



Laura Mae Burgess

June 10, 1936 - January 18, 2026

In Loving Memory of
Laura Mae Burgess
June 10, 1936 – January 18, 2026

Obituary

Laura Mae Burgess, age 89, of Upper Marlboro MD, passed away peacefully on January 18, 2026. She was born on June 10, 1936, in Johnston County, NC, to Minger Alfred and Louezannie Holder.

Laura was a woman of remarkable dedication to education and service. She graduated from Richard B. Harrison School in Selma, NC, and continued her pursuit of knowledge throughout her life. She attended business school, completed IBM training, and earned her Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) certification from the University of the District of Columbia (UDC). Her passion for nurturing young lives led her to complete Early Childhood certification, and she proudly owned and operated her own childcare center, touching the lives of countless children and families. Laura's spiritual calling deepened when she attended Bible Institute, where she became an ordained Minister, answering God's call to serve His people.

In January 1958, Laura married the love of her life, Taylor Burgess. Together they built a beautiful life filled with love, ministry, and music. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister who cherished every moment spent with family.

Mother Burgess, as she was affectionally called was a quiet, humble, and obedient servant of God. She possessed a peaceable, easy-going spirit that drew people to her. She spoke only good things to everyone she encountered, and even in her final days, kind words flowed from her lips. Faith was the foundation of her home. She made church attendance and active participation a priority, raising her family to know and love the Lord.

Music was one of Mother Burgess's greatest joys. She played the keyboard alongside her beloved husband, who played guitar, and together they glorified God with their hearts and hands. Her love for Jesus was evident in every conversation, and she was always ready to share His love with anyone who would listen.

Throughout her life, Laura served others with grace and compassion, in the church, the community, the medical field, and through childcare. Her life was a living testimony of Matthew 25:40: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Laura was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Taylor Burgess; her daughter, Cecilia Burgess Aiken; and her siblings: Roosevelt Williams, James Holder, Joseph Holder, Gayzell Stancil, Seavenis Holder, Maezell Johnson, Sylvester Holder, Eula Ackles, Lonnie Holder, Sylvia Neal, Ransome Holder, Elizabeth Holder, and Addie Holder.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: her children, Celeste Richardson (Kevin), Cedric Burgess, and Cassandra Mize; 10 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; her sister-in-law, Julia Johnson; and a host of nieces, nephews, and dear friends whose lives she touched.

Mother Burgess' warmth, wisdom, and love will be deeply missed but never forgotten. She leaves behind a legacy of faith, service, and unconditional love that will continue to inspire all who knew her.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

8000 Woodyard Road
Clinton, MD 20735

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Hope Baptist Church
3400 Pinevale Ave
Forestville, MD 20747

Service

JAN 31. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ To Kevin, Jr. & Family...
May God grant you Peace and give you Strength as you deal with
the loss of your dear grandmother.
Much ❤️ and prayers,
Gary & Katy Miller,
Mount Carmel Baptist Church
Charlotte, NC

Katy P. Miller - February 07 at 05:12 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the
family of Laura Mae Burgess.



January 30 at 10:03 AM



“ Dawn & Mike Petroziello planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Mae
Burgess.

Dawn & Mike Petroziello - January 30 at 10:03 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of
Laura Mae Burgess.



January 29 at 04:52 PM

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“ *The Brethern of BRS/ Sigmas of Charlotte purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Laura Mae Burgess.*



The Brethern of BRS/ Sigmas of Charlotte - January 29 at 01:01 PM

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The Brethern of BRS/ Sigmas of Charlotte - January 29 at 01:01 PM

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“ Kevin and Family,

Although I did not have the honor of knowing your grandmother personally, her life speaks with a resonance that transcends her passing. The legacy she leaves behind is not merely a memory, but a living testament. A woman so deeply rooted in faith, service, and love does not simply depart; she remains present through the values she planted in her family and the countless lives she touched.

It is clear that Mother Burgess lived her faith both quietly and fully, a rare devotion that leaves a lasting imprint on the world. I am holding you and your family in my prayers during this time and find comfort in these words:

“A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again.” Maya Angelou

Her life was the very definition of a great soul, and that spirit will continue to bring your family together and guide you for generations to come.

With sincere sympathy and respect,

John & Denise Reaves

John Reaves - January 29 at 09:59 AM

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“ John and Denise Reaves purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Laura Mae Burgess.



John and Denise Reaves - January 29 at 09:56 AM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March 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.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - January 21 at 04:54 PM