

Home Going Celebration
for



Willie Mae Burson

Sunrise
June 30, 1932

Sunset
May 28, 2010

Friday, June 4, 2010 - 12:00 Noon

Mount Olive Baptist Church

216 Liberty Street • Plainfield, New Jersey

Reverend Donald D. Nichols, Sr., Pastor

Obituary

Willie Mae Burson, the daughter of the late Jackson and Mary Elizzie Clay was born June 30, 1923 in South Boston, VA. She departed this earthly life on Friday, May 28, 2010 at The Woodlands Genesis Elder Care Facility Center in Plainfield, NJ; where she was under medical care recuperating from illness. She was 86 years old.

Willie Mae received her formal education in the Public School Halifax Training School in Halifax, VA. During her matriculation in the formative years Willie Mae was a good student and was a member of Bold Springs Baptist Church in South Boston, VA.

In 1940, she moved to Jersey City, NJ joining her sisters who all had relocated to Jersey City. Upon arriving, she transferred her membership to Salem Baptist Church. Her first job after arriving in the north was with Western Electric in Bayonne. Willie Mae was the youngest of twelve brothers and sisters and received the full attention of her older siblings.

On April 19, 1955 she married Arthur P. Burson Sr. at Salem Baptist Church in Jersey City, NJ. Together they had two lovely children. They moved to Plainfield, NJ in 1961. She worked in the home and as a cashier for Finest/Big Buy/Foodtown for thirty years. She was a devoted wife, mother, sister and friend to many.

She leaves to mourn: one daughter, Regina R. Littlejohn and her husband, Michael of Middlesex, NJ; one son, Arthur P. Burson Jr. And his wife, Hattie of Flemington, NJ; a grandson, Arthur P. Burson III and two nephews, Horace and (Mary) White of Matawan, NJ; Herbert and (Judy) Clay of Marlboro, NJ; four nieces, Zenobia Williams of Richmond, VA, Annis Bell of Jersey City, NJ, Pauline Van Croft of Jersey City, NJ, Ceily and (Donald) Sutton of Vermont; and a host of extended family members of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members and friends.

Seven sisters, Carrie Bass, Pauline White, Virginia Melvin, Annis Height, Jeanette Walker, Sadie Bell, Edith Clay and four brothers, Herbert Clay, John Clay, Jim Clay and Charles Clay all preceded her in death.

The Order of Worship

Prelude Organist

Processional Clergy and Family

Final Viewing

Opening Hymn Choir

Words of Introduction Reverend Donald D. Nichols Sr.

Prayer of Comfort Pastor Thomas E. Roberts
Cherryville Baptist Church

Solo Sister Regina LittleJohn

Scripture Lesson

Old Testament - Psalm 23 Brother Arthur Burson

Old Testament - Psalm 121 Sister Kim McPhail

Obituary Sister Hattie Burson

Reflection Sister Mary Jane Purnell
Brother Horace White

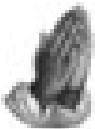
Acknowledgements Sister Rosella Bracket

Solo Sister Audrey Hopkins
“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

Eulogy Reverend Donald D. Nichols Sr.

Benediction

Recessional Clergy and Family



Interment
Hillside Cemetery
Plainfield, New Jersey



Repast to follow at the church.

The Broken Chain

*Little did we know that morning,
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,
you did not go alone.*

*For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*

*You left us beautiful memories,
your love is still our guide.*

*And although we cannot see you,
you are always by 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.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgments

The family acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to them in their time of sorrow. May God continue to bless each of you.

Professional Services Provided By

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

130 Main Street
Orange, NJ
973-675-6400

1025 Bergen Street
Newark, NJ
973-926-6400

COTTON-PARKER FUNERAL HOME

37 Clinton Avenue
Jersey City, NJ
201-433-1000

www.honoryou.com