



Lillie Barrow Brooks

# Death Takes Mother Of Joe Louis

## Ex-Champ at Side As She Succumbs

Mrs. Lillie Barrow Brooks, 69, mother of Detroit's most famed boxing figure, Joe Louis, died at 7:30 p. m. Sunday.

Her son, the former world's heavyweight champion, was at her bedside.

Mrs. Brooks had been suffering from a heart ailment for more than a year. In September, she was taken to Woman's Hospital in critical condition.

Apparently recovering, she had gone back to her home at 2100 McDougall, one of the first gifts from her son when his fistic career began to pay.

About a week ago, she went to stay with a daughter, Mrs. Em-marell Davis, of 1508 McDougall. It was there she died.

**BORN IN THE** humblest of circumstances in Lafayette, Ala., Mrs. Brooks brought her large brood of children to Detroit in 1925.

The first years were hard years and the family had to accept welfare aid.

In 1935, however, Mrs. Brooks proudly handed back to the city a check for \$269, the amount of aid the family had received over 18 months.

A devoutly religious woman, she was also her famous son's staunchest rooter. Yet she avoided as far as possible attending any of his 25 defenses of his title.

"I JUST CAN'T stand to see Joe get hurt," she would say.

Surviving Mrs. Brooks besides Joe and Mrs. Davis are three other sons, Alvanus, Deleon and Lonnie Barrow, and three other daughters, Mrs. Susie Woodall, Mrs. Eulalie Barrow, and Mrs. Sidney High.

There are also 34 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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L. A. 1883, p. 443.  
L. A. 1891, p. 867.  
S. L. 1865, p. 188.  
S. L. 1879, reincorp.

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Hesperia  
Hillman



L. A. 1925, p. 45; territory annexed, L. A. 1933, p. 207.  
L. A. 1895, p. 931.  
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S. L. 1871, Vol. 2, p. 1179; reincorporated, L. A. 1877, p. 20.

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Paradise  
Kingston  
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Sciota

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Gd. Traverse  
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**ACCIDENTALLY KILLED** — Rodger Cowell, 11, of Nashville, was accidentally shot and killed Friday by a 14-year-old hunter, Richard Rose of Grand Rapids. The boy, son of Mrs. Josephine Cowell, died almost instantly. His body was found in a creek seconds later by his mother and the hunter.

# Nashville Boy Killed

## Roger Cowell, 11, Shot Accidentally by Youth Near His Farm Home

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