

IN CELEBRATION

of the

LIFE

of

MR. JAMES "RACO" KINNEY



SERVICES

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2002

3:00 P.M.

VAIDEN FRIENDSHIP M.B. CHURCH

801 MULBERRY STREET

VAIDEN, MS 39176



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**SIS. JOANN BURKHEAD,
MISTRESS OF CEREMONY**

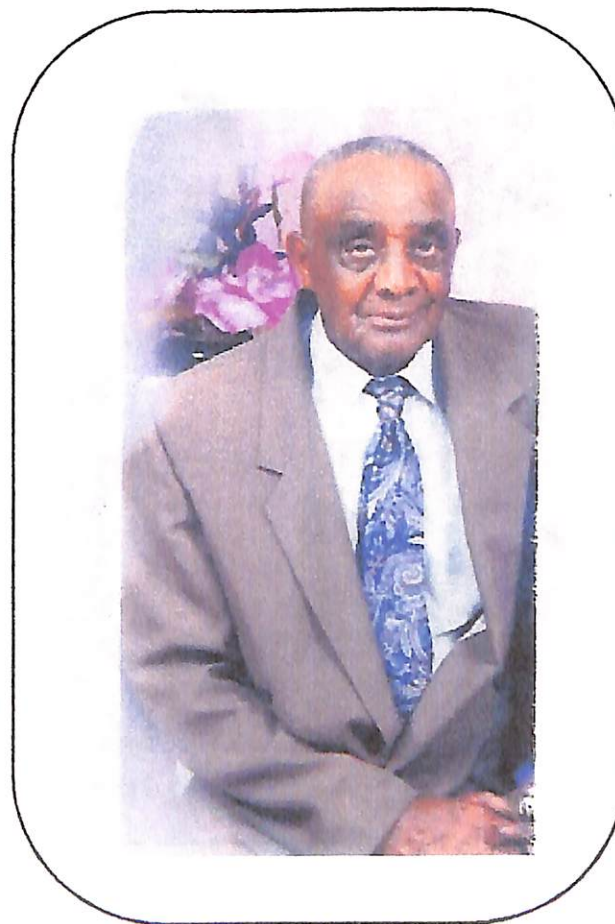
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THE 23RD PSALM

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green
pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**Yea though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou
art with me; thy rod and thy staff they
comfort me; Thou preparest a table before
me in the presence of mine enemies; thou
anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth
over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord forever.**



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1922-2002

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God saw that you were getting tired
and a cure was not to be;
So he wrapped his arms around you
and whispered come with me.
A heart of gold stopped beating,
hard working hands at rest;
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
that He only takes the best.

Your Children,
James Harold, Rickey & Sherlie

~~~~~  
Granddaddy, we love you. We know that  
your soul has taken flight and you are  
resting in peace. We are sad now, but we  
await that glorious day when we meet  
again.

Your Grandchildren  
Aaron, Sharon, Andrea, Kelsey & Tracey

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Granddaddy,
Although we didn't get to say goodbye,
we would just like to say, we love you
and we will never forget all the good
times that we shared together. You
always did what you could for us. We
understand that the Lord needed you
in Heaven. We love you always.

Your Great-Grandchildren



TO MY HUSBAND RACO

I cherish the love and memories we shared
these fifty-six years. Now I know your soul
is set free. I can't say goodbye, but I will
say I will see you after a while. I will miss
you, but I will let you go because you are
following the path that the Lord has laid
for you.

Your Wife,
Susie

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James "Raco" Kinney was born April 20, 1922, in Carroll County, Mississippi to the parents of the late Mr. James and Mrs. Rosetta Reeves Kinney. He was the eleventh of fourteen siblings, seven of whom preceded him in death.

He accepted Christ at an early age and united with the Valden Friendship M.B. Church where he served faithfully on the Board of Trustees until his health failed.

He was employed by the ICG Railroad for thirty-two years. He worked numerous jobs to support his family while he was employed with the railroad. He would arise early every morning to work in the garden and feed his livestock. He was a farmer from the heart.

He was united in holy matrimony to Ms. Susie Mae Anderson on May 31, 1946, a union that lasted for fifty-six years and produced five children - two preceded him in death.

On Wednesday, July 10, 2002 at 6:45 a.m. at his home, "Raco" went peacefully home to be with the Lord.

He leaves to cherish and rejoice in his memory, a devoted wife, Susie Mae; two sons, James Harold Kinney and Rickey Kinney of Valden, MS; one daughter, Sherlie Horton of Chicago, IL; an adopted great-grandson, Terrell Jones of New Orleans, LA; five (5) grandchildren; six (6) great grand children; three (3) brothers, Lincoln Kinney of Valden, MS; Charlie Kinney (Lena Mae) of Winona, MS; L. V. Kinney (Gladys) of Inglewood, CA; three (3) sisters, Mary Etta Gray of Oakridge, TN, Mary (Molly) Diming of Webb, MS and Ophelia McKinney Valden, MS; four (4) sisters-in-law, Louise Alexander of Memphis TN, Everlena Davis of Valden, MS, Mary P. Cunningham of Freeport, IL and Lillie Scruggs of Forrest City, AR; one brother-in-law, Frank Bailey, Sr. of Valden, MS and a great host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I am following the path God laid 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 pray.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with time of sorrow
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now, He set me free.

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Prelude

Processional

Scripture.....Rev. Nick Reed
Old Testament

Scripture.....Pulplt
New Testament

Prayer.....Pulplt

Selection.....Choir
"We've Come A Long Way"

Resolution

Solo

Remarks.....Two Minutes Please

Acknowledgments.....Sis. JoAnn Burkhead

Obituary.....Soft Music
"Read Silently"

Solo.....Sis. Velma Newman

Eulogy.....Rev. Nick Reed

Funeral Directors In Charge

Recessional

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We Can't....But God Can!

**Why things happen as they do
we do not always know,
And we cannot always fathom why
our spirits seem so low. . .
We flounder in our dark distress,
We are wavering and unstable,
But when we're most inadequate
The Lord God's always able. . .
For though we are incapable,
God's powerful and great,
And there's no darkness of the mind
that God can't penetrate. . .
And all that is required of us
whenever things go wrong,
Is to trust God implicitly
with a faith that's deep and strong.
And while He may not instantly
unravel all the tangled thoughts that trouble us,
He completely understands. . .
And in His time, if we have faith,
He will gradually restore the brightness
to our spirit
That we've been longing for . . .
So remember, there's no cloud too dark
For God's light to penetrate
If we keep on believing
and have faith enough to wait!**

Helen Steiner Rice

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS



**The Family of the late James "Raco" Kinney
wishes to acknowledge with sincere appreciation,
the many comforting messages, floral tributes,
prayers and other expressions of kindness and
concern evidenced at this time in thought and
deed. A more personal acknowledgment will be
made at a later date.**

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

J. W. Purnell

Willie Kinney

Melvin Johnson

Johnny Diming

Dale Givens

Morris Austin

Wayne Skinner

Lyndale Gomiller

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Deacons - Vaiden Friendship M.B. Church

FLOWER BEARERS

Granddaughters



INTERMENT

Vaiden Community Cemetery

REPAST

**Vaiden Friendship M.B. Church
Fellowship Hall**



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