



Rev. Ora Lee Burns

September 10, 1949 - August 21, 2020

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Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 120 Roberson Street in Kalamazoo has scheduled a ****PRIVATE Memorial Service for Family Only and will Live Stream the service for the public at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 28, 2020.****

Family will meet with friends following the Private Memorial for the interment at Riverside Cemetery in Kalamazoo.

****According to the Governor's Executive Orders for the outside space, (100) people maximum can attend the interment****

****OBITUARY*****

Rev. Ora Lee Burns transitioned peacefully at Rose Arbor Hospice on August 21, 2020. Rev. Burns was born September 10, 1949, in Belzoni, Mississippi, the daughter of Deacon Manuel and Mrs. Lovie Jones.

Rev. Burns accepted Christ and was baptized at an early age at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She graduated from Kalamazoo Central and was employed by Kalamazoo Public School for 22 years. She joined Mt. Zion's staff in April 2003 as Custodial Coordinator until 2005 when she left to pursue her Clinical Pastoral Education. She returned to Mt. Zion in 2006 and became the first to hold the newly-created position as an Outreach Specialist until she relocated to Georgia in 2015. She has served in several ministries at Mt. Zion: Associate Minister, Christian Education Ministry, Trustee Ministry, Music Ministry, Youth Director, Junior Girls Teacher, Junior Department Superintendent, Prayer Ministry, Evangelism Ministry, and Women's Ministry. She was honored as "Woman of the Year" in 1996.

She accepted her call to preach the Gospel in 1997. She was the first female licensed to preach in 2001 and was ordained in 2005, under the leadership of Dr. Addis Moore, Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

When Rev. Burns relocated to Georgia in 2015, she united with Live Free Church of Lawrenceville, Georgia, and became an Associate Minister until her return in 2018 to Kalamazoo where she returned to her position as an Associate Minister at Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Rev. Burns graduated from the Evangelical Bible Institute of Southwestern Michigan in the Ministry Leadership Program 1999, She completed five units of Clinical Pastoral Education at Bronson Methodist Hospital as a Chaplain Resident in 2005-06 and served one year at Borgess Hospital as an on-call Chaplain. She earned an Associate's Degree of Science from Cornerstone University in 2009 and received a Certificate in Basic Counseling Techniques from American Fellowship Church in 2011. She graduated from Mid-American Christian University with a Bachelor's Degree in Christian Ministry. For over 17 years, she was very active in the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education and taught in the Chain Lake District Missionary Baptist Association.

Rev. Burns was preceded in death by her parents; brother, McArthur Jones; and sisters, Rosie L. Jones and Emma Jean Mitchell. She leaves to cherish in her memory her children, Troy Peake Jr. of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Vanessa (Geo) Riddlespriger of Atlanta, Georgia; six grandchildren: Sharonda Adams, Jamon Clark, Troy Peake III, Tranisha Peake, DaMonte' Ward, and Giovanni Riddlespriger; seven great-grandchildren and Mt. Zion Baptist Church and Live Free Church families.

She is also survived by her brothers, Manuel Jones Jr, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and John Jones of Muskegon, Michigan; sisters, Pearline Vincent and Bonnie (Charles) Jones-Brandon of Kalamazoo, Michigan; Christina Dean and Ernestine Jones of South Bend, Indiana; Maggie Jones of Irving, Texas; best friend, Betty Hughes; many aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins and a host of friends.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Rd
Kalamazoo, MI 49048-1733
(269) 337-8227

Previous Events

Walk Through Visitation for Friends of the Family

AUG 27. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Live Stream Memorial Service-Mt. Zion Baptist Church

AUG 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Live Stream of Service-Mt. Zion Baptist Church Website- mt.zionkalamazoo.org

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Ora Lee Burns*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Rev. Ora Lee Burns*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM

BS

“ To the family of Ms. Rev Ora Peake-Burns! I send healing angels and love your way. I have been knowing Ms. Rev Ora Peake-Burns since I was 14 years old which now is almost 40 years later. She was always a kind and gentle spirit. She was a very amazing and caring person. She would always give me such great advice throughout the years. Anytime, I came home to visit my parents, for years I would stop by her house and visit with her. I thank God that I have all of those wonderful memories. She truly loved her children, grand children, friends and her church family unconditionally. She she would talk about anyone you could tell that she just loved everyone! I pray that her soul can rest in peace and that she is able to fly high up in the heavenly skies with God's angels. Please know that you are gone but never forgotten.



God bless your beautiful family. Each time we would end our visits we would say to each other via phone or in person, "I love you" ! So even though in later years we lost touch a little because I was out of town, but today I want to say to you, Ms. Ora, I love you and I watched your home going service and it was fit for a queen very beautiful and filled with a lot of love which shined through people who truly loved and appreciated you and your hard work both personally and professionally who were touched through your ministry.

May your soul rest in peace.

Bettye Jean Stewart-Payne

Bettye Jean Stewart-Payne - December 26, 2021 at 12:16 AM

CB

“ *Crystal Bell lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



Crystal Bell - December 09, 2020 at 06:01 PM

MB

“ *Merry Battles lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



Merry Battles - September 02, 2020 at 03:49 PM

YH

“ *Yvonne Reese Heltzel lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



Yvonne Reese Heltzel - September 01, 2020 at 03:36 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Lipsey Cole lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



Kathy Lipsey Cole - September 01, 2020 at 03:36 PM

MY

“ *Michelle Young lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



Michelle Young - September 01, 2020 at 03:35 PM

MF

“ *MATTIE FIELDS AND FAMILY sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



MATTIE FIELDS AND FAMILY - August 31, 2020 at 09:08 AM

ML

“ *Malinda Ligon-Whitley lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



Malinda Ligon-Whitley - August 31, 2020 at 03:07 AM

SH

“ *Sandra Hines lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



Sandra Hines - August 28, 2020 at 05:59 PM

FW

“ I recall those early years when we all thirsted for more of His word and understanding in extra studying and God gave it to us. The joy of seeing the enlightenment /revelation come and the eagerness to share it with the group.



Deacon Carl and Florest Wilson

Florest Wilson - August 28, 2020 at 01:37 PM

AT

“ Alice Taylor lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns



Alice Taylor - August 28, 2020 at 01:35 PM

FF

“ Frank & Betty Ford lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns



Frank & Betty Ford - August 28, 2020 at 12:20 PM

DF

“ *Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



Dallas Boards and family - August 28, 2020 at 10:58 AM

CC

“ *Cally Crawford lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



Cally Crawford - August 28, 2020 at 10:09 AM

S(

“ *Sophia (Steele)Holland lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



Sophia (Steele)Holland - August 28, 2020 at 09:21 AM

MV

“ *Mignon Vincent lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



Mignon Vincent - August 28, 2020 at 07:11 AM

MV

“ *Mignon Vincent lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



Mignon Vincent - August 28, 2020 at 05:39 AM

GG

“ *Guenetta Gordon lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



Guenetta Gordon - August 28, 2020 at 12:27 AM

MW

“ *Michael & Barbara Watson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



Michael & Barbara Watson - August 27, 2020 at 09:44 PM

PA

“ *A mighty woman of God has entered into the joy of her Lord and has left behind a legacy of love and a lasting demonstration of what it means to give your all to the Lord.*

Paula - August 27, 2020 at 09:39 PM

SJ

“ Susan Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns



Susan Johnson - August 27, 2020 at 09:38 PM

GW

“ Gloria O. Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns



Gloria O. Wilkerson - August 27, 2020 at 07:25 PM

RW

“ RJ & Anita Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns



RJ & Anita Wilkerson - August 27, 2020 at 06:51 PM

DY

“ Doris Ann Young-Woods lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns



Doris Ann Young-Woods - August 27, 2020 at 06:38 PM

MF

“ *MATTIE FIELDS AND FAMILY sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



MATTIE FIELDS AND FAMILY - August 27, 2020 at 05:37 PM

EF

“ *Earline Fields sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



Earline Fields - August 27, 2020 at 05:36 PM

DS

“ *Dolores Smith lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



Dolores smith - August 27, 2020 at 04:36 PM

WC

“ *Wilbur And Sharon Chapman lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



wilbur and sharon chapman - August 27, 2020 at 04:22 PM

WF

“ *Sending love, and prayers of comfort to the Jones family.*

Mattie Fields and family

Wendy Fields - August 27, 2020 at 04:12 PM

RM

“ *Rosalind Mark lit a candle in memory of Rev.
Ora Lee Burns*



Rosalind Mark - August 27, 2020 at 03:48 PM

DW

“ *De Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Rev.
Ora Lee Burns*



De Wilkerson - August 27, 2020 at 03:15 PM

SJ

“ *Susan Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rev.
Ora Lee Burns*



Susan Johnson - August 27, 2020 at 03:02 PM

MR

“ *Modean Reeves lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



Modean Reeves - August 27, 2020 at 02:51 PM

MR

“ *Modean Reeves lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



Modean Reeves - August 27, 2020 at 02:42 PM

CT

“ *Carolyn Tate sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



Carolyn Tate - August 27, 2020 at 02:14 PM

MJ

“ *Mary (Mitchell) Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



Mary (Mitchell) Johnson - August 27, 2020 at 10:49 AM

KD

“ Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Rev.
Ora Lee Burns



Kevin Dunigan - August 27, 2020 at 10:45 AM

SJ

“ Susan Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rev.
Ora Lee Burns



Susan Johnson - August 27, 2020 at 10:33 AM

HB

“ Helen Brooks sent a virtual gift in memory of
Rev. Ora Lee Burns



Helen Brooks - August 27, 2020 at 09:47 AM

HB

“ Rev. Ora Lee Burns. Was a God fearing woman. She loved the Lord
with all her heart. Her steps was ordered by God.
She told me when she was called to preach. When she was moving
to Georgia. When the Lord told her it's time for you to go back to
Kalamazoo.
I will miss my dear friend Ora. But she's with her Lord Jesus Christ.

Helen Brooks - August 27, 2020 at 09:46 AM

MP

“ *Condolences and prayers to the family* 🙏



Mollie Peterson - August 27, 2020 at 08:41 AM

KG

“ *Karen Gray sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



Karen Gray - August 27, 2020 at 08:31 AM

TF

“ *The Daniel Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



The Daniel Family - August 27, 2020 at 08:28 AM

BA

“ *Bernice And Amanda lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



Bernice and Amanda - August 27, 2020 at 07:28 AM

CR

“ *Creola Buchanan And Katherine Ross lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



Creola Buchanan and Katherine Ross - August 27, 2020 at 12:29 AM

BP

“ *Barbara Phillips lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



Barbara Phillips - August 26, 2020 at 09:32 PM

JE

“ *Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



Jo Ann Embrey - August 26, 2020 at 08:35 PM

MR

“ *Maxine (McMillon) Roberts lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



Maxine (McMillon) Roberts - August 26, 2020 at 08:22 PM

VB

“ Vicky Burns lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns



vicky burns - August 26, 2020 at 08:15 PM

EG

“ Elder Morgan And Gwendolyn lit a candle in memory of Rev. Ora Lee Burns



Elder Morgan and Gwendolyn - August 26, 2020 at 07:49 PM

AT

“ Gale and Angela (Buchanan) Tabron.



Angela Tabron - August 26, 2020 at 07:40 PM

SW

I'm so sorry for your loss to the family my prayers are with you

shirley Weathers - August 28, 2020 at 09:45 PM

CF

“ *Charleston Family lit a candle in memory of
Rev. Ora Lee Burns*



Charleston Family - August 26, 2020 at 05:44 PM