

Lila McRae Nowakowski
May 12, 1930 - Oct. 22, 2015



Lila in 2010 with the Hindman's
granddaughters

Lila McRae Nowakowski, age 85, died peacefully on October 22, 2015.

Lila was born on May 12, 1930, in Detroit, Michigan. She was the daughter of the late James and Edna Melton. She and her late husband of fifty-three years, W. Cooper McRae, co-owned and operated McRae Engineering for thirty years. She was a former member of First Baptist Church of Jackson. She and her husband traveled all over the country for five years before settling in San Benito, TX, in 2000.

Lila and Cooper first came to Fun N Sun in 1996. For 20 years before coming here, they were Good Sam Directors for Tennessee. At Fun N Sun, Lila was an organizer for Western Day events, headed up Bingo several times and the Christmas pageant. Lila and Cooper were the Mardi Gras King Rex and Queen in 2004.

Lila is survived by her husband, Art Nowakowski of San Benito, TX; three daughters, Cindy Fisher and husband Bill of Jackson, TN, Fae Stovall and husband Neal of Senatobia, MS, and Nancy Williams and husband Andrew of Germantown, TN; a sister,

Blanche Donaho of Hot Springs, AR; nine grandchildren, Cory McRae, Jennifer Tachenko (Michael Paul), Julie Crider (Mark), Drew Williams (Brittany), Chris Williams (Amber), Tony Williams, Michelle Williams, Colin Stovall, and Corbin Stovall; three great-grandchildren, Keziah Tachenko, Reuel Tachenko, and Solomon Tachenko.

Pallbearers to serve will be grandsons, Cory McRae, Drew Williams, Chris Williams, Tony Williams, Corbin Stovall and grandson-in-law, Michael Paul Tachenko. Honorary Pallbearer is grandson, Colin Stovall.

The service will be conducted by grandson-in-law, Mark Crider. The family has requested that memorial contributions be directed to the [Alzheimer's Association](#), 4825 Trousdale Drive, Nashville, TN 37220.



Lila and Art at their wedding reception, June 14, 2008.