

*Celebrating the Life of*  
*Ms. Willie Mae Burton*



Sunrise: August 17, 1941  
Sunset: January 22, 2022

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022 - 11:00 A.M.**  
**New Light Missionary Baptist Church**  
255 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue • Newark, New Jersey  
*Rev. Edward A. Allen, Officiating*  
*Emory Lee, Organist*

## *Obituary*

It was on August 17, 1941 that Willie Mae was born in Louisville, Georgia to the late Edgar and Mattie Heggs Burton.

Willie Mae departed this life on Saturday, January 22, 2022.

She received her education from Jefferson County High School. Willie Mae moved to Newark, New Jersey where she worked for many years as a home health aide, and later moved to Orange, New Jersey where she eventually retired.

Affectionately known as “Granny” to most, she was widely known for her warm spirit and kind heart among the outside community of brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins and others she adopted as family of her own. Her favorite shows that she loved to watch were Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy, The News, The Steve Harvey Show and Wrestling. She will be remembered for sense of humor as she loved to laugh, joke around, and reminisce on times past...she will TRULY be missed.

She is preceded in death by four sisters Lucille Burton, Blanche Burton, Geneva Gibbons, Jewel Thompson, and brother Wilson Gibbons. Long time dearly departed friend Robert Daugherty.

Willie Mae Burton leaves to cherish her memories: Her five children, Wilma Burton of Newark, NJ., Michael Burton of Louisville, GA., Edgar Burton of East Orange, NJ., Gregory Burton and Anthony Burton of Orange, NJ. Five sisters, Essie Mae Burton of Orange, NJ., Thelma Burton of Newark, NJ., Rebecca Gibbons and Bettye Burton of Louisville, GA., Bessie Gibbons of Bridgeton, NJ., Four Brothers, Johnny Gibbons of Augusta GA., Henry Burton of Columbia, SC., Mark Gibbons and Luke Gibbons of Bridgeton, NJ. Two Uncles: Thomas Heggs of Arlington, VA., and Reverend Asa Heggs of Roselle, NJ, Fifteen Grandchildren: Shahidah Burton, Zakiyyah Burton, Hakeem Blake, Tyra Burton, Jabaar Blake, Shakeerah Blake, Gregory Burton, Abdullah Burton, Al-Shaquar Williams, Kareem Burton, Latasha Tate, Charmaine Reese, Anthony Williams, and Khalif Burton, Fourteen Great Grands., two lovely friends, Joann Harmon who is like a sister to her and Andrea Harmon who was like a daughter to her. And a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# *Order of Service*

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Musical Prelude

Processional

Scriptures  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection - Emory Lee

Acknowledgements,

Remarks (2 minutes Please) - Family and Friends

Obituary Reading - Andrea Harmon

Selection - Emory Lee

Eulogy - Rev. Edward Allen

Recessional

***Repast to follow Interment at the church***

## ***Bearers for the Services***

Pallbearers - Sons and Grandsons  
Honorary Pallbearers  
Flower Bearers - Granddaughters

*Interment*  
Fairmount Cemetery  
Newark, New Jersey



## YOU NEVER SAID GOODBYE

*Author Unknown*

*You never said I'm leaving  
You never said goodbye.  
You were gone before I knew it,  
And only God knew why.  
A million times I needed you,  
A million times I cried.  
If love alone could have saved you,  
You never would have died.  
In life I loved you dearly,  
In death I love you still.  
In my heart you hold a place,  
That no one could ever fill.  
It broke my heart to lose you,  
But you didn't go alone  
For part of me went with you,  
The day God took you home.*

*Our Heartfelt Thanks*

*We, the family of Willie Mae Burton, have been consoled and blessed by your love and kindness. We wish to express our deepest gratitude. Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayer*  
**The Family**

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