



## Elder Edward Burns

January 15, 1939 - August 5, 2025

BURNS, Eld. Edward - Age 86, passed away Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at his residence. Family hour 10:00 AM Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at Greater Holy Temple Church Of God In Christ, 6702 Dort Hwy., Flint, Michigan, with Celebration of Life Service commencing at 11:00 AM. Bishop Roger L. Jones, Host Pastor, Pastor Edward Burns Jr., officiating. Interment, Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd.. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:00 AM Tuesday, August 12, 2025. Elder Burns will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed Monday, August 11, 2025 from 12:00PM-6:00PM with family present from 4:00PM-6:00PM. ELDER EDWARD BURNS JANUARY 15, 1939 - AUGUST 5, 2025

Edward Burns was born on January 15, 1939, in Tchula, Mississippi, to the union of Wilmore Burns, Sr. and Marie Dennis-Burns. He began his education in Mississippi and later attended Centennial High School in Compton, California. Committed to growth and opportunity, Edward went on to earn his certification as a Boiler Engineer through the Chevrolet Corporation. In 1957, Edward relocated to Flint, Michigan, in search of greater opportunity and began a long, successful career with General Motors. While in Flint, Michigan, he met the love of his life, Olivia. The two were united in marriage and remained faithfully devoted to one another for 66 years. Their union was blessed with five children: Edward, Erwin, Darin, Terence, and Aundrea. Edward was a man of deep faith, purpose, and energy. He believed in the value of hard work and staying active. He tended to his garden with care,

loved fishing with church brethren, participated in daily walks and fitness classes, and expanded his vocabulary every chance he got-every time he heard a new word, he would find an opportunity to use it. He loved doing crossword puzzles from the Flint Journal newspaper and reading Readers Digest and National Geographic magazine. He loved all kinds of food and would try anything once. He had a fondness for peanuts, pecans, and walnuts. His walk with Christ began at Hamilton Avenue Church of God in Christ (COGIC) in Flint, Michigan, where he served faithfully as a Deacon, Minister, and later an Ordained Elder. His service continued at Greater Holy Temple COGIC and Pentecostal Tabernacle COGIC, where he was known for stepping in wherever help was needed, always offering his time, talent, resources, and treasure. He especially Loved Teaching Sunday School. Elder Burns had a powerful outreach ministry, especially through his work in the prison and hospital ministries. As a Chaplain, he introduced many young people to this life-changing work, showing them what it meant to serve with compassion and conviction. His life and message left a lasting impression on all who encountered him. Those who knew him will remember some of his signature expressions: "Did Jesus do that?" "It's holiness or hell." "It's going to be hotter than this in that lake." He closed every sermon with the words: "I came to Jesus as I was, weary, worn, and sad. I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad." Edward had a love for travel, particularly through the COGIC Missions Department. His journeys took him to South Korea, Rome, Thailand, Greece, Israel, Singapore, and Switzerland. He faithfully attended COGIC United National Auxiliary Conventions (UNAC) with his children and later Auxiliaries in Ministry (AIM) Conventions with his grandchildren. Until facing health challenges, he never missed a COGIC National Convocation or General Assembly. He especially enjoyed traveling with his daughter, Aundrea. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, five sisters, and one grandson, Ryan Edward Burns. He leaves behind a legacy of love and faith, survived by: his wife, Olivia; one (1) Sister, Susan Bowman (John); four (4) sons Edward (Doris), Erwin (Rebecca), Darin

(Annie), Terence (Misty); and one (1) daughter Aundrea; as well as grandchildren, Jason, Cameron (Shannon), John, Erwin (Megan), Kelly (Kyle), Kristen (Fabrice), Koren, Destany, Terence (Amanda), Jacoby, Olivia, Brittany, Edgar (Tierra), James (Serinity), Brianna. Special Granddaughters Erika and Morgan. Great Grand Children, Jai, Jadyn, Arseneo, Shauntiere, Svaja, Camri, Emeri, Edgar, Merci, Macoy, Mikel, Milo, Brooklyn, Brielle, Brandon, Richard, Jeremiah, Matthew, and Taylor. Special daughters Carmelia, Vickie, and Maria. Bonus sons Tim and Dwayne, and bonus daughter Letrice. Special Brother and Sister, James and Ozzie Rideout. Edward Burns will be remembered for his unwavering faith, humble service, and deep love for his family and church community. His life was a testimony to a servant's heart. If his life were summed up in a song, it would be: "May the Works I've Done Speak for Me."

And in Scripture: 2 Timothy 4:7-8 "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."

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

AUG 11. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-6666  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present

AUG 11. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Family hour

AUG 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Greater Holy Temple C.O.G.I.C.  
6702 N. Dort Hwy  
Flint, MI

## Celebration of Life Service

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AUG **12**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Elder Edward Burns*



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**Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home** - August 12, 2025 at 04:05 PM

CT

“ *Olivia, Peter and I just heard of the death of Ed. We are so very sorry to hear this and please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We have such wonderful memories of him and what a blessing he was in our neighborhood watch group. He was always so faithful and fun to have around. He is one of the neighbors we have missed since we moved away. Good to know he is now in the arms of the Lord he told so many people about and is whole and free of pain. Such a blessing to know that. Peter & Cheryl Thoms*

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**Cheryl Thoms** - August 15, 2025 at 09:04 PM

MS

“ Our sincere condolences to the Burns family. We will continue to keep PRAYING for the family. 🙏🙏🙏

Benny & Mae Vern Spence  
April Harris  
Katina Woods & Monty Jr.

Marietta GA.



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**Mae Vern Spence** - August 12, 2025 at 06:09 AM

SB

“ To my dear sister in law Olivia and family:  
Our deepest sympathy. Thinking of you with heartfelt condolences and sending love and strength.  
John and Sue Bowman and family. Las Vegas

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**Sue Bowman** - August 11, 2025 at 05:28 PM

LG

“ Roderick & Leonia L Green, Praying for the family. In times like these, the comforter is present. Psalm 34:18. Love and care

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**Leonia Green** - August 11, 2025 at 02:32 PM

LB

“ Lisa And James Blakley sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Edward Burns



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**Lisa and James Blakley** - August 11, 2025 at 02:12 PM

SN

“ *Our sincere condolences, thoughts and prayers to the entire family of Elder Edward Burns. May God grant you strength through this difficult time. From your years ago (1960's) Spencer Street neighbors.  
Rogers Norton Sr.  
Roger & Cynthia Norton Jr.  
Sheila D. Norton-Jenkins*



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**Sheila D. Norton-Jenkins** - August 11, 2025 at 12:02 PM

RF

“ *Rene James And Family lit a candle in memory of Elder Edward Burns*



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**Rene James and Family** - August 10, 2025 at 11:22 PM

MB

“ *We send our heartfelt condolences to the family of Elder Burns and prayers of comfort for the days ahead! Missy. Mary Toles Brice, Muskogee, OK*



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**MARY TOLES BRICE** - August 10, 2025 at 09:24 PM

MW

“ *Mary Woolfolk lit a candle in memory of Elder Edward Burns*



Mary Woolfolk - August 10, 2025 at 06:48 PM

EF

“ *Eugene Tolbert (Ronnie) and family. lit a candle in memory of Edward Burns*



Eugene Tolbert (Ronnie) and family. - August 10, 2025 at 06:38 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Elder Edward Burns.*



August 09, 2025 at 09:08 PM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Elder Edward Burns.*



August 09, 2025 at 06:09 PM

VF

“ *Valarie Shepard & Family lit a candle in memory of Elder Edward Burns*



Valarie Shepard & Family - August 09, 2025 at 12:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elder Edward Burns.

August 08, 2025 at 04:53 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elder Edward Burns.*



August 08, 2025 at 04:53 PM

DW

“ *DeJuan and Carline Woods purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Elder Edward Burns.*



DeJuan and Carline Woods - August 08, 2025 at 04:17 PM

FN

“ *Felicia Nunn lit a candle in memory of Edward Burns*



Felicia Nunn - August 08, 2025 at 12:45 AM

CL

“ *Clarence & Barbara Lewis lit a candle in memory of Elder Edward Burns*



Clarence & Barbara Lewis - August 07, 2025 at 10:20 AM

PG

“ *Pamela Gibson lit a candle in memory of Elder Edward Burns*



Pamela Gibson - August 07, 2025 at 08:16 AM

EC

“ *My Sincere Condolences to Pastor Burns @ Doris, and Children, and Mother Burns, and the Entire Burns Family. Earth has no Sorrow that Heaven cannot Heal. The Holy Spirit, our Comforter, will Heal the Broken Hearted. RIH Elder Burns* 🙏💜✝️



Elder-Dr. Carolyn D. Davis & Children - August 07, 2025 at 08:16 AM

PW

“ Pam Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Edward Burns



Pam Williams - August 07, 2025 at 05:21 AM

PW

“ Pam Williams lit a candle in memory of Elder Edward Burns



Pam Williams - August 07, 2025 at 05:20 AM



“ Phylize Oliver lit a candle in memory of Elder Edward Burns



Phylize Oliver - August 07, 2025 at 02:23 AM

FD

“ A great man and mentor you will always live in my heart



Fernando Davison - August 06, 2025 at 11:51 PM

ST

“ Sending condolences to Aunt Olivia and the entire Burns family.  
May God uplift you in prayer and strength, Love you all,

*The Tolberts*

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**Sharee Tolbert** - August 06, 2025 at 10:11 PM

ST

“ *Sharee Tolbert lit a candle in memory of Elder Edward Burns*



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**Sharee Tolbert** - August 06, 2025 at 09:58 PM

DL

“ *Deacon Donnie & Sharyn Langston lit a candle in memory of Elder Edward Burns*



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**Deacon Donnie & Sharyn Langston** - August 06, 2025 at 06:57 PM

DE

“ *Thank you for everything, abuelito.*



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**Destany** - August 06, 2025 at 06:10 PM

YC

“ *Yolonda Cross lit a candle in memory of Elder Edward Burns*



Yolonda Cross - August 06, 2025 at 04:16 PM

DS

“ *Dixie Smith lit a candle in memory of Elder Edward Burns*



Dixie Smith - August 06, 2025 at 04:12 PM

AS

“ *Alma StarksButler lit a candle in memory of Elder Edward Burns*



Alma StarksButler - August 06, 2025 at 12:56 PM

SL

“ *Shelia Lowery sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Edward Burns*



shelia lowery - August 06, 2025 at 12:25 PM

SL

“ *Shelia Lowery sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Edward Burns*



shelia lowery - August 06, 2025 at 12:20 PM

CB

“ *Cam Burns lit a candle in memory of Elder Edward Burns*



Cam Burns - August 06, 2025 at 10:47 AM

VT

“ *Valerie Toles sent a virtual gift in memory of Elder Edward Burns*



Valerie Toles - August 06, 2025 at 09:54 AM

PN

“ *Pat Newton-Moore lit a candle in memory of Elder Edward Burns*



Pat Newton-Moore - August 05, 2025 at 03:20 PM

AM

“ *Annette Marks lit a candle in memory of Edward Burns* ”



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**Annette Marks** - August 05, 2025 at 03:16 PM