



## Mother Wanda J. "Cook" "Daisy" Burns

March 12, 1936 - June 28, 2025

BURNS, Mother Wanda J. - Age 89, passed away Saturday, June 28, 2025, at her residence. Family hour 10:30 AM Saturday, July 12, 2025, at, Harris Memorial C.O.G.I.C., 4317 Lippincott Blvd., Burton, MI, with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Pastor Eric C. Bogan, officiating. Interment Flint Memorial Park Cemetery G-9506 N. Dort Hwy. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 AM Saturday. Mother Burns will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed Friday, July 11, 2025, from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM, with family present from 3:00 PM-6:00 PM to receive friends. Mother Wanda Jean Burns was born March 12, 1936, in Monroe County in the City of Natchez, Alabama to Elijah Chandler and Leanna Moore. She was the youngest daughter out of 21 children and the last surviving among them. Mother Wanda Burns moved to Flint Michigan at an early age after the demise of her mother. Mother Wanda Burns received her early education at Whittier Middle School and later attended Central High School. She went on to marry Arthur Burns, and their union was blessed with six children. A devoted mother and woman of faith, Mother Burns made sure her children were deeply rooted in the church and actively involved in its ministries. Several of them carried forward the legacy by serving in the Music Ministry—lifting their voices in the choir and playing instruments in service to the Lord. Mother Wanda Burns began her career as an assembler at AC Spark Plug. Later in life, she

dedicated her time to the Foster Grandparents Program, where she lovingly supported countless children within Flint Community Schools. She also served as a home care assistant to numerous members of the congregation, including the late Superintendent Theodore Harris and Mother Erma Harris, whom she cared for personally until their passings. Known for her generosity, Mother Burns frequently helped provide meals to those in need. Mother Wanda Burns became a devoted member of Elm Street COGIC in the 1950s, joining under the leadership of Pastor Theodore R. Harris and First Lady Erma Harris. A beloved

presence in the congregation, she was frequently called upon to lead songs and lend her voice to the choir. Over time, she became involved with the Busy Daughters and the Home & Foreign Missions Department. As a dedicated Prayer Warrior, she regularly participated in early morning prayer calls at 5AM and 6AM.

Under the guidance of Bishop Walter Bogan and Supervisor Dianne Bogan, Mother Burns faithfully served on the Usher Board and the Prayer & Bible Band. Her ministry extended beyond the sanctuary as she served in the clothing pantry and was well-known for sharing her cherished cakes and signature dressing. Her unwavering commitment to ministry continued under the current leadership of Superintendent Eric C. Bogan and First Lady Karleen Bogan, where she remained an active and faithful member. Mother Wanda Burns leaves to cherish her memories: 4 children, Shirley (Michael) Roche, Stephan Burns, Carolyn (Pastor Louis) Knox and Keith Burns, all of Flint MI; grandchildren, Kenya Bedenfield, Louis Knox Jr, Kenya Lewis, Isaiah Burns, Matthew Knox Sr, Stephan Burns Jr, Ashley Richardson, Quintisha Baskin, Krystal Burns, Arthur Burns II and Demetria Burns; 30 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren. A host of nieces, nephews and other relatives, including special friends: Mother Mazey Moore, Mother Onnie Evans, Sister Jean Anderson, Sister Faye Whitmore, Sister Geneva Larrison and Sister Rosemary Bush. Mother Wanda Burns was preceded in death by her parents, Elijah and Leanna Chandler; all 20 of her siblings; former

husband, Arthur Burns; 2 sons, Arthur Burns and Kenneth Burns.

# Cemetery Details

## Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

JUL 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](mailto:lemoonfhflint@gmail.com)  
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present

JUL 11. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Family hour

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JUL 12. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Harris Memorial C.O.G.I.C.  
4317 Lippincott Blvd  
Burton, MI 48519

## Funeral Service

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JUL 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

FM

“ Fred Marshall lit a candle in memory of Wanda Burns



Fred Marshall - July 12, 2025 at 11:34 PM

BR

“ Belinda Ross lit a candle in memory of Wanda Burns



Belinda Ross - July 12, 2025 at 01:30 PM

BH

“ Barbara Hall lit a candle in memory of Wanda Burns



Barbara Hall - July 12, 2025 at 10:07 AM

CG

“ Carlos & Shirley Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Wanda Burns



Carlos & Shirley Gilbert - July 11, 2025 at 11:14 PM

VV

“ *Verdia Valentine lit a candle in memory of Mother Wanda J. "Cook" "Daisy" Burns*



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**Verdia Valentine** - July 11, 2025 at 06:24 PM

MB

“ *Mary Benton lit a candle in memory of Mother Wanda J. "Cook" "Daisy" Burns*



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**Mary Benton** - July 11, 2025 at 05:30 PM

MW

“ *Praying for and with The Burns Family 🙏🙏  
We lived on Blades St. Sending Love and Condolences to you all  
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The Keels Family*

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**Mary (Keels) Wilkes** - July 11, 2025 at 03:54 PM

MC

“ *Marc & Kavonda Callahan lit a candle in memory of Mother Wanda J. "Cook" "Daisy" Burns*



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**Marc & Kavonda Callahan** - July 11, 2025 at 10:43 AM

RD

“ Our deepest condolences and continued prayers for the family from Robbin Davis, Cora Woods and the Woods Family.



Robbin Davis - July 10, 2025 at 08:11 PM



“ Renee Massey lit a candle in memory of Mother Wanda J. "Cook" "Daisy" Burns



Renee Massey - July 09, 2025 at 03:17 PM



“ Janice Adams lit a candle in memory of Mother Wanda J. "Cook" "Daisy" Burns



Janice Adams - July 09, 2025 at 02:34 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mother Wanda J. "Cook" "Daisy" Burns.



July 08, 2025 at 04:27 PM

PF

“ We're Praying for the Burns Family during your hours of bereavement and in the days to come may God bless you all. Pastor James C. Fair - ("Bear") & family



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**Pastor James Fair** - July 07, 2025 at 10:43 PM

AO

“ Arnenia Odum lit a candle in memory of Mother Wanda J. "Cook" "Daisy" Burns



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**Arnenia Odum** - July 07, 2025 at 09:22 PM

BL

“ Barbara Leake lit a candle in memory of Mother Wanda J. "Cook" "Daisy" Burns



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**Barbara Leake** - July 07, 2025 at 08:34 PM

B(

“ Mo Burns had a very sweet humble spirit, I remember growing up and going over her house after church on Sundays with Carolyn, she was also a very good cook. Praying for the family

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**Beverly Nunnery (Bell)** - July 06, 2025 at 05:29 PM

MD

“ M



Mary Dantzler-Grace - July 06, 2025 at 01:14 PM

LS

“ *I have no seen my Cousin Cook in approximately fifty years. I will always remember her in my heart as a funny character who would say anything that came to mind; she would use words that I had never heard before. I live in Alabama not too far from where we both were born. I loved my Dear Cousin Wanda. She will always have a special place in my heart. I and my family send our deepest sympathies to you her family.*

Leona Surles - July 05, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ *Lola Marshall sent a virtual gift in memory of Wanda Burns*



Lola Marshall - July 05, 2025 at 02:52 PM

TB

“ *Tangie Bennett- Booker lit a candle in memory of Wanda Burns*



Tangie Bennett- Booker - July 03, 2025 at 10:50 PM

CH

“ Cynthia Higgins lit a candle in memory of Wanda Burns



Cynthia Higgins - July 03, 2025 at 06:35 PM

DC

“ Mother Burns was one of the sweetest women in the world, with a quiet humble spirit. I loved to talk to her and listen to her stories. I'm going to miss that and her very quiet chuckle. Prayers to the family.

Damerion Coulter - July 03, 2025 at 05:26 PM

DC

“ Damerion Coulter lit a candle in memory of Wanda Burns



Damerion Coulter - July 03, 2025 at 05:21 PM

IG

“ Ira Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Wanda Burns



Ira Gilbert - July 03, 2025 at 05:15 AM

LB

“ Keith and Linda Banks



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**linda banks** - July 02, 2025 at 08:55 PM

RH

“ Praying for the family during this difficult time.  
Our sincere condolences to you all. We love  
you Deacon Leon and Sis Regina  
Hollenquest



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**Regina Hollenquest** - July 02, 2025 at 01:48 PM

AE

“ Mother Burns was one of the sweetest women you could ever meet.  
I'll never forget the surprised look and smile on her face when I  
featured her in the churches Youth Black History Program about her  
life in the church. She was someone special. She will be missed!

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**Adriane Evans** - July 02, 2025 at 01:24 PM

SM

“ My prayers and condolences to the entire  
Burns family



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**Sharon M Mixon** - July 02, 2025 at 09:37 AM

KR

“ May God bless your entire family...during your Mother's transition into the "Heavenly Gates". Our Father God..has her in his loving arms! Sincerely from David and Karen Woods 🙏



Karen Russell-Woods - July 02, 2025 at 08:53 AM

TW

“ Tamera Wade lit a candle in memory of Mother Wanda J. "Cook" "Daisy" Burns



Tamera Wade - July 02, 2025 at 08:38 AM

DM

“ Duwanda Moman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Wanda J. "Cook" "Daisy" Burns



Duwanda Moman - July 02, 2025 at 01:31 AM

PW

“ Pam Williams lit a candle in memory of Mother Wanda J. "Cook" "Daisy" Burns



Pam Williams - July 02, 2025 at 12:44 AM

JG

“ *Julia Gamble sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Wanda J. "Cook" "Daisy" Burns*



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**Julia Gamble** - July 02, 2025 at 12:08 AM

AP

“ *Arnenia Peoples-Odum lit a candle in memory of Mother Wanda J. "Cook" "Daisy" Burns*



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**Arnenia Peoples-Odum** - July 01, 2025 at 11:27 PM

TJ

“ *Mother Burns was one of the Sweetest women ever....she will be truly missed by all who knew her* ❤️



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**Traci Threlkeld Jones** - July 01, 2025 at 11:26 PM

AD

“ *My sincerest thoughts and prayers are with the entire family during their time of bereavement! Rest Well, Good and Faithful Servant Burns!*



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**AC Dumas** - July 01, 2025 at 10:21 PM

CH

“ Carolyn Hendrix lit a candle in memory of Mother Wanda J. "Cook" "Daisy" Burns



Carolyn Hendrix - July 01, 2025 at 10:13 PM

MM

“ Marcus Mosley lit a candle in memory of Mother Wanda J. "Cook" "Daisy" Burns



Marcus Mosley - July 01, 2025 at 09:49 PM

CV

“ To the family of Mo. Burns, you have my sincere condolences & prayers.

Carol Van Buren



Carol VanBuren - July 01, 2025 at 04:19 PM

GL

To our Mother Burns family. Thanks for sharing your Mother with us. We will always remember our times with her ❤️. Your mother was a joy to have in our lives. You have our love and prayers always. Thomas and Geneva Larrison

Geneva Larrison - July 02, 2025 at 12:42 AM

DB

“ *Dara Benton lit a candle in memory of Mother Wanda J. "Cook" "Daisy" Burns*



**Dara Benton** - July 01, 2025 at 03:52 PM

MC

“ *Marc & Kavonda Callahan lit a candle in memory of Mother Wanda J. "Cook" "Daisy" Burns*



**Marc & Kavonda Callahan** - July 01, 2025 at 03:33 PM

SW

“ *Sherry L Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Wanda Burns*



**Sherry L Williams** - July 01, 2025 at 10:02 AM

MW

“ *Monique Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Wanda J. "Cook" "Daisy" Burns*



**Monique Williams** - June 30, 2025 at 02:48 PM

YB

“ YOLANDA R BROWN lit a candle in memory of Mother Wanda J. "Cook" "Daisy" Burns



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**YOLANDA R BROWN** - June 30, 2025 at 01:02 PM

JA

“ Josalyn Austin lit a candle in memory of Mother Wanda J. "Cook" "Daisy" Burns



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**Josalyn Austin** - June 30, 2025 at 12:48 PM