



## Lenae Marie McKelvy

October 28, 1955 - March 25, 2026

Lenae Marie Mckelvy, daughter of Gloria Ackers and Melvin Laakkonen born on October 28, 1955 passed away surrounded by her family on March 25, 2026.

Lenae and her family moved to Alabama at a young age and she was a proud resident of the Union Hill community for almost 40 years.

Lenae enjoyed boating and spending as much time on the water as possible. To some she was even known as "Captain Nae". She enjoyed coin collecting, having beautiful fast cars, buying shoes and tending to her flowers.

Carnations, tulips, azalea and rose bushes to be exact. Lenae would never turn down a fresh cold Dr. Pepper or some Chick-Fil-A. Lenae had many jobs throughout her life. From working at service stations, food mart, even being a limousine driver. However she is probably best known for being a strong willed, take no crap, hard working bar owner. Bars like Cocktails, Staggers, Gold Rush and most notably, Lenaes Place started in 1997 and still in business to this day.

I bet if you asked Lenae what her biggest accomplishment was she would say being a mother. She loved her two children, Delon and Ronald with all of her heart and worked her whole life to leave them a legacy, and that she did.

Lenae was loved by many and will be missed by all who knew her.

Lenae is proceeded in death by her parents, Gloria Akers and Melvin

Laakkonen, sister Vianna Laakkonen, brother Greg Laakkonen and granddaughter Emily Wiggins.

She is survived by her daughter Delon (Randy) Wiggins, son Ronald (Danielle) Mckelvy, sister Cheryl Mullins, brother Lorne Laakkonen. and her adored grandchildren, Yancy Owens, Hayley, Allison and Sarah Wiggins and her great-grandchildren Lora Petty, Jackson, Leighton and Kennedy Owens.

Honored to serve as pallbearers and escorting Lenae to her final resting place in Highland Baptist Church Cemetery will be Phillip Hall, Bill Gibbons, Bobby Benefield, Terry Ratley, Nic Marmon and Jim Congdon. Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Cemetery

12 Dunn Road  
Union Grove, AL 35175

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 31. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Brindlee Mountain Chapel Funeral Home  
3552 Highway 231  
Lacey's Spring, AL 35754  
(256) 498-7100

## Funeral Service

MAR 31. 3:00 PM (CT)

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**Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel** - March 30 at 03:41 PM