

*In Loving  
Memory  
of*



***Essie Mae Burgess***

***Sunrise***  
*July 19, 1942*

***Sunset***  
*April 30, 2014*

***Service***

Wednesday, May 7, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

**Metropolitan Baptist Church**  
149 Springfield Avenue  
Newark, New Jersey

## Obituary

**Essie Mae Burgess** was born on July 19<sup>th</sup> 1942 to the late Lincoln and Eloise Barr Eaddy. Essie graduated from Lake City High School in 1959 and upon graduation Essie married Aaron Burgess in 1962 in Lake City, South Carolina.

After wedding, Essie moved to Paterson, NJ where she worked for The Berry Biscuit Company in Paterson until she began her quest as a mother. Essie eventually moved to Newark, NJ to the Stella Right Housing Projects where she became affectionately known as (Mun) to all who crossed her path.

As one of the staples in the community Mun developed relationships with children from her area and started her voyage to maternal bliss, creating huge family binds that would last forever.

Essie then met and created a thirty year union with Ralph Flowers of Newark, NJ and was afforded the lifestyle to become a great maker, cook, mother, relative and friend. She touched the lives of all that she came in contact with and her doors were always open, to anyone who needed her love and support. As a member of the Metropolitan Baptist Church Essie was also devoted to her Lord and Savior and instilled hope, faith and wisdom into her children.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Lincoln Eaddy, Jr., sisters, Pearly Mae Eaddy, Gloria Ann Burgess and Audrey Ann Eaddy, and significant others, Ralph Flowers and Aaron Burgess.

Essie leaves to carry on her legacy: one sister, Kay Sandra Gamble of Lake City, SC; two brothers, Isaiah Eaddy of Englewood, NJ and Willie Eaddy of Lake City, SC; six sons, James Burgess of Newark, NJ, Larry Burgess of Paterson, NJ, Lavern, Michael and Keion Burgess of Newark, NJ and Rodrick Rhodes of Jersey City, NJ; three daughters, Patricia, Linda and Michelle Burgess of Newark, NJ; two daughters-in-law, Ivory Burgess of Paterson, NJ and Patrina Burgess of Newark, NJ; twenty-one grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

## *Order of Service*

- Musical Prelude .....Chris Burgess
- Processional .....Family
- Hymn.....Kevin Fulmore
- Scripture Reading  
Old Testament: Psalms 23 .....Rev. Larry Burgess  
New Testament: John 14:1-6..... Rev. Timothy Burgess
- Prayer of Comfort..... Rev. Dr. David Jefferson
- Solo .....Taquia Robinson
- Acknowledgements..... Talora Mickens
- Remarks..... (limit of 3 minutes)  
Family and Friends
- Praise Dance .....Reyna Joy Banks
- Obituary..... (Read Silently)
- Solo .....Kevin Fulmore
- Eulogy .....Rev. Dr. David Jefferson
- Benediction..... Rev. Dr. David Jefferson
- Recessional.....Clergy & Family

### **Interment**

Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey

### *Repast*

*51 Mapes Avenue • Newark, NJ 07112*

# *Rest Now*

*Mother/Grandmother whom I adored ever so much  
No longer here on earth, but in the heavens above*

*Oh how we'll miss your smile and your laughter so big and full of life.  
Now you soar in the sky you're an angel so high  
You are now with our maker, tell me what is he like?*

*Are your day's filled with song and praise,  
do you sway to the music that angel harps play?*

*Mother/Grandmother, whom I adored ever so much  
How you will be missed, but never forgotten*

*We shall remember your scent, your voice and your every feature.  
After all you were all of our teachers  
You've taught us so much and so many life lessons*

*Mother/Grandmother, whom we adored ever so much  
Rest now, ever so peaceful in the heavens above.*

## *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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