



## Mr. Henry Burns Jr.

December 4, 1922 - December 17, 2019

BURNS, Mr. Henry Jr. - Age 97, passed away Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, December 21, 2019 at Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, 317 E. Hamilton Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Pastor Allen C. Overton Sr., officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Saturday. 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 - 8:00 PM Friday.

Mr. Henry Burns Jr. was born on December 4, 1922 in Raymond, Mississippi, the third eldest son of Henry and Marie Burns. Henry met and married LouVera Burns in Maywood, Illinois on August 8, 1950, and relocated to Flint, Michigan; where he resided for 69 years.

Mr. Henry Burns Jr. accepted Christ at a young age and was a member of the Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church. He was a faithful member on the Counting Committee. Henry loved the Lord and his church family with all of his heart. Mr. Henry Burns Jr. enlisted into the United States Army in 1942 having served in World War II. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

Mr. Henry Burns Jr. was employed by the old Chevrolet Manufacturing plant on August 5, 1950, serving as Committeeman, Shop Committeeman, and Shop Committee Chairman. On April 11, 1981 he received the U.A.W. Walter

P. Reuther Distinguished Service Award; U.A.W.'s highest award. He was elected to all U.A.W. National Conventions from 1960 to 1981, was active in the Substance Abuse Program, and joint council delegate from 1958 to 1981. Henry retired as the first African-American elected Chairman of the Shop Committee at Chevrolet Manufacturing on July 25, 1981. Mr. Henry Burns Jr. was a Patriarch and Devoted Husband, who loved helping and supporting his entire family. He enjoyed being a member of the YMCA of Greater Flint where he went swimming daily and trained for the 10-mile annual Bobby Crim race. He was also known for shooting pool, an avid hunter, and fisherman in the Dakota's. He enjoyed riding his bicycle and tending to his 1-acre well-manicured garden where he donated much of the produce to the community. Henry loved to watch boxing and wrestling matches on television regularly. He also spent the majority of his free time tending to his grandchildren.

Mr. Henry Burns Jr. leaves to cherish his memory: 3 daughters, Dr. Avon Lorraine, Paula Marie, and Jacqueline Denise, all of Flint; 5 grandchildren: Aubrey Brown Sr., Martia (Joseph) Thornhill of Hazel Crest, IL, Mark Jeffrey (Netra) Epps of Nashville, TN, Ashley Marie Burns, and Danielle Lorraine Epps of Flint; 1 brother, Tommie (Willow) Burns of Jackson, MS; 5 sisters, Rosie Burns and Ann Roberts of Chicago, IL; Mary Lee White, Nora Dawkins, and Lillen Kellum of Flint; 5 great grandchildren, Carmesha (Jewel) Carrington of Markham, IL, Aubrey (Nesha) Brown Jr. of Jonesboro, AR, Aubria Thornhill, and Joseph Thornhill Jr. of Hazel Crest, IL; Madison Riley Epps of Nashville, TN; a brother in law, and a host of sisters in law, nephews, nieces, cousins, dear friends and a loving church family.

Mr. Burns was preceded in death by: his loving wife, LouVera Burns; daughter, Juanita Brown-Warren; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burns; 3 brothers, Odell Burns, James Burns, and Calvin Burns; and 1 sister, Marie Topps.

Special Thanks to Dr. E. Saeed, Hurley Medical Center Staff, Serena, Joann,

Lillen Kellum and Dr. George Washington Leo R. Crow VFW Post #8236  
Commander William Saines.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

DEC **20**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Family hour

DEC **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church  
317 E. Hamilton Ave.  
Flint, MI 48505

## Service

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DEC **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church  
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Flint, MI 48505

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Henry Burns Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of his passing. Our sympathies to Avon, and everyone in the family.*

*Paul & Nancy Rozycki, Flint, Mi.*

Paul Rozycki - January 07, 2020 at 06:28 PM



“ *Bernadette Woods Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Burns Jr.*



Bernadette woods stewart - December 27, 2019 at 06:11 PM



“ *To the Burns family We will continue to pray for you.  
Was so sorry to hear of his passing. God bless you.*

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

*Marietta. Ga.*



Mae Vern Spence - December 23, 2019 at 09:24 PM

TS

“ *Theresa Stephens-Lock lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Burns Jr.*



Theresa Stephens-Lock - December 23, 2019 at 07:56 PM

CC

“ *Clarence And Bettina Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Burns Jr.*



Clarence and Bettina Campbell - December 22, 2019 at 12:03 PM

RC

“ *Condolences to the family...*  
*Rose Cox*



Rose Cox - December 21, 2019 at 12:57 PM

KH

“ *Words fall short of expressing our sorrow for your loss. We pray that God grant you strength and comfort during this time.*  
*Kim Hathorn-Burns and Daryl Hathorn*

Kim Hathorn-Burns - December 21, 2019 at 10:36 AM



“ Gloria Jenkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Henry Burns Jr.



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**Gloria Jenkins** - December 21, 2019 at 09:51 AM

SR

“ I loved watching Mr. Burns & "Beaver" Turner run as we all trained for the 10 Mile Crim Road Race in Flint which was completed with a sense of great accomplishment. #MuchLoveRespect for Henry Burns who loved his family. Condolences to the Burns Family.

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**Sam Riddle** - December 21, 2019 at 08:21 AM

HF

“ Sorry for your loss and will be praying for the family from the French family

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**Henry ( Hank ) French** - December 21, 2019 at 04:08 AM

PJ

“ Pauline Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Burns Jr.



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**Pauline Jones** - December 20, 2019 at 06:57 PM

MC

“ God bless you Mike casron

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**Mike caston...chgo** - December 20, 2019 at 05:56 PM

RW

“ Rudy & Geneva Ward lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Burns Jr.



Rudy & Geneva Ward - December 20, 2019 at 05:47 PM

CH

“ Be bless. To the Burns family. Hartfield family  
🙏😊



cheryl Hartfield - December 20, 2019 at 08:20 AM

SH

“ Avon and a Paula. My sincerest condolences on the passing of your dad. My prayers are with you and the family.

Sandra Houston



saundra Houston - December 20, 2019 at 07:34 AM

CW

“ Charles Winslow



Charles Winslow - December 19, 2019 at 09:41 PM

CB

“ *Mr. Mrs Clyde Bell send our prayers to Paula and the Burns family*



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**Clyde Bell** - December 19, 2019 at 09:32 PM

SN

“ *Stephanie Nantambu lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Burns Jr.*



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**Stephanie Nantambu** - December 19, 2019 at 08:07 PM

BT

“ *Betty Tipper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Burns Jr.*



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**Betty Tipper** - December 19, 2019 at 07:23 PM

SE

“ *Sandra & Randy Epps lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Burns Jr.*



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**Sandra & Randy Epps** - December 19, 2019 at 07:04 PM

BT

“ *Betty Tipper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Burns Jr.*



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**Betty Tipper** - December 19, 2019 at 02:10 PM

GG

“ *To The Burns Family:*

*All of you have my deepest condolences and prayers during this time. Mr. Burns was my dad's best friend forever and they shared a lot of memories. May God be with you.*

*Gaynell Gould and Turner Family*

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**Gaynell Gould** - December 19, 2019 at 12:50 PM

JW

“ *Janice Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Burns Jr.*



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**Janice Williams** - December 18, 2019 at 11:00 PM

MD

“ *Monica Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Henry Burns Jr.*



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**Monica Davis** - December 18, 2019 at 10:20 PM

JD

“ *Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Burns Jr.*



**Jean Durrett** - December 18, 2019 at 10:15 PM

JR

“ *JEAN RIDDLE-JEFFERSON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Burns Jr.*



**JEAN RIDDLE-JEFFERSON** - December 18, 2019 at 09:49 PM

BW

“ *Bill And Pat White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Burns Jr.*



**Bill and Pat White** - December 18, 2019 at 08:17 PM

DD

“ *Dorothy Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Burns Jr.*



**Dorothy Dickerson** - December 18, 2019 at 08:12 PM

JR

“ *John, Tujunana & Nicholas Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Burns Jr.*



**John, Tujunana & Nicholas Reaves** - December 18, 2019 at 07:23 PM



“ *Condolences to the Burns family, sorry for your loss.  
Mr. Burns was wonderful person, know him since back  
In days of 6th street.....*



**Jesse Davis** - December 18, 2019 at 05:53 PM

BK

“ *Brenda Kimble lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Burns Jr.*



**Brenda Kimble** - December 18, 2019 at 05:46 PM

DM

“ *Paula and Avon- What a blessing to have been able to care for your Dad the way you two did. Now your parents are together again. May the Lord continue to bless your family. Dolores McGowan*

**Dolores McGowan** - December 18, 2019 at 11:27 AM

RD

“ *Lit a candle for Mr. Henry Burns.*



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**Rudolph D. Wheaton, DDS,MPA** - December 18, 2019 at 10:59 AM

PW

“ *Pam Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Burns Jr.*



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**Pam Williams** - December 18, 2019 at 09:45 AM

PR

“ *To the Burns Family:*

*I was sorry to hear about the passing of your loved one. Death is liken to a thief that comes and takes away our love ones. Or due to old age and sickness we lose that precious gift of life to death.*



*However, have you ever asked: Is death the end of it all? Or is there something else after death? The bible clears up any question we might have about death. It also shows that there is a real hope for persons who have faith.*

*Yours truly,  
Patricia*

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**Patricia Rison** - December 18, 2019 at 09:37 AM

LW

“ *Lisa Courts Whaley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Burns Jr.*



**Lisa Courts Whaley** - December 18, 2019 at 08:38 AM

MJ

“ *MINISTER JACKSON sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Henry Burns Jr.*



**MINISTER JACKSON** - December 18, 2019 at 07:46 AM

DB

“ *David & Dana. Bush lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Burns Jr.*



**David & Dana. Bush** - December 18, 2019 at 03:34 AM

BD

“ *Brenda DuckettGreer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Henry Burns Jr.*



**Brenda DuckettGreer** - December 17, 2019 at 09:49 PM