



A Bright Light

**Though you've gone to Heaven's embrace,
Your smile still lights this place.
A soul so pure, a heart so kind,
A joyful spirit, love defined.
You faced each day with strength and grace,
A warrior's heart, a smiling face.
Even through pain, you made us laugh,
Brightening every road and path.
In every room, your laughter rang,
In every heart, your joy remains.
You gave us hope, you lifted us high,
A beacon bright against the sky.
Now God has called you home to rest,
Where angels hold you ever blessed.
Though we will miss your warmth and cheer,
We find comfort knowing you are near.
For Heaven is now your smiling place,
Where pain is gone and joy embraced.
And until we meet once more above,
We'll cherish your laughter and endless love.**

—Note of Thanks—

The Burch Family would like to express their love and sincere appreciation to all of you for your acts of kindness and consideration during their time of bereavement.



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ALONZO BURCH

JANUARY 28, 1955 - OCTOBER 24, 2024

**Saturday
November 2, 2024
1:00 p. m.**

**BURGE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH
312 West Glendale Avenue
Mt. Holly, North Carolina**

Pastor Kay, Officiating Minister

Order of Service

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FAMILY PROCESSIONAL & VISITATION

12:30 pm - 1:00 pm

INVOCATION

Opening Remarks

Pastor Kay

HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament

New Testament

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Pastor Kay

READING OF OBITUARY

Silently

THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/REMARKS

Two Minutes, Please

SONG SELECTION

Pop Pope

EULOGY

Reverend Jennings

BENEDICTION

Pastor Kay

COMMITTAL/BENEDICTION

THE RECESSIONAL

Obituary for Mr. Alonzo Burch AKA “Lonnie Brown”

Mr. Alonzo Burch lived a life full of kindness, compassion, and a devoted spirit. Born on January 28, 1955, in Gaston County, North Carolina, he was the son of the late Melissa Clark Burch and the late Robert William Burch.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Robert Lee and Anthony Burch. Lonnie was a joy to be around in his community and a steadfast source of support for his family and friends. In life, he found joy in the simple moments, whether it was spending a Sunday watching his Steelers, sharing stories, or making his famous homemade pizza with family.

Lonnie was known in his community for being a great athlete throughout his youth. His daughters, Loriele Rendleman (David) of Gastonia, NC and Yvonda Hunter of Stanley, NC were his greatest pride and joy. He took immense pleasure in being a father and later became an adoring grand-father, nurturing each of his grandchildren with patience and love. His playful spirit and gentle wisdom will forever echo in their hearts. He was blessed with five grandchildren - Keyara, Jasmine, Riley, Adonis, and Chanel - and two great-grandchildren, Kyndall and Lamar.

He is survived by his devoted sister, Barbara “Sissy” Burch of Mount Holly, NC, who remained a constant and supportive presence throughout his life, as well as his three brothers, Jerry Burch of Gastonia, NC, Roger Burch of Mount Holly, NC, and Ronald Brunson of Gastonia, NC. Lonnie was also blessed with friends who were like brothers to him, sharing close bonds and countless memories. He also leaves behind an aunt, Bernice Ross of New York, and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and countless friends who were fortunate to know him. Lonnie’s kindness and warm smile touched everyone he met, and his stories will live on through those who had the privilege of hearing them. Wherever he went, Lonnie brought a joyful melody, often singing, “This World Is Not My Home.”

He faced his final days with grace and dignity at Hospice House in Sherrills Ford. While our hearts ache with the loss of Lonnie, we find solace in celebrating the beautiful life he led and the memories we will carry forward. He may be gone from our sight, but he will forever remain within our hearts.

Rest in peace, dear Lonnie. Your love will eternally shine in the lives you touched.