

*A Service of Memory  
Celebrating The Life of*

A portrait of an elderly woman, Bertha M. Burwell, wearing glasses and a white lace-trimmed top with a floral corsage. She is smiling slightly. The background is a soft-focus image of white lilies.

*Bertha M. Burwell*

*Sunrise  
July 17, 1928*

*Sunset  
November 16, 2018*

*Friday, November 30, 2018  
Viewing - 11:00 am  
Service - 12:00 pm*

**Whigham Funeral Home**  
580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Newark, New Jersey

## Obituary

**Bertha M. Burwell** was born July 17, 1928 in Newark, NJ. She was the daughter of the late George and Elizabeth Edmond and sister of the late George Edmond, Jr.

Bertha was married to the late Clarence L. Burwell, they had five children, Adrienne, Carin, Stacey, La Marr and the late Lorin. She worked many years in the meat industry at Schickhaus-Swift and Foodtown Supermarkets. During her work tenure she attended Newark Public School, she also was active in the community as a troop leader for the Girl Scouts of America Brownie, Junior & Senior Troops, many Board of Trustee positions through the city of Newark, Pre-School, Irvington Neighborhood Development & E.O. Development Corporation and a very active member of the Montclair Sr. Housing tenant association.

Bertha's disability for the past 28 years did not keep her from being a consumer at Daughters of Israel & Good Life Adult Day Care.

Bertha was a loving mother to her children and her children's friends, she was preceded in death by her daughter Lorin Burwell and her husband Clarence L. Burwell.

One of her favorite scriptures was: Psalm 51:10

*"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."*

Bertha leaves to mourn Adrienne & Carin Burwell, Stacey Webb, and La Marr Burwell, 10 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

***Bishop Alvin Crone, Officiating***

Visitation

Musical Prelude

Family Processional

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Allen Shelton

Scripture Reading.....Elder Michael Lynch

Old Testament

New Testament

Musical Selection

Acknowledgments & Resolutions.....Vesta Godwin-Clark

In Our Eyes.....(2 Minutes Each)

Musical Selection

Obituary.....Kim Gaddy

Words of Comfort.....Bishop Alvin Crone

Recessional

**Final Disposition**

Rosedale Cemetery & Crematory  
Montclair, New Jersey

## *Songs of Praise*

*In the midst of trials and testing  
When there is little we can do  
Let's just sing a song and praise God  
For his faithfulness is true.*

*We will find there comes a comfort  
And a calm within our souls  
When we praise God for His goodness  
Knowing He's in full control.*

*We should never save our joy songs  
Just to sing when days are bright  
We must lift our praise upward  
Even in the dark of night.*

*God always ever listening  
Tuned to hear our songs of praise  
He will bless the heart that's thankful  
And give cheer to dreary days.*

### *Acknowledgement*

*The family of **Bertha M. Burwell** wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was shown to them during this time of bereavement.*

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