

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Delores
BURGESS

SUNRISE
February 19, 1947

SUNSET
July 7, 2023



THE STORY OF

Delores Burgess

*D*elores Burgess, 76, of Woolwich Township, New Jersey, passed away Friday, July 7, 2023, at Inspira Medical Center Mullica Hill, Mullica Hill, NJ.

Born in Philadelphia, PA, she was the daughter of the late Dannie L. Gilmore Burgess and Wallie Burgess, and granddaughter of Doshie Williams Gilmore and James Gilmore, the great granddaughter of Isabel Sharpe Williams Gordon and David Williams, the great great granddaughter of Ceasar and Abigail Summerall Sharpe and the great great great granddaughter of Jack and Mariah Summerall, our ancestral father and mother who were former slaves.

Delores was the mother of one son Michael Anthony Burgess, an accomplished gospel musician, who preceded her in death in the year 2000.

Delores was a graduate of William Penn High School for Girls in Philadelphia in 1965. She worked as a human resource specialist for 35 years for the United States government until she retired.

She enjoyed reading, knitting, and crocheting. Delores enjoyed traveling to Baxley, Georgia for the annual family reunion. Her family heritage was an important part of her upbringing. She was a strong believer in family unity. She also enjoyed taking trips to Daytona and Orlando, Florida for her birthday.

Delores was an avid television game show watcher and was a Philadelphia Phillies fanatic. She loved watching Historical Black College University (HBCU) games and enjoyed singing and listening to gospel songs.

Delores leaves lasting and treasured memories to her two brothers, Wally Burgess (wife Atlee Marie) of Pennsylvania, and Harold Burgess, Sr. (wife Muriel) of West Chester, PA; goddaughter, Carol Simpson; nephews, Keith, Evan, Steven, Drew, and Harold, Jr.; niece, Tamara; special cousins, Jenny Salami, Jeff Conaway, and Gwen Williams; aunts, Ethel Gilmore and Marian Gilmore and many other relatives and friends.



Fallen Limb

A limb has fallen
from the family tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says,
“Grieve not for me.
Remember the best times,
the laughter, the song,
The good life I lived
while I was strong.
Continue my heritage,
I’m counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely
the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease,
my soul is at rest.
Remembering all,
how I truly was blessed.
Continue traditions,
no matter how small.
Go on with your life,
don’t worry about falls.
I miss you all dearly,
so keep up your chin.
Until the day comes
we’re together again.”



THE ORDER OF SERVICE



SERVICE OF LOVE

Saturday, July 15, 2023

Viewing: 8:30 am | Service: 10:00 AM

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

334 East Miner Street

West Chester, Pennsylvania

Rev. Tiffany Lett-Martin, Pastor

Rev. Vern L. Conaway, Eulogist

PROCESSIONAL.....	Clergy & Family
PRELUDE.....	Sis. Roberta Scott
FINAL VIEWING	
WORSHIP LEADER.....	Tiffany Lewis Holloway
OPENING SONG	
INVOCATION.....	Judy Racheal Miles
MUSIC SELECTION.....	Reuben Robinson
SCRIPTURE READINGS	
Old Testament: Isaiah 40:31.....	Mary West
New Testament: 1 Corinthians 16:13-14.....	Aamin Washington
PRAYER OF COMFORT.....	Sis. Annie D. Williams
MUSIC SELECTION.....	Richard Sherman
EXPRESSIONS (2 Minutes).....	Family & Friends
READING OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	
OBITUARY READING.....	LaWanda Jackson, Esq.
SUMMERAL RESOLUTION.....	Birdie McNeil-Jones, President <i>Jack Summerall Family Gathering</i>
MUSIC SELECTION.....	Reuben Robinson
EULOGY.....	Rev. Vern L. Conaway <i>Daytona Church of Christ Daytona Beach, Florida</i>
REMARKS.....	Ventnor T. Wright <i>Funeral Director</i>
RECESSIONAL.....	Clergy & Family

INTERMENT

ROLLING GREEN MEMORIAL PARK

1008 West Chester Pike

West Chester, Pennsylvania

REPAST

A repast will be held in the church dining area immediately after the burial service.

Mother

Mother From Loving Son: Michael

Mother, there aren't enough words to express how I feel.
Because everything I've been through you have always kept the faith

Even when things looked bad, you kept a smile on your face.
You were always strong wise and the best at pulling us through.

The reason I am here today is all because of you.

You always had the gentle hug to brighten up my day.

How can I live without you there is no way

Our to fall the mothers in the world, God put me with you.

You are heaven on earth and a comforter when I am blue.

On the day I give thanks that reaches beyond the clouds.

Because having a mother like you I will always be proud.

Isaiah 40:31

But they that wait upon the Lord

Shall renew their strength.

They shall mount up with wings

as eagles,

They shall run, and not be weary;

And they shall walk, and not faint.



Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down

In green pastures:

He leadeth me beside

the still waters

He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me

In the path of righteousness

for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley

of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

for Thou art with me;

Thy rod and thy staff

they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table

before me in the presence

of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head

with oil;

my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy

shall follow me

all the days of my life:

and I will dwell

In the House of the Lord forever.

Pall Bearers

Wally Keith Burgess
Evan Burgess, Sr.
Steve Burgess, Sr.
Drew Steele, Sr.
Harold Burgess, Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers

Jeffery Conaway
Vern Conaway
Reuben Butler, Jr.
Willie Spratley
Wisson West
James Sampson

Acknowledgments

The family of Delores Burgess would like to take this opportunity to share their appreciation for the kind expressions of sympathy extended during their time of sorrow. Special thanks to Dr. Tubb on the Inspira Health Cancer Center, Infusion Services, The nurses of the Mullica Hill Medical Center ICU unit and the West Deptford Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center. May God forever bless you, and keep each one of you in His tender loving care.

Sincerely,
The Burgess Family



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