



## Mrs. Rena Whitney

June 11, 1919 - February 14, 2020

Rena "Drip" Peartree Whitney was born on June 11, 1919 to the late Samuel and Tennie Peartree. She departed this life on February 14, 2020 at Vidant Beaufort Hospital in Washington, NC.

Rena was born in Hyde County but relocated to the Terra Ceia Community. She was a pillar in the community. Her early work history was on different farms in Beaufort County. For a lady with no formal education, you could not beat her counting money and knowing the Bible. After 14 years of service, Rena retired from the Armature Department of Hamilton Beach in Washington, NC. Rena was a life-long member of Queen Chapel Church of Christ Disciples of Christ in Terra Ceia, NC. The late Elder G.R. Lovick was a great inspiration in her life.

Rena's house was the community hangout. Many people spent countless hours in her house and on the porch eating her food: bread pudding, pineapple cake, salad greens, and collards. Her late husband would say, "Drib", you got those biscuits ready? She'd go on singing songs like "Sweeping through the city" and telling stories that kept you glued to your seat, as she talked about her upbringing. She would say, "it was rough, but I made it. I worked and took care of my family, especially my mom and dad." She'd always recall her favorite scripture, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want."

Rena was preceded in death by her husband, Mack Ray Whitney; two sons, Jimmy Whitney, Mack Ray Whitney, Jr.; daughter, Ruby Bunch; son-in-law,

Harry Booth; four grandchildren, Calvin Jr., Michelle Gray, Jimmy Whitney, Jr., Ralph Burgess; four brothers, Joseph (JulieMae), Sammuel, Clifton (Nancy) and Eddie Peartree.

Rena leaves to cherish in her memory, Delois Booth of Acre Station, NC, Sandra Holloway(Earl) of Terra Ceia, NC, Ralph Whitney (Dee) of Chocowinty, NC; one daughter-in-law, Mary Whitney of Brooklyn, NY; ones sister-in-law, Sophia Lewis; one son-in-law, Deacon Ray Bunch; two sisters-in-law, Mother Bessie Peartree of Terra Ceia, NC, Minister Carlene Peartree of Chicoppe, MA; a devoted grandson, Otha Holloway of Chocowinity, NC; twenty-five grandchildren; thirty-seven great- grandchildren; thirty great-great-grandchildren; one great-great-great-grandchild; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Broad Creek Community Cemetery

7814 Terra Ceia Road  
Pantego, NC 27860

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **21**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Queen Chapel Church of Christ  
76 Beaufort Street  
Pantego, NC 27860

## Celebration of Life Service

FEB **22**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Northside High School Auditorium  
7868 Free Union Church Road  
Pinetown, NC 27865

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Rena Whitney*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Our hearts are sadden to hear of this lost. Our prayers are with the family during this trying time.*  
*WC and Romaine Harvey*



Phyllis Harvey - February 20, 2020 at 10:03 AM



“ *Auntie you will be greatly missed.*



Carolyn Peartree - February 19, 2020 at 04:59 PM



“ *Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.*



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - February 19, 2020 at 04:20 PM

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*Sorry for the passing of your love one.*

Queen Jones - February 21, 2020 at 02:11 PM

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“ *So sorry for your loss*

Pearlie Chatman(Booth) - February 17, 2020 at 05:05 PM