

God Saw You Getting Tired

God saw you getting tired
When a cure was not to be
He wrapped His arms around you,
And whispered, "Come to Me."
With tearful eyes, we watched you suffer
And saw you fade away.
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.

With Love Your Eldest Daughter,
ShLanda Rochel Burton



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Celebrating The Life
of
MR. JAMES BURTON, JR.



SUNRISE: JANUARY 31, 1949

SUNSET : JANUARY 7, 2022

MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2022
11:00 A.M.

LEEVY'S FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL
1831 TAYLOR STREET
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Reflections of the Life
of
Mr. James Burton, Jr.
(Affectionately known as Jr., Mr. B, “Doc”, and Burton)

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which, the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

II Timothy 4:6-8

Around his bedtime on January 7, 2022, at his home in Charlotte, North Carolina, God dispatched His Angels to camp around the bedside of our dearly beloved one as he was ushered through the Pearly Gates of Heaven. As he disrobed from this earthly body to put on his new robe in glory, the Heavenly Host welcomed him to the new life that shall last for eternity.

James Burton, Jr. was born on January 31, 1949, in Columbia, South Carolina. He was the youngest child of the late Reverend James Brunson Burton, Sr. and Mallie Mae Thompson Burton. At an early age, he was baptized and accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior. The last church he was a member of was Mt. Zion Baptist Church, in Greensboro, North Carolina.

James was raised in South Carolina, Germany, and Oklahoma as an Army Brat and later lived Texas New York and North Carolina. Growing up he enjoyed playing marbles, hide-and-go-seek and fishing. James spoke German, which he kept speaking throughout his life. James graduated from Frederick A. Douglas High School in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Upon graduating from high school, James joined the United States Air Force (USAF) in 1969, and served for six years. While in the USAF, he earned many military honors and metals.

After leaving the USAF with an Honorable discharge as a Sgt., he later worked for IBM and Brunswick General Hospital in Amityville, Long Island, New York, in the Dietary Department, as he had a passion for food. During his free time, he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. Later in life, he had the opportunity to reconnect with family for reunions in Georgia, Florida, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina. During the last decade he had the opportunity to travel the world visiting many places: including Alaska, Canada, Haiti, Hawaii, England, Jamaica, Mexico, and Spain.

James enjoyed driving his many Pontiac Firebirds, and had an interest in luxury European cars. He enjoyed attending concerts and listening to gospel artists such as The Winans, Andre Crouch and Motown music artists, Aretha Franklin and Stevie Wonder.

Now Mr. James Burton, Jr. watches over the following loved ones: two daughters, ShLanda Rochel Burton, of Winston-Salem, NC and Mallie Mae Burton, of Charlotte, NC, who is expecting his first grandson in May 2022; one brother, Raymond Burton, of Columbia, SC; and a host of other loving relatives and caring friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Until We Meet Again

Dad,

As a little girl, it was always my prayer to meet you and get to know you. GOD answered my prayers. When I found and saw you on August 4, 2007, you knew exactly who I was, you gave me a big hug and kiss. I did not know GOD’s plan for our Father-Daughter relationship, but I’m very thankful for every moment I got to spend with you the past fifteen years. I am very thankful and count it a privilege and honor in caring for you and the special times we had together. I will always remember you thanking me for fixing meals, helping you daily and taking you on trips. You would always ask where you were in every country or state we would visit. Oh, and I must not forget the way you wanted your hair brushed every morning. I wish you could have stayed longer, but I knew this day would come. I will forever remember your love, kindness, and wisdom you showed me. I must not forget your love for candy and sweets. You said you were FINISHED the last days we spent together, so you are now a wonderful guardian angel watching over your daughters, future grandson, and all your family members.

I will love you forever and ever,
Until we meet again love your daughter,
Mallie Mae Burton



Memories



Order of Service

Prelude..... *“In Your Will”*
 (Recording by: Men of Standard)

Processional..... *“Praise Is What I Do”*
 (Recording by: William Murphy)

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Opening Selection..... *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*.....Mr. Lonnie Clark

Scripture.....Mr. Raymond Burton

Old Testament – Psalm 23
 New Testament – 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Nicky Wilson

Musical Selection.....*“Jesus Loves Me” “I Love The Lord”*
 (Recording: Whitney Houston & CeCe Winans)

Resolution.....Ms. Lula Stroman

Acknowledgements.....Ms. Jill Saint James

Solo..... *“The Storm Is Over Now”*.....Mr. Lonnie Clark

Remarks.....Mrs. Joyce Hardeman

Silent Reading of Obituary

Selection.....*“Ain’t No Need To Worry”*
 (Recording: The Winans)

Words of ComfortReverend Nicky Wilson

Recessional..... *“Praise is What I Do” “In Your Will”*
 (Recording by: William Murphy & Men of Standard)

Postlude..... *“I’m Going Away”*
 (Recording by Walter Hawkins)

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We, the family of the late James Burton, Jr., wishes to express our deepest gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown to us during our sorrow. Your comforting messages, prayers, floral tributes, calls, food, visits and other comforting gestures will remain forever in our hearts. Because of you we have received spiritual strength and inspiration for facing this hour. Thank you and may you continue to be blessed and highly favored is our prayer.

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