

Crossing Over

OH, PLEASE DON'T FEEL GUILTY
IT WAS JUST MY TIME TO GO.
I SEE YOU ARE STILL FEELING SAD,
AND THE TEARS JUST SEEM TO FLOW.
WE ALL COME TO EARTH FOR OUR LIFETIME,
AND FOR SOME IT'S NOT MANY YEARS
I DON'T WANT YOU TO KEEP CRYING
YOU ARE SHEDDING SO MANY TEARS.
I HAVEN'T REALLY LEFT YOU
EVEN THOUGH IT MAY SEEM SO.
I HAVE JUST GONE TO MY HEAVENLY HOME,
AND I'M CLOSER TO YOU THAN YOU KNOW.
JUST BELIEVE THAT WHEN YOU SAY
MY NAME, I'M STANDING NEXT TO YOU,
I KNOW YOU LONG TO SEE ME,
BUT THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO.
BUT I'LL STILL SEND YOU MESSAGES
AND HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND,
THAT WHEN YOUR TIME
COMES TO ACROSS OVER,
I'LL BE THERE TO TAKE YOUR HAND.
- AUTHOR UNKNOWN -

Pallbearers

Skyler Burgess | Trevon Stuppard | Kenneth Thomas
Carlos Proctor | Samuel Thomas | Dion Givens

Flower Bearers

Crawford Gorge Baptist Church Usher Ministry



Until We Meet Again

A LIGHT FROM OUR LIVES HAS GONE, A VOICE WE LOVED IS STILL; A PLACE IS VACANT WITHIN OUR HEARTS, WHICH NEVER CAN BE FILLED. A BOUQUET OF BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES SPRAYED WITH A MILLION TEARS; I WISH GOD COULD HAVE SPARED YOU, IF ONLY FOR A FEW MORE YEARS. WE HOLD YOU CLOSE WITHIN OUR HEARTS, AND THERE YOU WILL REMAIN TO TALK WITH US THROUGHOUT OUR LIVES, UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN. SO REST IN PEACE DEAR LOVED ONE, AND THANKS FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE; WE PRAY THAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU THE CROWN YOU'VE TRULY WON. YOUR VACANT PLACE NO ONE CAN FILL; WE MISS YOU NOW, AND ALWAYS WILL.



Acknowledgements

We, the family, acknowledge with heartfelt appreciation the many acts of kindness and expressions shown during this time of bereavement. We would also like to acknowledge the care given to our loved one during her stay at Trust & Care Day Center. May God bless each of you and keep you in His care. - *The Family*

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HOMEGOING SERVICES FOR

Annie Burgess

JANUARY 6, 1936 - MARCH 21, 2019



Thursday, March 28, 2019
12:00 Noon

CRAWFORD GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
2149 Knights Way
Evans, Georgia



Reverend Curtis Govan, Officiating

Obituary

ANNIE E. HESTER BURGESS was born on January 6, 1936, to Shoat B. Hester and Lula White Hester. She departed this life peacefully on March 21, 2019.

“Annie Lizzie”, as she was affectionately called, was the youngest of four siblings, and the only daughter. Her three brothers, B.C., Willie Lee, and Fred, loved her dearly and would go to any limits to protect her. She was married to the late George Burgess, Sr., and to this union, two sons were born, George Burgess, Jr., and the late Kenneth A. Burgess.

Annie Lizzie attended the Richmond County School System and graduated from Lucy C. Laney in 1954. Soon thereafter, she began her career in the nursing field and worked as a Nurse’s Aide at Talmadge Hospital and retired with twenty-five years of employment at Ft. Gordon Eisenhower Army Medical Hospital, Fort Gordon, Georgia. Annie Lizzie provided excellent patient care and received many acknowledgments and awards from staff and patients alike.

Annie Lizzie loved the Lord and joined Crawford Grove Baptist Church at an early age. She was very active and served dutifully in the role as an usher, and later with the kitchen ministry. She loved to cook (a skill she learned from her mother), and could make any dish or meal from “scratch” with plenty of love whipped up in it. There wasn’t anything she could not cook and she tried to pass that knowledge on by leaving an abundance of recipes and instructions.

She was also very creative and had a talent for

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decorating her home and others’ with her sewing of curtains, and scarves, some of which were hand-made. She even made clothing for her family and friends. Annie Lizzie loved her family and they loved her. She will be remembered as one who had a sweet spirit, infectious laughter and always accepting of others. She was a beautiful independent woman, strong-willed, courageous, and always busy. She was the matriarch of the family and will be dearly missed. Annie Lizzie was preceded in death by her parents, siblings, husband, a son, and nephew, Michael Hester.

She is survived by: her son, George (Apryl), Augusta, Georgia; seven grandchildren, Courtney Burgess, Skyler Burgess, Laticia Stuppard and Leslie Harris, all of Augusta, Georgia, Samuel Thomas and Sade Thomas of Atlanta, Georgia and Kenneth Thomas of Virginia; sixteen great-grandchildren; three nieces, LaVerne H. Gold, Eunice McCalebb and Rachel Hester; four nephews, Willie B. Parks, Charles B. Hester, James E. Hester and Ronald Hester all of Augusta, Georgia; a host of other nieces and nephews by marriage; sixteen great-nieces and nephews; four in-laws, Mary L. Hester, Iola Toy, Otis Carter and Ann Eva Williams; brother-in-law, Hubert (Mammie) Burgess; and two devoted goddaughters, Carolyn Thomas of Atlanta, Georgia and Vivian Wilson of Raleigh, North Carolina; long-time dear friends, Reverend Claudette Jefferson Moss of Columbus, Georgia, whom she adopted as her sister, Minister Juilette Horn and Jeannie Price; as well as other family and friends.



Order of Service

REVEREND QUINZEL CHESTNUT, PRESIDING

- Prelude Crawford Grove Baptist Church Choir
- Processional Family and Friends
- Scriptures Minister Ronald Melvin
- Prayer Reverend Curtis Govan
- Selection Crawford Grove Baptist Church Choir
- Remarks
Skyler Burgess, *As A Grandson*
Deacon Eugene Hester, *As A Church Member*
Minister Juilette Horn, *As A Friend*
- Acknowledgements LaVerne H. Gold
- Obituary Read Silently
- Selection Deacon Kerry Tramell
- Eulogy Reverend Curtis Govan
- Recessional Crawford Grove Baptist Church Choir
- Interment Crawford Grove Baptist Church Cemetery



- *Repast* -
Crawford Grove Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall

