



## Mrs. Sarah Burnice Swilley

April 12, 1940 - August 8, 2019

SWILLEY, Mrs. Sarah Burnice - Age 79, passed away Thursday, August 8, 2019 at McLaren-Flint. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, August 17, 2019 at Bethlehem Temple Church of the Apostolic Faith, 3401 Dr. Martin L. King Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Elder Phillip J. Thompson, Pastor. Interment Flint Memorial Park, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy., Mt. Morris, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the Church 10:00 AM Saturday. Mrs. Swilley will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM Friday, with family presence to receive friends 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Mother Sarah Burnice Swilley entered into this life on April 12, 1940 in Starkville, Mississippi, the daughter of Willie D. Rich and Syslee Perkins. She was educated in Starkville and met the love of her life, R.D. Swilley, just outside of Greenwood, MS. Sarah moved to Chicago, IL where she and R.D. later reunited and were married on May 30, 1956. To this union were born eight children. They were married 56 years before the Lord called her husband, R.D. home.

Mother Swilley was baptized at a young age and was a faithful member of Bethlehem Temple Church until her health began to decline. She loved gardening, cooking, canning vegetables from her garden, sewing, knitting and most of all quilting. Mother Swilley made her gift of love to many, one of her beautiful handmade quilts. She adored her family and loved having family get together.

Mother Swilley was employed at Chevrolet Metal Fab, a division of General

Motors Corporation, retiring after 29 1/2 years of service.

On Thursday, August 8th, Mother Sarah was call to rest at McLaren-Flint.

Mother Sarah Burnice Swilley leaves to cherish her love, laughter and precious memories: 8 children, Number One Reynold (Theresa) Swilley, Kimberly (Jeffery) Manley, Andre Swilley, Jerry (Peggy) Bickham Swilley, Derek (Lisa) Swilley, Clarissa Swilley Green, Terrance Swilley and Demetrius Swilley; 22 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; sisters, Ebby Alford and Octavia Lacy; adopted brother, Frank (Lou) Swilley; sister cousin, Elmalee (Jimmy) Stephens; brother-in-law, Bishop Joe (Exia) Swilley; sister-in-law, Vera Swilley Glass; a host of special cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends including special friends, Sis. Alberta Lee, Sis. Ella Mae Lewis, Sis. Celene Pate, Sis. Cathryn Gray, Mrs. Lou Hairston, Mrs. Mary Deloach, Mrs. Anne Stewart, Mrs. Emma Sams, the Bradley family and the Cobb family. Mother Swilley was preceded in death by her husband, R.D. Swilley; grandson, Terrance Swilley II; parents, Willie D. Rich and Syslee Perkins; sisters, Lariene Gillespie and Nora Bickham; brother, Willie Rich Jr. Special thanks are extended to Dr. Abdulla Raffee, Dr. Gretta Rode, Medi-Lodge, Cartells Inns, McLaren-Flint, Reverence Health and Home Care Team, Pastor Theron Wiggins and the Bethel Apostolic Church family, Pastor Phillip J. Thompson and the Bethlehem Temple Church of the Apostolic Faith family.

# Cemetery Details

## Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

G-9506 N. Dort Hwy.  
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**AUG 16.** 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 Present

**AUG 16.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Family hour

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AUG 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Temple Church of the Apostolic Faith  
3401 M.L. King Ave.  
Flint, MI

## Service

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AUG 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Sarah Burnice Swilley*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Brenda Springs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sarah Burnice Swilley*



**Brenda Springs** - August 22, 2019 at 02:49 PM



“ *Prayers Tiana and to your family my sincere condolences.*  
*Marquitta Davis*



**Marquitta Davis** - August 17, 2019 at 09:34 AM



“ *Esther Gentry-Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sarah Burnice Swilley*



**Esther Gentry-Thompson** - August 16, 2019 at 05:05 PM

SN

“ Savannah Nash lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sarah Burnice Swilley



Savannah Nash - August 16, 2019 at 10:02 AM

KR

“ KLH Region purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Sarah Burnice Swilley.



KLH Region - August 16, 2019 at 09:08 AM

CD

“ Carmen Drake lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sarah Burnice Swilley



Carmen Drake - August 15, 2019 at 10:17 PM

LB

“ Thank you Ms Swilley and the children for all the wonderful memories we shared on Mary St we love y'all and are prayers are with you all

Loretta Bullock - August 15, 2019 at 06:41 PM

AP

“ To Kym, Demetrius, Phyllis and the rest of the Family - my condolences to you. You are in my prayers. Cherish the memories of your Mom. Stay strong in the Lord.



Ann M. (McKether) Patrick - August 15, 2019 at 01:00 PM

LI

“ Praying for the family and sending condolences. Keep Steadfast in The Lord.



LeGayle Ireland - August 14, 2019 at 02:48 PM

FE

“ Flint Engine purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Sarah Burnice Swilley.



Flint Engine - August 14, 2019 at 09:58 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sarah Burnice Swilley.



August 13, 2019 at 07:16 PM

PC

“ Pamela Cook lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sarah Burnice Swilley



Pamela Cook - August 13, 2019 at 11:28 AM

DS

“ Deidre Spight-Woodson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sarah Burnice Swilley



Deidre Spight-Woodson - August 12, 2019 at 10:31 PM

CP

“ Cheryl Payton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sarah Burnice Swilley



Cheryl Payton - August 12, 2019 at 09:56 PM

AC

“ Annie Coburn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sarah Burnice Swilley



Annie Coburn - August 12, 2019 at 09:40 PM

JG

“ *Juanita Gaines sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Sarah Burnice Swilley*



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**Juanita Gaines** - August 12, 2019 at 07:25 PM

GC

“ *Heart felt condolences to the family. RIP. G.Cannon and family.*



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**Gail Cannon** - August 12, 2019 at 03:49 PM

PR

“ *To the Swiley 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 that leads to death.*



*However, have you ever asked: Is death the end of it all? Or is there something else after death? 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** - August 12, 2019 at 11:35 AM

CS

“ Carolyn Spight lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sarah Burnice Swilley



Carolyn Spight - August 11, 2019 at 07:20 PM

ET

“ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

*Praying you find peace and comfort in God's Love. May cherished memories give you courage to face the difficult days ahead granting you peace beyond all understanding and surrounding your grieving heart.*

Ella Teamer - August 11, 2019 at 03:41 PM

SH

“ Shelia Hayman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sarah Burnice Swilley



Shelia Hayman - August 11, 2019 at 11:08 AM

CP

“ Cheryl Payton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sarah Burnice Swilley



Cheryl Payton - August 11, 2019 at 09:08 AM



“ *Jovita Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sarah Burnice Swilley*



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**Jovita Johnson** - August 09, 2019 at 11:08 AM



“ *Pandoretta Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Sarah Burnice Swilley*



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**Pandoretta Jackson** - August 09, 2019 at 07:48 AM