

Obituary

Lavone “Binky” Burks was born February 6, 1951, to the parents of Frank and Ellamae Burks in Des Moines, Iowa. He was raised and educated in the area, graduating from North High school in 1969.

Following his primary education, Lavone became part of the brick layers union. Later on in life he worked as a groundskeeper for Mercy through Drake Temp Services. His last employer was with Purfruit as a groundskeeper until his illness.

Lavone “Binky” Burks started his journey back to Christ in 2004, and eventually became a deacon for Mt. Olive Baptist church. His other ministries were the senior usher board, Brotherhood, male chorus, food pantry, adult Sunday school teacher, and first chair of the Deacon ministry.

On September 22, 2004, he married Valerie Douglas, and they began their walk with Christ as one. Lavone “Binky” enjoyed working inside and outside the church to make the church look it’s best. He also enjoyed cooking for the church. He was best known for his BBQ.

The Lord called Lavone “Binky” Burks home on August 14, 2018. Preceding him in death are his parents, Frank and Ellamae Burks, a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 13 years, Valerie Burks; children, Kelly Burks, Marlisa “Nikki” Burks, Tanya Douglas and Michael Douglas; siblings, Donald (Nina) Burks, Eugene Burks, Jonetta “Sue” Douglas and Thomas “Butch” (Victoria) Douglas; 6 grandchildren and a host of nephews nieces cousins and church family.

Order of services for

Lavone “Binky” Burks

Pastor James E. Wright, Sr.

Officiating Minister



Musical Prelude

Rev. David Fennell

Procession of the Family

Viewing

Musical Selection

“Born Again”
Mt. Olive Unity Choir
Psalms 30:5

Old Testament Scripture

New Testament Scripture

John 14: 1-3

Prayer

Musical Selection

“He’s Done Enough”
Rev. Fennell

Acknowledgement and Obituary

Family Tribute

“Kiyaliah “Ki Ki” Mitchell

Ministerial Tributes

Rev. Dale Terry

Musical Selection

“Blood Still Works”

Eulogy

Pastor James Wright

Closing Prayer

Final Viewing

Committal


Interment

Glendale Cemetery

PALLBEARERS

Paul Morrison ~ Kenny Douglas ~ Claude Bumpus
Chuck Freeman ~ Craig Farley ~ Odell Jenkins

HONORARY PALLBEARERS



Kelly Burks ~ Michael Douglas ~ Donald Williams
Mt. Olive Deacon Board
Mt. Olive Church Family

"Footprints In The Sand"


One night a man had a dream.
He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD.
Across the sky flashed scenes from his life.
For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand:
one belonging to him, and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him
he looked back, at the footprints in the sand.
He noticed that many times along the path of his life
there was only one set of footprints.
He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times of his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it:
"LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you,
you'd walk with me all the way.
But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life
there is only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The LORD replied:
"My son, My precious child, I love you and I would never leave you,
During your times of trial and suffering,
when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

We entrusted our loved one to:
Henderson's Highland Park Funeral Home
515309-6550



HOME GOING SERVICES FOR...

LAVONE "BINKY" BURKS



Funeral Service

Mt. Olive Baptist Church

Saturday Noon August 18 2018

Pastor James Wright, Sr. Eulogist

Interment

Glendale Cemetery