

# A LIFE WELL LIVED A LEGACY *Remembered*

A Tribute to Aunt Liz  
Composed with Love by Shirley  
A gentle soul, a heart so true,  
A life of love in all you'd do.  
With healing hands and words so kind,  
You leave a treasured gift behind.

You answered every call to care,  
With quiet grace beyond compare.  
From distant skies to home once more,  
You served with honor evermore.

Your "Crumb Snatchers" knew your smile,  
Your jokes that stretched an extra mile.  
With love and wisdom, firm yet free,  
You shaped the lives we're blessed to be.

Though now you've gained your heavenly wings,  
Our hearts still hear the songs you sing.  
Your love remains, it will not fade;  
In every memory, you've stayed.

We cannot see your gentle smile,  
Or walk with you another mile.  
Yet in our hearts you'll always be,  
A precious part of family.

So rest in peace, your work is done,  
Your race on earth has now been won.  
Until we meet in Heaven above,  
We'll hold you close with endless love.



## *Special Acknowledgements*

The family of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Burnside Jenkins extends our deepest gratitude to everyone who surrounded her with love, compassion, and exceptional care throughout her life's journey.

To all of her caregivers, we offer our heartfelt appreciation.

To every family member, friend, neighbor and to all who offered prayers, visits, phone calls, meals, words of encouragement, flowers, and countless acts of kindness, we extend our sincere thanks. Your expressions of love and support strengthened our family and brought us comfort beyond measure. May God richly bless each of you for the compassion you have shown and the love you have shared.

With gratitude,  
The Jenkins and Burnside Families

## *Interment*

ORCHARD PARK MEMORIAL GARDENS  
200 Apple Orchard RD, Clinton, SC 29325

## *Repast*

FRIENDSHIP AME CHURCH DINING HALL

### FLOWER ATTENDANTS:

Great Niece Chasity Ramos,  
Elizabeth Payne

### PALLBEARERS:

Great Nephews: Christopher Payne, Bryan  
Barksdale, Jr., Daniel Burnside, Jr., Dr. Cory  
O.B. Robinson, Norman Barksdale,  
David Wayne



# IN LOVING *Memory*



*Mary Elizabeth*  
**BURNSIDE-JENKINS**

SUNRISE: MARCH 21, 1937

SUNSET: JUNE 23, 2026

FRIENDSHIP AME CHURCH  
1118 SOUTH BELL STREET, CLINTON, SC

JULY 2, 2026

2:00PM



# Obituary

## FOREVER *Loved*

## ORDER OF *Service*

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Burnside Jenkins, affectionately known to family and friends as "Liz" or "Aunt Liz," was born on March 21, 1937, in Laurens County, South Carolina, to the late James Burnside, Sr. and Willie Mae Floyd Burnside.

Mary Elizabeth was educated in the Laurens County Public School System and was a proud 1955 graduate of Bell Street High School. Driven by a passion for caring for others, she continued her education in New York City, where she graduated Bellevue School of Nursing and earned the distinguished title of Registered Nurse.

Following her nursing education, Mary Elizabeth proudly served her country as a Captain in the United States Air Force; fulfilling her duties as a Flight Nurse. It was during her military service that her lifelong love of travel began. Although she had the opportunity to experience many places throughout her career, her heart always remained in Clinton, South Carolina—the place she lovingly called home. She eventually returned to Clinton, where she faithfully served her community through her nursing career.

After many years of compassionate and dedicated service, Mary retired from Whitten Center and the Laurens County Hospital. Retirement allowed her to enjoy life's simple pleasures. She especially loved bowling, traveling, and spending treasured moments with her family. Her warm smile, generous spirit, and caring heart touched everyone fortunate enough to know her.

In addition to her parents, Liz was preceded in death by her brothers, Lewis Burnside, James Burnside, and Willie Arthur Burnside; and her seven sisters, Emma Burnside Willis, Nettie Burnside Bedon, Nannie Burnside Hardin, Mattie Burnside Wilson, Margaret Burnside Simon, JoAnn Burnside Owens, and Daisy C. Barksdale.

On Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at Laurens County Hospital, the glowing spirit of Mary Elizabeth Burnside Jenkins peacefully transitioned from earth to eternity, entering her eternal rest at the graceful age of 89.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories her devoted husband, Willie L. Jenkins, Sr., of the home; her beloved sister, Joyce Payne, of Greenville, South Carolina; sister in law Mary Ellen Burnside, Willie Joyce Lecraft who was raised like a sister; two nieces who became the children she never had, Carolyn Simon of Atlanta, Georgia, and Cassandra Jordan (Alphonso) of North Wells, Pennsylvania; and one very special niece, Andrea Barksdale of Clinton, South Carolina, whose loving care and unwavering devotion provided comfort during Aunt Liz's time of greatest need. She gave our family comfort.

And if you knew "Aunt Liz," you knew you were family. She leaves behind a host of loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, extended family members, and countless friends whose lives were forever enriched by her kindness, wisdom, compassion, and unconditional love.

Though her physical presence will be deeply missed, her legacy of service, strength, love, and unwavering faith will live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her.  
"Well done, thou good and faithful servant... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Matthew 25:23 (KJV)



### A Tribute From Your Sister

You were always doing good and helping others. Through your generous giving spirit, you touched and influenced so many lives. We love you, and you will be deeply missed, but never forgotten.

With all our love,

Your Sister, Joyce, and your "Crumb Snatchers"

#### PRESIDER

Rev. Carroll Wells, Jr., Pastor  
Friendship AME Church

#### PRELUDE

Mr. Michael Irby

#### PROCESSIONAL

Clergy and Family

#### FINAL VIEWING

Family and Friends

#### MILITARY PRESENTATION

#### DUET

Mrs. Antoinette B. Bates (Niece)  
Dr. Cory O. B. Robinson (Great Nephew)

#### SCRIPTURE

Rev. Carroll Wells, Jr.

#### PRAYER

Rev. Carroll Wells, Jr.

#### SOLO

Ms. Phyllis "Nadine" Hill

#### REFLECTIONS

Mr. Daniel Burnside, Jr. (Great Nephew)  
Ms. Elizabeth Payne (Great Niece)

#### SOLO

Mrs. Lizia Young Garlington

#### EULOGY

Rev. Steven Evans, Pastor  
Bethel AME Church, Ridgeville, SC

#### RECESSIONAL

Going Up Yonder