



Legacy of Love

A wife, a mother, a grandma too,
This is the legacy we have from you.
You taught us love and how to fight,
You gave us strength, you gave us might.
A stronger person would be hard to find,
And in your heart, you were always kind.
You fought for us all in one way or another,
Not just as a wife not just as a mother.
For all of us you gave your best,
Now the time has come for you to rest.
So go in peace, you've earned your sleep,
Your love in our hearts, we'll eternally keep
(Author Unknown)

Pallbearers

Kendric Burney, Joseph Clark Jr., Bristen Evans, Pendleton Evans, Jonathan Spencer, Marqualyn Spencer and family and friends.

Flower Girls

Family and Friends

Acknowledgements

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as anyone could say. Perhaps you were not here at all, but thought of us this day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever your part. May God Bless each of you. ~ The Family

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J. E. Washington Funeral Services, Inc.
2234 Glenwood Avenue, Youngstown, OH 44511

Homegoing Celebration for



Mari F. Burney

SEPTEMBER 7, 1935 to FEBRUARY 12, 2024

Saturday, February 24, 2024

Sword of the Lord Global Ministries - 474 Early Rd., Youngstown, OH 44505

Pastor Cheryl Woodard-Harris, Officiant

9:00 AM VIEWING | 10:00 AM SERVICE

Forever in Our Hearts

Order of Service



Processional, Viewing, Final Viewing

Officiant.....Pastor Cheryl Woodard-Harris

Musical Selection.....Beverly Burton

Scripture Reading, Psalm 121.....Kristin Burney

Prayer of Comfort.....Carol Griffin

Acknowledgements, Resolutions, Condolences.....Wendy Robinson

Silent Reading of the Obituary

Recital of Poem.....Gabrielle McElrath

Musical Selection.....Floetta Jordan

Expressions of Love (2 minutes please)

1 Marilyn Spencer 2 Joseph Clark Jr. 3 Galen Brown

Eulogy.....Cheryl Evans

Committal & Benediction

Recessional

Interment: Tod Homestead Cemetery,

2200 Belmont Avenue, Youngstown, OH 44504

Repast: Sword of the Lord

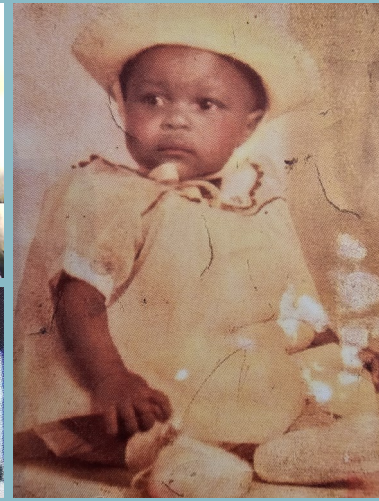
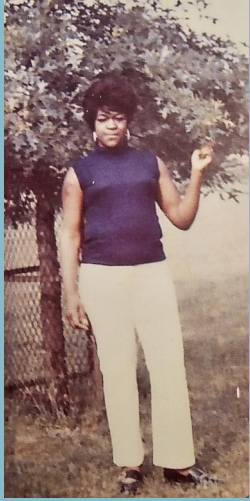
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Organist - Minister Mark Rheins

Bagpiper - Sean Patrick Regan

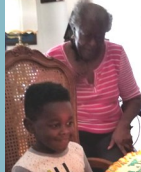
Mari's Legacy Continues...



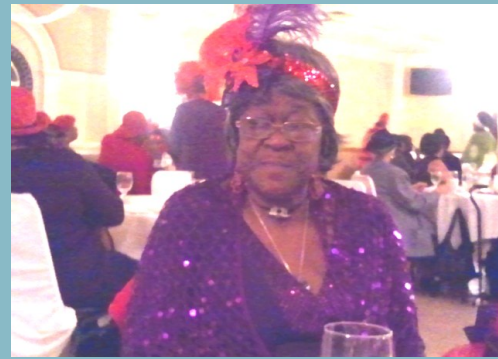
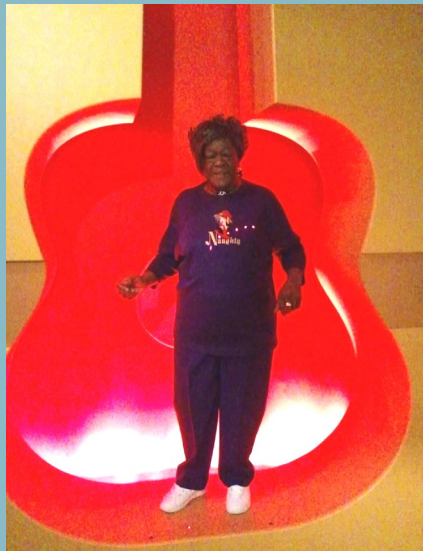
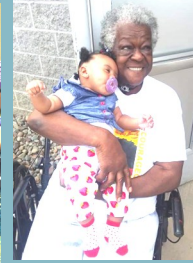


PSALM 121

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help.
My help comes from the Lord,
which made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
he that keepeth thee will not slumber.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall
neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is they keeper: the Lord is
they shade upon they right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day,
nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all
evil: he shall preserve thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy coming out
and thy coming in from this time
forth, and for every more.*



Forever in Our Hearts



Obituary

It is with great sorrow that we share the passing of Mary (Mari) Frances Rhodes Burney, affectionally known as Sister, who left this world on the 12th of February, 2024. Mary (Mari) was born on September 7, 1935, and throughout her 88 precious years on earth, she touched many lives with her bluntness, wisdom, and unconditional love. Mary (Mari), was a phenomenal woman who lit up the room with her smile, laughter and witty sayings.



Her legacy will continue through her children: Vincent Rhodes, Jonathan Evans, Cheryl Evans and Kristin Burney. Moreover, her wisdom and teachings will echo in the lives of her grandchildren; Gabrielle McElrath, Malcolm and Justin Carter, Bristen and Pendleton Evans, Kendric and Kadyrn Burney, and her great grandsons Gabriel and Lamont "Peanut" Timmons, Jr. Their lives are a living testament to Mary's strong spirit and unwavering love. She also leaves to cherish her memory, her brother, Turhan "Cecil" Rhodes, son-in-law, Keithe Bradford, four bonus daughters, Galen Brown, Ronci Eke, Tonya Hawkins, and Marilyn Spencer, and a host of family and friends that loved and cared about her.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Obediah "Skip" Burney, in 1984, after 19 years of being together. Also preceding her was daughter, Tamarra Bradford; parents, King David and Bessie Rhodes; siblings, Lillie Harris, Elizabeth Rhodes, Laura Howard Ortiz, Ruby Williams, Rosalie Brown, and Leon Rhodes.

Mary (Mari) graduated from Youngstown University. She worked as a Librarian for many years and concluded her professional career in 1986, retiring from the Youngstown Board of Education. Her dedication to her work was highly appreciated, and she nurtured many young people in her library. Her creativity showed through her sewing, cooking, throwing backyard barbeques, and catering events and parties.

Mary (Mari) was a woman of faith who accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior. Although she hadn't attended church for many years, she acknowledged God blessed and healed her time and time again. She was a member of The Red Hat Society - Women in the Spirit, and Sisters Chat and Chew Book Club and cherished the bonds of friendship and sisterhood that she found with these ladies.

We take comfort in knowing that Mary's life was filled with love, faith, and joy. Her incredible strength, life lessons, and memory will continue to inspire and guide us. She will be deeply missed, forever loved, but never forgotten. Rest in heavenly peace, Mommy, Lady, Grandma, Sister and Mari.

GOD'S GARDEN

*God looked around His garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest,
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering.
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough,
And the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids,
And whispered "Peace be Thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.*

