

## **Mary Atkinson**

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MARY ATKINSON DIES; HONORED AS NEGRO MOTHER

Mary E. Atkinson, 96, who was the first colored mother of the year here, died last night after a long illness.

She was honored in 1954 by the Merchants Association for having reared 17 children, 15 of whom survive, many gaining prominence.

Funeral services will be held next week, probably Wednesday, pending arrival of the family.

A midwife for 60 years, she retired in 1958. Three doctors, an attorney, an electrical engineer, several teachers, and nurses are among her children.

Local survivors are J.M. Atkinson, a daughter, Willie Buggs, librarian at Risley High School, another daughter, Lillian Armstrong, wife of a postman.

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FUNERAL TOMORROW -- Funeral services for Mary E. Atkinson will be held tomorrow at 4 p.m. at the Shiloh Baptist Church. The body will be taken to her residence at 1207 Albany St. tonight. Hall's Funeral Home is in charge.