



Elnora W Burton

May 21, 1924 - October 9, 2012

ELNORA OPHELIA WINSLOW BURTON, daughter of the late William Thomas Winslow and Elnora Perry Winslow, was born on May 21, 1924 in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. She departed this life on October 9, 2012 of natural causes after more than a decade of suffering from dementia and Alzheimer's disease and related infirmities.

Elnora was known for the abounding love and generosity she extended as testament to her Christian faith, which she also felt required exacting standards about everything. A natural educator and organizer, she valued achievement and never hesitated to instruct others about ways to accomplish things sensibly while representative of honoring and pleasing God. For her, that easily meant making education, faith, family, fortitude and fineness or quality foremost in her life. Her big heart and wise counsel driven by these traits, and her special touch for cooking and baking endeared her to everyone who knew her. She loved cooking and her favorite time of year was baking cookies as gifts for Christmas, and also preparing meals and desserts for the annual gathering of the family, extended family and friends for prayer on New Year's Eve.

Mostly these traits are outgrowths of her early life. She grew up in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, the youngest of eleven children (six brothers and four sisters who all have predeceased her). Elnora was educated at the P.W.

Moore High School and went on to graduate from Virginia State University in 1946 with a B.S. degree in Home Economics. While at Virginia State, Elnora was initiated into the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. After graduation, she began a life-long career as an educator, with her first teaching assignment at the James Solomon Russell High School in Lawrenceville, Virginia, where her husband, the late William Lloyd Burton Sr. was completing college at St. Paul's College following his Army service in World War II. Elnora and Lloyd attended and met at Mt. Lebanon A.M.E. Zion Church in Elizabeth City. They were married by Lloyd's father, the late Reverend Edward L. Burton, on Christmas Day in 1946 in the house at 701 Harney Street in Elizabeth City where Elnora grew up and which property her family still owns. Out of their union four children were born, William Lloyd Jr., Kermit Clifton, Gerald Lee and Laureen Elnora.

After Lloyd's graduation in 1953, the couple moved to Baltimore, Maryland where Elnora became an educator in the Baltimore Public School System. She continued her own education and graduated from Columbia University Teacher's College with an M.S. in Family Life Education. Elnora was a master teacher and some of her students remained close with her throughout her life. In 1978 she retired from Baltimore Public School System. Along with Lloyd, she then began Burton Team Enterprises and Chicanele Wedding and Party Service, through which she continued her love of cooking and helping others to make the big occasions in life extra special.

In addition to her family and extended family, what continued as extra special to Elnora throughout her life were the A.M.E. Zion church, including her more than fifty years of membership at the Pennsylvania Avenue A.M.E. Zion Church, and the Virginia State University. In retirement she worked tirelessly with the Alumni Association of the Virginia State University, who awarded her the Distinguished Alumnus Award on May 24, 1981. Elnora especially prized the time she and Lloyd could spend with their children's families. She loved

each spouse, grandchild and great-grandchild. She likewise treasured her nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws. Elnora also prized the involvement she and Lloyd shared with extended family members, friends from many churches, long-time neighbors, former colleagues, and “adopted” other seniors.

Elnora Winslow Burton leaves to mourn: three sons, Rev. Dr. William Lloyd Burton Jr. and his wife Brenda, Kermit “KC” Burton and his wife Essex and Gerald Lee Burton and his wife Bernadette; one daughter, Laureen Elnora Burton-Kendrick and her husband Willie; eight grandchildren, Marcella, Edward, Eldon, Keresse, Evan, Brittany, Bryce and William; two great-granddaughters, Briana and Lyric; one great-grandson, Kyle; two nieces, June Backus Gould and Sophronia Backus Jones; two great-nephews, Ja-Mar and Ja-Mes; special extended family, Betty Gladden and Mary and William Eastman; and a host of other relatives, devoted caregivers and friends. Hers is a life to emulate. To God, be the glory

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT 17. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Wake

OCT 18. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Madison Ave Presbyterian
2110 Madison Ave

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Elnora W Burton*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom about 3yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”— ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!*

Ms Springer - October 20, 2012 at 07:41 AM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - October 11, 2012 at 12:30 PM