

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

In Gratitude

The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation and thanks to all relatives and friends who showed love, concern and kindness to **Burnell**. A special thanks to staff and residents of Brighton Gardens for the loving care and kindness.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the church, Ebenezer Baptist Church, in memory of Burnell P. Williams.

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Home Going Service for



Burnell P. Williams

February 3, 1916 - August 10, 2010

Monday, August 16, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

153 William Street
Orange, New Jersey

Rev. James A. Johnson, Pastor - Officiating

Order of Service

- Prelude *"Come Ye Disconsolate"*
Dr. Teresa Marshall
- Hymn *"Be Still My Heart"*
- Scripture
Old Testament
New Testament
- Prayer of Comfort
- Solo *"The Lord's Prayer"*
Ms. Valerie Boseman
- Reflections Family and Friends
- Obituary
- Eulogy Rev. James A. Johnson
- Recessional *"Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross"*

Interment
Heavenly Rest Memorial Park
East Hanover, New Jersey



Mrs. Burnell P. Williams was called home to God on Tuesday, August 10, 2010.

Born to Herbert H. Whigham and Ethel Stuckey Whigham on February 3, 1916, she was the first of four children. She attended St. Johns Baptist Elementary School in Savannah, Georgia. In 1929, she moved with her family to East Orange, New Jersey where she attended East Orange High School. She was an excellent student, excelled in her studies and graduated in the top ten percent of her class. Continuing her passion for education, Burnell later graduated with honors from Rutgers College of Pharmacy in 1937.

During her formative years, she spent most of her life in East Orange and Montclair, New Jersey. A devoted Christian, she loved and served her community willingly. She volunteered to teach Sunday school at Ebenezer Baptist Church. Her father was a church trustee. She believed the world would be better if all parents taught their children the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments.

Burnell had an intense dislike of racial discrimination and "Jim Crow" laws. To be an agent of change, she joined the junior N.A.A.C.P. where she met her future husband, Walker Alexander Williams, Sr. Together they served as Vice President and President of the Orange Chapter, educating others through writings and organized civil protests.

Burnell was hired by St. Mary's Hospital in Orange, New Jersey where she worked as a pharmacist for over thirty-five years. Upon retirement, her coworkers publicly acknowledged her selfless life of service to others.

Burnell was widowed in 1955. She has four adult children who adore her. She leaves to mourn her passing: Walker Jr., Jan, Elaine, Kenneth and Diane; nine grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends. She was loved by all who knew her.

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