

## Obituary

Deacon Henry Louis Burton, Sr. affectionately known as **John T** was born September 20, 1939, to the late Edgar and Mattie Burton in Louisville, GA. He transitioned peacefully to his heavenly home on April 12, 2022.

**John T** attended school in Louisville, GA, and later moved to New Jersey. He was employed with Azco Steel, where he was a dedicated and hard working employee for more than three decades. **John T.** also played baseball in his early 20s. In 1964, he met and married the love of his life, Geraldine Mickens. Their union was blessed with more than 34 years of love, dedication, and three beautiful children. In 1998, Geraldine was called home to be with the Lord. After baseball and marriage, **John T** committed his life to God, and was ordained as Deacon at Heggs Missionary Baptist Church, in Newark, NJ. He later remarried Betty Turner and became a member of Greater Refugee Baptist Church, in Newark, NJ.

**John T** was a great father and father figure to many. He successfully demonstrated what a “family man” should be. He was a great provider, loving man, caretaker, funny, motivating, and one of a kind. **John T** was a God fearing man who loved western movies, baseball, fixing cars, and collecting antique cars. Although he had many titles **Poppa** was his favorite.

**John T** was preceded in death by his wife, Geraldine Burton, siblings, Blanche Burton, Wilson Gibbon, Willie Mae Burton, Geneva Burton, Jewel Burton, and Lucille Burton.

Deacon Henry Louis Burton, Sr. is survived by: his wife, Betty Turner; two daughters, Tywana Burton Hair and Lisa Burton Faulkner; sons, Larry B. Harris and Henry L. **Hank** Burton, Jr.; bonus children; Lena Frasier and Marsha Meyers; granddaughter, Shalis D. Taylor; grandson, Christopher B. Boyd; great-grands, Jaxon H. Frierson, Jayce A. Frierson, and Jahlil J. Frierson; bonus great-grands, Lil Jazz and Ashanti; siblings, Johnny Gibbons, Thelma Burton, Rebecca B. Gibbons, Luke Gibbons, Mark Gibbons, Bessie Gibbons, Bettye Gibbons; special friends, Jeffrey Mickens and Tracey Robinson; a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, and friends.

## Memories



## Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn.....“Pass Me Not”.....Mr. Lonnie Clark
- Scripture Readings.....Reverend Nicky Wilson  
Old Testament – Psalm 23  
New Testament – John 3:16
- Prayer.....Reverend Nicky Wilson
- Selection.....Mr. Lonnie Clark
- Remarks.....Mr. Jasimond Frierson  
A Family Member
- Selection.....Mr. Lonnie Clark
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Nicky Wilson
- Recessional
- Postlude



## Committal, Benediction and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery  
4900 Road  
Columbia, South Carolina

*I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took His hand when I heard His call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found the peace at the close of the day.  
If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joys  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart, and peace to thee-  
God wanted me now; He has set me free.

*Pallbearers*

Family and Friends

*Floral Bearers*

Family and Friends

*Acknowledgement*

We, the family of Deacon Henry Louis Burton, Sr., would like to thank each of you for the love and kindness extended to us, during the passing of our loved one.

**Services Entrusted To:**

**Taylor Street Chapel**  
1831 Taylor Street  
Columbia, SC 29201  
(803)771-7799

I. S. Leevy Johnson  
-Owner & Director-

**Leevy's**  
FUNERAL HOME

Chris Leevy Johnson  
-President & Managing Director-

**Lower Richland Chapel**  
9120 Garners Ferry Road  
Hopkins, SC 29061  
(803) 776-6922

Leverette A. Williams, II  
-General Manager-

*In*  
**Loving  
Memory**  
*of*

*Deacon Henry Louis Burton, Sr.*



*Saturday, April 30, 2022*

*1:00 p.m.*

*Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel*

*1831 Taylor Street*

*Columbia, South Carolina*

*Reverend Nicky Wilson*

*- Officiating -*