GOD LEAD HER TO PRAY FOR. SHE IMPRESSED  
MY HUSBAND HOW SHE WAS SO SICK,BUT HOW SHE WAS SO  
SICK. SHE WAS STILL WORKING FOR THE LORD. SHE WAS  
BLESSED BY HER PRESENTS EVERYWHERE SHE WENT. YOU  
NEVER MET THIS LADY, YOU SURE MISSED OUT.  
BUTCH,LINDA,KATHY AND UNCLE L.J REMEMBER I AM HERE  
IF YOU EVER NEED ME. I WOULD LIKE FOR US TO BE BACK  
CLOSE AGAIN. CALL ME. 318-640-0479 OR 318-715-  
7191###imported-begin##Donald & Carolyn Garner###imported-  
end##

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May 12, 2008 at 03:06 PM



“ I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. AUNT TOOTSIE WAS A GOOD WOMAN. LINDA,KATHY,BUTCH AND UNCLE L.J. AUNT TOOTSIE IS NOW IN HEAVEN LOOKING OVER ALL OF YOU. SHE IS NOW YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL. I LOVE YOU ALL. MY HEART GOES OUT TO YOU.YOU ARE IN MY THOUGHT AND PRAYERS.##imported-begin##SYLVIA COOKSEY COODY##imported-end##

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May 12, 2008 at 09:25 AM



“ Auntie will be GREATLY missed. I loved her dearly and thought very highly of her. She was a genuine woman, and I KNOW that she is in heaven with her heavenly father. I know that even knowing that she is doesn't really make it easy to lose someone that you love. You were all blessed to have her for as long as you did. My heart and prayers are with you all as you go through this time in your life.##imported-begin##SOMMER COODY MAYS##imported-end##

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May 12, 2008 at 09:07 AM



“ To the Cooksey Family,  
My sympathy to the precious Cooksey family on the loss of such a dear, sweet lady. Yet, I know that Sis. Cooksey has received what she has worked for during her life--a home in heaven and an audience with her precious Jesus!

As she sings, "Ain't no grave gonna hold my body down."!

We love all of you and will be praying for you during this difficult time. What a tribute to her role as MaMa to be waked on Mothers' Day!##imported-begin##Tamara Brady Gibson##imported-end##

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May 11, 2008 at 01:52 PM



“ *Butch, Linda Kathy & Bro. LJ;*  
*I was so sorry to hear of Ma Cooksey's passing. She was so dear to my heart. This is a lady that will be missed by thousands. She touched every life that she came in contact with. I can still hear her a singing. I loved being a part of ya'll's family throughout my childhood and part of my adult life. I miss and love you all very much. I'm sorry I haven't been in touch lately. My heart truly goes out to you all! Much love and comfort to you. She's home with the Angels now!###imported-begin##Tinita Blount##imported-end##*

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May 11, 2008 at 06:11 AM



“ *###imported-begin##Jeanette & Joe Barker##imported-end##*

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May 10, 2008 at 11:40 PM