



Mr. George T. Burns Sr.

February 13, 1940 - December 13, 2021

BURNS, Mr. George T., Sr. - Age 81, passed away Monday, December 13, 2021 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10:30 AM Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at New Heaven Missionary Baptist Church, G-3184 W. Pierson Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Pastor Joseph Jenkins, officiating. Bishop Eric Burns Eulogist. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11:00 AM Tuesday. Mr. Burns will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Monday. George Temple Burns Sr. was born on February 13, 1940 in Meridian, Mississippi to John and Bessie (Wilson) Burns. He accepted Christ at an early age at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Meridian, MS. He met and married Bertha Lee Thompson on November 16th, 1959. To this union they had 5 children, Twana, Cynthia, George Jr., Virginia and Eric. George moved north to find work and ended up working several jobs before ending up at a fabricating company called Marquette Fabricating Company. During the 1968 riots in Detroit, he along with the owners did the work of 200 employees to keep the business afloat. The owners of Marquette set George up with his own metal fabricating business, Burns Fabricating Company in Flint, MI because of his hard work and loyalty. The business relocated to Detroit, MI in 1978, where they fabricated metal racks for companies like GM, Ford and Chrysler. George retired in the early 2000s and could be found working at Coleman Tire Service on North Saginaw Street. This was not because he

needed to work there, but because he had to stay busy. He was very well respected by all who frequented the shop. He was a hard-worker and loved helping others. George enjoyed anything that meant he would be outside. This included hunting, fishing, and most of all gardening. He was proud of his harvest which included (but not limited to) plums, grapes, peaches, green beans, tomatoes, bell peppers, collard, and mustard greens and so much more. He was affectionately known as Farmer George in the neighborhood due to him sharing his fruits and vegetables. George was a jack of all trades and could fix almost anything. If he didn't know, he would figure it out. He enjoyed being competitive with his friends and family in bowling, playing cards, etc. He even played video games like Duck Hunt or Wii Bowling, often beating his grandsons to their dismay. In 2015, an unfortunate accident took away George's ability to walk but not his determination. He was convinced that he was going to walk again and spent time working towards that goal. He did not let his wheelchair stop him from going, doing or moving. George joined New Heaven Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Joseph Jenkins. He loved going to church and would say how he was able to understand the bible because of the way his Pastor explained it.

Mr. George Temple Burns Sr. leaves to cherish his memories: loving wife of 62 years, Bertha Burns; 3 Daughters, Twana (Craig Sr.) Simpson, Cynthia Burns, both of Flint, MI and Virginia (Rodney Sr.) Stocker of Grandy, NC.; 2 sons, George Burns Jr. of Flint and Bishop Eric A. (Kim) Burns of Huber Heights, OH.; 15 grandchildren, Derrick Burns, LaShondra (Michael) Kale, all of Austin, TX, Michelle Burns of Dallas, TX, Crystle (John) Hagler, Craig Simpson Jr., all of Fort Wayne, IN, Sharika (Kendell) Gary of Lexington, SC, Camisha (Antonio) Bezares of Suffolk, VA, Valerie Simpson, Jeremy Burns, Latrice Burns, Amber Burns, Justin Burns, all of Flint, MI, Rodney Stocker Jr. of Morrisville, NC, Tatyiona Burns of Dayton, OH and Angel Johnson of Milwaukee, WI; 11 great-grandchildren, Kendell (KJ) Gary , Kaleb Gary, Jessenia Bezares, Amayah Bezares, Michael (MJ) Kale, Malachi Kale, Aaliyah Rice, Jace Ball, Willow Burns, Adrianna Johnson and Ariana Johnson;

sister, Nettie Ruth Swain of Nelsonville, OH; 3 brothers, Tommy (Doris) Burns of Detroit, MI, Raymond Burns of Meridian, MS and John (Marjorie) Burns Jr. of Detroit, MI; 2 sisters-in-law, Cora Youngblood and Elizabeth Thompson, both of Flint, MI; 3 brothers-in-law, Tyree (Dorothy) Thompson of Raymond, MS, Henry Earl (Leila) Thompson of Flint, MI and Lewis Thompson of Vallejo, CA; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and special relatives including Dorothy Spencer, Annie Ruth Robinson and Linnon Wilson; special neighbors, Ethel Williams and family; and special friend, Frank Thorton. Mr. George Burns was preceded in death by his great-grandson, Emanuel Kale; parents, John T and Bessie Burns. The family would like to express special thanks to Bishop Eric A. Burns and the Galilee Baptist Church family, Supt. Kiemba Knowlin and the Jackson Memorial Church family, Pastor Edward Dubois and the Pheasant Hill Baptist Church family, McLaren-Flint doctors and nurses, Hurley Medical Center Emergency Room doctors and staff, his nurses, Jean and Denise, and VPA staff.

Cemetery Details

River Rest Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Visitation

DEC **27**. 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
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<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

DEC **28**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Heaven Missionary Baptist Church
G-3184 W. Pierson Rd.
Flint, MI

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. George T. Burns Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. George T. Burns Sr..*



December 27, 2021 at 10:33 AM



“ *Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. George T. Burns Sr.*



Joanie Williams - December 26, 2021 at 11:14 PM



“ *Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. George T. Burns Sr.*



Joanie Williams - December 26, 2021 at 11:13 PM

BW

“ *Barbara White lit a candle in memory of Mr. George T. Burns Sr.*



Barbara White - December 26, 2021 at 08:46 PM

CJ

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Sister Twana Simpson, Annette Grayson, and the Burns family. May God comfort and strengthen you all in this time.*



Charlotte Jones-Kelly - December 23, 2021 at 04:30 PM

SS

“ *Sending prayer and condolences to Burns and Simpson family 🙏*



Shelia McFadden Smith - December 22, 2021 at 08:02 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. George T. Burns Sr..*



December 20, 2021 at 07:32 PM

LC

“ *Our love and prayers for the Burns, Simpson and Grayson families. You have our deepest sympathy.*
Reba, Myesha and Jonathan



Loretta Cannon - December 20, 2021 at 03:22 PM



“ *T Marie Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mr. George T. Burns Sr.*



T Marie Marshall - December 20, 2021 at 02:36 PM

WL

“ *Welton And Carolyn Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. George T. Burns Sr.*



Welton and Carolyn Lewis - December 15, 2021 at 07:04 PM

TP

Praying 🙏 for my family strength ❤️

Tanya Patrick - December 16, 2021 at 07:59 AM

AC

Sending prayers and condolences to the Burns and Simpson families my God continue to bless and strengthen you through these tough times. Arnette and Mrs. Mary Callaway.

Arnette Callaway and Mary Callaway - December 27, 2021 at 01:49 PM