# Life Is Forever, Death Is A Dream

If we did not go to sleep at night
We'd never awaken to see the light.
And the joy of watching a new day break
Or meeting the dawn by some quiet lake,
Would never be ours unless we slept
While God and all His angels kept,
A vigil through this "little death"
That's over with the morning's breath.
And death, too, is a time of sleeping
For those who died are in God's keeping.
And there's a sunrise for each soul,
For life, not death is God's promised goal.
So trust God's promise and doubt Him never
For only through death can man life forever!

## **WORDS OF APPRECIATION**

Our hearts have been made to rejoice during the passing of our loved one by the many acts of kindness extended to our family. Your prayers and all expressions of love and sympathy are greatly appreciated. May God's blessings of peace and love continue with you forever.





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# In Loving Memory Of MR. JEFFREY DALE BURCH "JEFF"



**JANUARY 27, 1971 ~ SEPTEMBER 24, 2025** 

Saturday, October 4, 2025 11:00 AM

Smith's Memorial Chapel 604 Salisbury Street Wadesboro, North Carolina

Pastor Lenora Bennett, Officiating Bishop Greg Bennett, Eulogist

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

Processional Clergy & Family

Selection Minister Joanne Ross

Reading Of The Holy Scriptures The Old Testament-Dr. Sandra Ford The New Testament-Dr. Sylvia Suah

Selection Dr. Sandra Ford and Dr. Sylvia Suah

Acknowledgments Harold C. Smith & Evadne K. Smith

> Selection The Family Choir

Words Of Comfort Bishop Greg Bennett

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

### INTERMENT

Bessie Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church Cemetery Morven, North Carolina

#### REPAST

Ladybug's Restaurant 800 East Caswell Street Wadesboro, North Carolina

# **OBITUARY**

Mr. Jeffrey Dale Burch, son of the late Billy Gray Clark and Sylverna Veronica Wall and grandson of the late Artis and Roberta Massey Burch, who raised him, was born January 27, 1971 in Monroe, North Carolina.

He attended the public schools of Anson County and was a graduate of Anson County High School.

At an early age he professed his faith in Jesus Christ and joined New Grove Baptist Church where he was a dedicated member of the choir. He had an annointed voice to sing and he sung with various quartet groups including his late mothers group "The Divine Angels".

Jeff was united in holy matrimony to Joanna Rena Allen in May of 2006. This union was blessed with one child by birth and two additional children from previous relationships.

Jeff quietly departed this life Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at Atrium Health-Mercy Hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Cartina Clark and Cynthia Misenhymer, and brother, Wayne Burch Sr.

His life will forever be cherished in the lives of his wife and children: Joanna Burch of Dublin, GA; Lamarian Jant of Charlotte, NC, Jalisa Burch of Warner Robins, GA, and Zhaina Rhyne of Dubin, GA; Goddaughter, Braelyn Robinson of Dallas, GA; two grandchildren; brothers, Brian (Lori) Burch of Arizona; Bishop Greg (Lenora) Bennett of Wadesboro, NC; Martin (Mamie) Bennett of Wadesboro, NC and Vernon Bennett (Diette) of Wingate, NC; stepfather, Kenny Wall of Lilesville, NC; sister-in-law, Alfretina Burch of Charlotte, NC; and a host of aunts, uncles nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.