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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

*Marlene*  
**S. NORRIS-BURT**

*Homegoing Service*  
**FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2022**

*Viewing: 10:00 AM • Service 11:00 AM*

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*132 Modena Road, Coatesville, PA*

# *The Life Story*

***Marlene Sonia Norris-Burt***, 84, of Coatesville, PA, passed away at Chester County Hospital on Friday, July 15, 2022. Born in Coatesville, PA, she was the daughter of the late Paul and Ethel Norris. She was the wife of the late James C. Burt, Sr.

Marlene was educated in the Coatesville Area School District. She attended the Historical James Adams School and graduated in 1956 from Scott Area Senior High School. Over the years, she worked as a teacher's aide at the Coatesville Day Care Center for over 10 years. She also was a CNA for over 5 years with the Visiting Nurses Association. She was a member of St. Paul AME Church in Coatesville, PA where she served as a Stewardess and Missionary, along with being on the Usher Board. She was a faithful and dedicated member.

She was affectionately known as "May Ruth" and "Helen" by her close family and friends and "Mimi" by the Gibbs family and "Momzie" by Trevor.

Marlene enjoyed cooking and baking. She loved watching soap operas on television, especially General Hospital and All My Children. If you knew Ms. Marlene, you knew she was a dedicated Eagles and Sixers fan. She would wear her Eagles attire on every game day.

She is survived by 3 children, daughters, Sylvia P. Cousins, and Tracy C. Burt, both of Jamaica, NY and James C. Burt, Jr. and his wife Chryel of Downingtown, PA; sister, Mercedes Brown of Levittown, PA; brothers, Paul R. Norris of Decatur, GA, Jordan Moat of Media, PA; bonus daughter, Scarlett L. Gibbs; grandchildren: Danisha Brown, Antonio Bell, Steven Burt and Romain Cousins; 3 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Marlene was preceded in death by her husband, James C. Burt, Sr., and her parents, Paul and Ethel Norris.

***Sorrowfully Submitted,***

***The Family***



# *Broken Chain*

*We little knew that morning that  
God was going to call your name...*

*In life we loved you dearly,*

*In death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,*

*You did not go alone, for part of us*

*Went with you,*

*The day God called you home.*

*You left is peaceful memories,*

*Your love is still our guide;*

*And though we cannot see you,*

*You are always at our side.*

*Our family chain is broken and*

*Nothing seems the same,*

*But as God calls us one by one,*

*The chain will link again.*

# Order of Service

Officiating .....	Rev. Frederick Hicks
Musical Prelude .....	Roberta Scott
Final Viewing	
Scripture Reading .....	Ms. Shelly Birckett
Old Testament .....	Psalm 23
New Testament .....	St. John John 14:1-7
Prayer of Comfort .....	Rev. Lillian Battle
Solo .....	Ms. Nakisha Smith
	The Lord's Prayer
Reading of Cards/Resolutions .....	Sis. Esther Brown
Reflections .....	Ms. Scarlett Gibbs
Poem .....	Ms. Viola McDonald
Solo .....	Mr. John McDonald
Words of Comfort .....	Rev. Lillian Battle
Music Selection	
Eulogy .....	Rev. Emerson Cottrell
	Pastor of St. Paul AME Church, Coatesville, Pa
Recessional Directives .....	Ventnor T. Wright- Funeral Director
Committal	
Benediction	

# *Pallbearers*

*James C Burt, Jr.*

*Steven Burt*

*Warren Bell*

*Robert Brown*

*Maurice Hines*

# *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.*

*I took his hand when I heard his call,*

*I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,*

*To laugh, to love, to work, to play.*

*Tasks left undone must stay that way,*

*I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,*

*Then fill it with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,*

*Ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,*

*I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much,*

*Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,*

*Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me,*

*God wanted me now, He set me free.*

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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has supported them with your prayers and kindness during  
this time of bereavement. May God bless you.*

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