

## ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Joseph W. Johnson  
Toronto Smith

Gregory Manior II  
Johnathon Smith

## IN APPRECIATION

*The Family wishes to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for your expressions of love and many acts of kindness. For those of you who traveled many miles to share in this service, we thank you. A special thanks for all participants, telephone calls, flowers, cards, visits, prayers and donations. Special thanks are also extended to Pastor Steven Caldwell, Deacon & Mrs. Earl Colston, Deacon and Mrs. Tom Jones, Best Friends Deacon & Mrs. Theotis Rogers, The New Providence Baptist Church Family, and the Miami Jewish Health - 2 Topple North Nursing Staff & Seasons Hospice Unit. This sorrow is easier to bear with God's help and friends like you.*

## INTERMENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

Southern Memorial  
15000 West Dixie Hwy, Miami, FL

*Services Entrusted To:*

**Eric S. George Funeral Home**  
6107 Miramar Parkway  
Miramar, FL 33023

**"A NEW GENERATION OF QUALITY"**

*Homegoing Celebration  
for*

# Emma L. Burton



SUNRISE: NOVEMBER 10, 1927

SUNSET: MARCH 22, 2022

*Saturday, March 26, 2022  
11:00am*

**ELDER VIVIAN WHITEHEAD-PHILLIPS**

Officiant

**ERIC S. GEORGE FUNERAL HOME**

Directing

# Obituary

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven....

Ecclesiastes 3:1

There is no one like our mother Emma L. Paris Burton. Our mother's faith in Jesus Christ was a living faith in a loving Savior. Every one of her acts of service was an act of giving thanks and praise to our heavenly Father for all His blessings. So today, we thank Him for the gift of the life of our confidant, encourager, our greatest fan our MOTHER, Emma L. Paris Burton, we love you.

Emma Lou Paris, the fourth child of nine (5 girls and four boys) born to the union of Joe R. Paris and Amanda C. Paris, on November 10, 1927, in Hooker (Wildwood), Georgia.

She was preceded in death by her parents Joe R. and Amanda C. Paris, brothers: Joseph C., Robert E., Claude H., and Melvin, and sisters: Martha Briggs, Lee Ann Mills, Buena Vista Crutcher, Juanita Strickland, and two sons: Sherman and Reginald Burton.

Emma was raised in a strong Christian environment and as a result dedicated her life to the LORD at an early age. Emma was a loving and compassionate person and was blessed with many gifts, talents and areas of affections.

Emma's love story would not be complete without the fact that Emma caught the eye and heart of Calvin Burton. Their relationship flourished and the two were united in holy matrimony. This union was blessed with two sons Reginald Franklin and Sherman, and two daughters Patricia and Dorris.

Emma's undeniable love for her family was apparent and far-reaching. Emma's determination to prepare her family for productive lives was achieved through her uncanny way of teaching them "life's lessons ... by any means necessary". Affectionately called, "Mom, Mother Burton or Ma Emma" by those who knew and loved her. She instilled high moral character, self-respect, love, charity, and honesty in our lives and in the lives of anyone she touched. Emma's love list also reflected her driving desire to study, know and teach GOD's word. After moving to Miami, Emma along with her family united with the Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Emma taught Sunday School and was a devoted member of the Home Missionary Society. Emma's heart for people, in general, has always been apparent so when she was led to unite with the Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church, it was no surprise she became a Sunday School teacher. It was also at Mt. Carmel where Emma found her niche and developed a lasting love for the Prison Ministry. After much praying and seeking God's face Emma realized she was finally home at New Providence Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Johnnie McGregor.

Emma Paris Burton has now gone to her eternal reward; a reward she prepared for during her 94 years. This life is only a preparation for another more glorious life where "God will wipe away every tear from our eyes, and there shall be no more pain, death or sadness," but resurrection of the dead and eternal life with our heavenly Father.

Fondly remembering and cherishing her memories are daughters, Patricia Williams, Dorris (Joseph W.) Johnson. Also loved and cherished as her own daughters are Carol Burton Meredith, Crystal Burton McLenore, Marjorie Burton, Sheriley (Cary) Gholston, Vera Brown, Gwen West and Vivian Phillips, Charlotte Brown, Peggy Martin, Pamela K. Shuler, Linda Foley, Cheryl Lacey, and Victoria Simmons. Grandchildren Patricia Mainor, Resha Burton, and Anya Burton, great grands: Gregory Mainor II, Janya Mainor, Jason Griffin, Xhakai Edwards. Special sons, Rev. Willie Startis, Deacon Joe Wilson and Jackson Bowers and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.



# Order of Service

- Processional
- Invocation..... Pamela Knox-Shuler
- Selection
- Scripture Reading.....
- Old Testament                      Psalms 23                      Gloria Taylor
- New Testament                    I Corinthians 15:50-58                    Pamela Knox-Shuler
- Selection
- Reflections
- As A Grandmother..... Resha Burton
- Church Resolution..... New Providence Baptist Church
- Obituary ..... Read Silently to Music.....
- Selection
- Words of Comfort..... Elder Vivian Whitehead-Phillips
- Recessional

