

YOUR LIFE WAS A BLESSING YOUR MEMORY A TREASURE

# JOSEPH BURGESS, III

## ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Davante Maxwell  
Orvell Maxwell  
Joseph Burgess IV  
Kevin Gray  
George Murphy, Jr.  
Tommy Manning  
Lawrence Maryland

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Timothy Maxwell  
George Murphy, Sr.  
Kirk Johnson  
Beverly King, Jr.  
Keith Warren  
Roy Washington, Sr.  
Chris Maxwell

## WORDS OF GRATITUDE

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words  
As any friends could say,  
Perhaps you were not there at all,  
Just thought of us this day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We  
thank you so much, whatever the part.  
**The Family of Joseph Burgess, III.**

## FINAL RESTING PLACE

Providence Memorial Park &  
Mausoleum  
8200 Airline Drive  
Metairie, LA

The Excellent Care and Arrangements Entrusted to:

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A M E M O R A B L E F A R E W E L L

# Joseph BURGESS, III

January 13, 1972 ~ April 3, 2025



**Saturday, April 19, 2025 - 11:00 A.M.**  
**First Alpine Baptist Church**  
1855 Chestnut Street  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

A LIFE WEL LIVED.....

# JOSEPH BURGESS, III

Mr. Joseph "Boo" Burgess, III was born January 13, 1972 to the late Joseph Burgess, Jr. and Kittoria Burgess in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Joseph received his formal education from Francis T. Nicholls High School in New Orleans, Louisiana. He accepted Christ as his Personal Savior at an early age and was united with Greater Harvest Missionary Baptist Church. He was baptized later in life at First Alpine Baptist Church.

He worked as a General Contractor, car salesman, owner of a car lot, co-founder of Tombstone Records (Est. 1991), Capricorn Designs Owner (Est. 2001). He was a jack of all trades. In his leisure, he enjoyed spending playing dominos, spending time with family and friends, PS5, and avid lover and fan of the New Orleans Saints Football. Joseph met and married the love of his life Melissa Maxwellll they lived in New Orleans, Louisiana and later relocated to Baton Rouge in 2005.

"Boo's" precious memories will remain in the heart of those whom he loved: his devoted wife, Melissa Maxwell; children, Davante and Orvell Maxwell, Joseph Burgess, IV, Traychel Burgess, Jolasha Burgess, Jolice Burgess, Mercedes Maxwell and Jolissa Burgess; grandchildren, Davante K. Maxwell, Jr., Dash Maxwell, Kayden Samuel, Da'Khaza Maxwell, Daxyree Maxwell, Phoenix Maxwell, Onyx Maxwell, Daelani Walton, and Titus Walton; Godchildren, George Murphy, Jr. and Princeton Howard; father-in-law, Beverly King, Jr.; brother, Kevin Gray; uncles, Roy (Mary) Washington, Melvin and Joseph Johnson, Jr.; one aunt, Glenda Edwards and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Burgess, Jr. and Ketoria Burgess-Neal; two children, Ciara Johnson and Kiyle Maxwell; grandparents, Grace Thippen Burgess and Joseph Burgess, Sr.; Joseph Johnson Sr. and Rebecca Bynum; uncles, Michael, Bruce, Melcor and Jeffrey Johnson, John Washington and Sam Bynum, Charlie Burgess; aunts, Diane L. Holmes and Ethel Wicker.

A M E M O R A B L E F A R E W E L L

FOREVER IN MY HEART GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

## YOU LEFT ME

MY HEART SPLIT IN TWO.

ONE SIDE FILLED WITH MEMORIES,

THE OTHER SIDE DIED WITH YOU.

I OFTEN LAY AWAKE AT NIGHT WHEN

THE WORLD IS FAST ASLEEP,

I TAKE A WALK DOWN MEMORY

LANE WITH TEARS UPON MY CHEEK.

REMEMBERING YOU IS EASY,

I DO IT EVERYDAY, BUT MISSING

YOU IS A HEARTACHE THAT NEVER

GOES AWAY.

I HOLD YOU TIGHTLY WITHIN MY

HEART AND THERE YOU WILL

REMAIN.

LOVE

*Melissa*



# ORDER OF SERVICE

MISTRESS OF CEREMONY

Shahia Allen

Processional

Opening Selection  
Choir

Scripture Readings  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection  
Choir

Expressions (Limit 3 minutes, please)  
As a Neighbor - Tommy Manning  
As A Brother/Best Friend- Kevin Gray

Obituary and Acknowledgement

Family Tributes

Words of Comfort

Musial Solo

Eulogy  
Rev. Anthony Stewart  
Gloryland Mt. Gilliam Baptist Church

Recessional

# DAD'S JOURNEY

Don't think of *Dad* as gone away,  
his *journey's* just begun,  
life holds so many *facets*  
this *earth* is only one.

Just think of Dad as *resting*  
from the *sorrow* and the tears  
in a *place* of warmth and  
comfort,  
where there are no *days* and  
years.

Think how *Dad* must be wishing  
that we could *know* today  
how nothing but our *sadness*  
can *really* pass away.

And think of Dad as *living*  
in the *hearts* of those he  
touched,  
for nothing loved is ever *lost*,  
and he was *loved* so much.

*Love*  
*Your Girls*

As we look back over time  
we find ourselves wondering...  
Did we remember to thank you  
enough

For all you have done for us?  
For all the times you were by our  
sides

To help and support us,  
To celebrate our success,  
To understand our problems,  
And accept our defeats?  
Or for teaching us by your  
example,  
The value of hard work, good  
judgement, courage and  
integrity?

We wonder if we ever thanked  
you for sacrifices you made to let  
us have the very best?

And for the simple things  
like laughter, smiles and times  
we shared? If we have forgotten  
to show our Gratitude enough  
for all the things you did, we're  
thanking you now. And we are  
hoping you knew all along, How  
much you meant to us.

*Love*  
*Your Boys*

# Joseph BURGESS, III "BOO"

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR WONDERFUL GRANDFATHER

Of all the special gifts in life  
however great or small,  
to have you as our Grandfather  
was the greatest gift of all.

May the winds of love blow softly  
and whisper in your ear  
"We love and miss you Grandfather  
and wish that you were here"

Deep in n our hearts, your life is kept  
to love and cherish, not forget. No  
tomorrows we can share but  
yesterdays are always there.

A silent thought, a secret tear  
keeps your memory ever near  
in our hearts forever



How does one say goodbye to  
someone who was a confidante and  
friend?

A person who believed in principles  
in a world suffering from moral  
decay,

A gentle soul who worried about  
how others got through their day.  
Blunt and outspoken at times, but  
each candid word always evoked  
smiles,

How does one accept the death of a  
Godfather?

When each word of advice still  
haunts, and each lesson of self-  
reliance reminds you that anything  
is possible. You, never really say  
goodbye...

Instead just cherish the memories  
and never  
question why.

