



Mahalia E. Burrus

May 17, 1924 - August 21, 2013

MAHALIA ELIZABETH LOFLAND, daughter of the late Purnell Lofland and Pauline Turner Lofland, was born on May 17, 1924 and departed this life on Wednesday August 21, 2013 after a lengthy illness. Her family moved from Milford, Delaware to Maryland when she was five years old. She attended school of Divinity.

Even though Hallie grew up hearing about God, she did not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. At the age of 29, she attended a tarry service at 27 South Carolina Street, under the leadership of Bishop Winfield Showell, and received the Holy Ghost. She worked for the Lord diligently since receiving Him and won many souls to Christ; including Fannie Green.

She worked in many capacities with the church; Missionary, Evangelist, Sunday School, Bible Teacher in the Maryland penitentiary, Preacher, and was licensed to Bury, Marry, and Baptize. She worked in the same capacities in each church. In first Apostolic under Bishop Winfield Showell, Rehoboth under Bishop Randolph Carr, First United Church of Jesus Christ under Bishop Monroe R. Saunders Sr., Emmanuel Apostolic under Bishop William S. Barnes, and then returning to First United Church of Jesus Christ under Bishop Monroe R. Saunders Sr.

“Hallie,” as she was most affectionately known, was loved by all who knew

her. Her husband, Leon, preceded her in death. He died on Palm Sunday, March 23, 1997. Her son has also preceded her, Peter Burrus, on June 29, 1993. when she first met Leon in 1937, she did not want to be with him, in fact she only approached him because her sister liked him; but Leon told Hattie he didn't want her sister he wanted the "fat" one; from that she later earned the nickname; "fats". On May 25, 1947, they were married and from that union had seven children; Leon Mahanan Burrus, Mahalia Pauline Burrus, Allen Purnell Burrus Melvin Lee Robinson, Emmanuel Frank "Peter" Burrus, Ruth Elizabeth Burrus and Annie Elizabeth Pauline Burrus. Hallie and Leon were determine to raise their family in the church. Her guidance will never be forgotten, her training and teaching each of us that we all needed to be saved, and that God was not our buddy or a play toy. So as our mother, she prayed with us at least once a week to ensure that we were saved for real.

Over the last 30 years, Hallie has given to the Homeless Shelter, seniors of First United/Transformation Church of Jesus Christ, and people in need. She took the students of the Center for Creative Learning School (owned by the church), the children and parents of the Tuerk House for recovering addicts, and the children of First United on yearly trips to the circus; with transportation provided by Brother Roy Spence. All the work she did in the church cannot be written, as it would take pages to explain and give due diligence to the work she has done. Her efforts of making sure people, young and old were acknowledged and knew the love of God were endless.

She leaves to cherish her memory: six children, Leon M. Burrus(Victoria Burrus), Mahalia Lutz, Allen P. Burrus (Olita Richardson-Burrs), Ruth E. Burrus, Annie E. Burrs and Melvin Robinson; seven grandchildren, A. Demetrick Burrus (Tamara Burrus), Mahalia Elisha Baynard, Renee A. Burrus, Courtney D. Burrus, Paul L.D Lutz, Kay Lauren Burrus and Jerid V. Demby, five great-grandchildren, Demetria Burrus, Paige Estus, Kenyon Lutz, Miliani Kraft and Kai Lutz.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG **24**. 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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

Wake

AUG **25**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Transformation Church Of Jesus Christ
5150 Baltimore National Pike
Baltimore, MD

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mahalia E. Burrus*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *MAHALIA LUTZ sent a virtual gift in memory of Mahalia E. Burrus*



MAHALIA LUTZ - September 09, 2013 at 02:07 AM



“ *Please except my deepest sympathy and heart felt prayers. My condolences are with Annie and family. Love Quinette*

Quinette Rich-Bey - August 24, 2013 at 10:52 AM



“ *To the family of Mahalia E. Burrus - although I did not personally know your loved one, I realize that no matter the years, we miss our loved ones when we have lost them through death. 1Corinthians 15:26 "As the last enemy, death is to be brought to nothing." God hates death just like us. Psalms 37:29 "The righteous themselves will possess the earth, and they will reside forever upon it." God will cleanse the earth and preserve it for the righteous that He brings back through the resurrection. (John 5:28, 29) Please keep these scriptures in mind and refer to them often for encouragement, as well as, hope.*

Bible Student - August 24, 2013 at 08:44 AM

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We thank you for caring! We love you, sincerely, Mahalia Jr.

Mahalia P. Burrus-Lutz - March 01, 2018 at 05:18 PM

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“ *Wish to extend my deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. We have a High Priest who understand just what we are going thru. He understand the pain that we we feel when a loved one dies. Hebrews 2:9 gives me comfort, hope it do the same for you.*

carolyn - August 24, 2013 at 06:18 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 - August 23, 2013 at 08:31 AM