



The Broken Chain
 Dearest Mom,
 We little knew the day that
 God was going to call your name.
 In life we loved you dearly,
 In death we do the same.
 It broke our hearts to lose you
 But you didn't go alone.
 For part of us went with you
 The day God called you home.
 You left us peaceful memories.
 Your love is still our guide,
 And though we cannot see you
 You are always at our side.
 Our family chain is broken
 and nothing seems the same,
 but as God calls us one by one
 the chain will link again.

We will love you always,
 Tricia, Betty Ann, Kenny, Metre & Rocky

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with sincere appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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A Celebration of Life for
Mary Lee Burgess

Sunrise: March 15, 1932
Sunset: July 9, 2022



SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2022 - 10:00 A.M.
The Love of Jesus Family Church
 88-94 Boylan St. • Newark, New Jersey
Pastor & Eulogist: Bishop Barbara Glanton

Obituary

Mary Lee Burgess, affectionately known a “Nana” or Mother Burgess to so many was born on March 15, 1932 in Lake City, South Carolina to the Late Sie and Rosa Burgess. Mary was the fourth of eleven children.

A graduate of Carver High School, Mary spent her childhood in Lake City before she and her younger sister Ethel relocated to Newark after high school. She was employed at Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital, Morris Plains, N. J. as a Service Technician for 22 years before retiring in 1998.

One of her greatest joys and treasures was family. She enjoyed attending the family reunions, -not just so she could see everyone but for the benefit of her grandchildren. She would try to encourage them to go with her. She wanted them to know they had family members other than those they were familiar with. Her desire was to for them to know their family history.

She enjoyed cooking especially for the grandchildren and was famous for her sweet potato pies and cornbread.

She loved attending Love of Jesus and didn't take kindly to missing services. Even as her cognitive skills declined, she still had to be in church. All during the week she wanted to know if it was Sunday yet. Sometimes, if no one was available to take her she would ask whoever was present if they had a car or to borrow fifty cents so she could get a ride to church especially for the Thursday noon day prayer. She loved being a part of the Cooking Ministry at Love of Jesus and always looked forward to preparing meals during the Tuesday night Bible Study.

On Saturday morning July 9, 2022, Mary departed this earthly life to be in the presence of our Heavenly Father. She leaves five children to honor and cherish her memory. Patricia A. McKnight (LaVan) of Miami FL., Betty A. Burgess of Hillside N. J., Kenneth Burgess (Stephanie) of Maplewood, N.J., Alesia Burgess of Irvington, N. J. and Rachied Burgess of Georgia. Two children, Keith Burgess and Clyda Mae Burgess proceeded her in death. She raised two of her grandchildren from the time they were infants, Kiah P. Burgess and Keyla Malaysia Burgess. She leaves two sisters to cherish her memory, Ethel L. Lewis of Tallahassee, Florida and Edith Pitts of Newark, N. J. and a daughter-in-law, Cyrenthia Renee Burgess. She also leaves nineteen grandchildren; four great grandchildren and four great, great grandchildren ; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and other relatives.



Order of Service

Processional

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Alynthia Hall

Scripture

Old Testament - Psalm 91:1-16 Rev. Aneesah Ross

New Testament - John 14: 1-6Rev. Quianna Burgess

Selection

Reflections ..Family Members.....Allyah Burgess

Min. Gary Burgess

Min Mitchell Burgess

Praise Dance

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Obituary & PoemDeaconess Myra Richardson

Selection

EulogyBishop Barbara Glanton

Recessional

Pall Bearers: Grandsons & Nephews

Jeffrey Beckett, Patrick Beckett, Gilbert Burgess, Mitchell Burgess, Antwan McKnight & Shakwan McKnight

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Interment

Graceland Memorial Park
Kenilworth, NJ