

Acknowledgement

The family greatly appreciates the many acts of kindness, prayers, phone calls, donations, and flowers given during these difficult times. Your thoughtfulness will serve as a source of strength and comfort in the days to come. God Bless You. The family would like to extend a special thanks to Kidi (caregiver) who provided outstanding care to Burdie in her home. Also the staff of Hospice of Central Ohio, nurse Sam, chaplain Mike, social worker Alex, and the extended staff. Special thank you to Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home, Chapel of Peace staff.
~The Family-

Pallbearers

SAMUEL RUCKER JR. ~ REGINALD RUCKER ~ ISAIAH RIDLEY
JEROME DAVID ~ PHIL POWELL ~ JOHN BOGGS

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.



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Celebration OF THE *Life* OF



Burdie E. Rucker

APRIL 17, 1929 ~ MARCH 5, 2021

~Service~

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021 ~ 11:00 AM

MARLAN J. GARY FUNERAL HOME

Chapel of Peace East

5456 E. Livingston Avenue
Columbus, Ohio

Pastor Charles Hall, *Eulogizing Minister*
Pastor Nathaniel Jordan, *Officiating*

The Obituary

Burdie E. Rucker, age 91, has completed her earthly assignment and was called home to be with the Lord on March 5, 2021. She passed away peacefully in the presence of her family at home, in Columbus, Ohio.

Burdie was born on April 17, 1929 to Charles and Carrie Wright Gillespie in Banks County Georgia. She was one of eight children born to their union. She spent her childhood in Commerce Georgia, attending Franklin County schools.

She was baptized early in life at Neal's Grove Baptist Church in Georgia and re-baptized in 1999 at God's House of Prayer in Columbus, Ohio.

Burdie married Timothy Rucker at an early age, and they were blessed with four daughters, Annie, Cora, Elizabeth, Lorine, and two sons, Timothy Jr, and Samuel. She was affectionately called "Big Momma" by her family.

Burdie worked for many years on the family farm and a chicken processing plant before moving to Ohio. After starting her family, she was a devoted mother and housewife, who loved the Lord.

Burdie adored the color pink. She was a stylish woman, known for her fashionable hats and jewelry. She enjoyed ordering Avon, gardening, cooking, and spending time with her family and friends. Big Momma will truly be missed by all.

Burdie is preceded in death by her parents and siblings, husband Timothy Rucker, daughters, Annie Jones and Elizabeth Bland, grandchildren, Gerald, Thomas and Loretta Hagwood, and Tommy Christopher David.

She leaves to cherish her memory, daughters Lorine Montigue, Cora David, sons Samuel D. (Alberta), Timothy Jr. (Carol); a host of grandchildren, great grand-children, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE..... Music Ministry
PARTING VIEW..... Immediate Family
SCRIPTURE READING..... Walter Fluellen Jr.
 Old Testament.....
 New Testament.....
PRAYER Alphonso Davis
SELECTION..... Barbara Holloway
 "I Won't Complain"
POEM..... "Contribute of Love" Pattie Fluellen
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CONDOLENCES..... Twanna Boggs
REMARKS (2 minutes) Family & Friends
READING OF OBITUARY..... Jayla Ferrell
SELECTION..... Ernie Holloway
 "Precious Lord"
POEM "Big Momma" Gail Sandifier

The Eulogy

PASTOR CHARLES HALL

CLOSING REMARKS..... Samuel Rucker
BENEDICTION..... Bishop Jacob Holloway III
RECESSIONAL..... Clergy, Family & Friends

Interment

GLEN REST MEMORIAL GARDENS

*I am the resurrection and the life: He that believeth in me
though he were dead yet shall he live.*

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

John 11:25-26