



Ms. Merlene "Baby Sister" Burrows

March 28, 1938 - October 22, 2020

Merlene Burrows also known to family and friends as "BabySister", 82, of Peoria, IL passed away at home surrounded by her family on Thursday, October 22, 2020. She was born on March 28, 1938 in Lexington, MS to Swayzer and Media (Archer) Hines. She was raised by her grandparents Nick and Mary Archer. She later married Leslie Burrows Sr. who preceded her in death.

Merlene was a true warrior of God. She had a love for all her children. Her heart and house were always welcoming for anyone. Merlene was loved by many.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory: two sons: Kenneth Burrows and Leslie Burrows Jr. both of Peoria, IL; seven daughters: Felicia (Larry) Burrows-Woods of Peoria, IL, Lesly (Ferrell) Robinson of Atlanta, GA, Valerie Burrows of Peoria, IL, Denise Burrows of Atlanta, GA, Ivy Irby of Peoria, IL, Latonya Irby of Peoria, IL, and Valerie (Larry) Toles of Peoria, IL; one sister Orlena "Sugar Baby" Draper of Huntsville, AL; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and several relatives who will miss her dearly.

In Addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her daughter Arnetta Smith, maternal and paternal grandparents, three sisters, and three brothers.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Friday, October 30, 2020 at T.W.

Parks Colonial Chapel (201 N. Mac Arthur Hwy Peoria, IL) at 11:00 a.m. with a public visitation commencing one-hour prior at 10:00 a.m. Pastor James Ware of Grace Apostolic Assembly Church will officiate. Due COVID-19 mandates

social distancing and masks are required.

Merlene will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery 914 S. Pleasant Street
Peoria, IL 61604

Cemetery Details

Lutheran

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

T W Parks Colonial Chapel
201 N. Macarthur Hwy.
Peoria, IL 61605
(309) 674-6323
<http://www.twparkscolonialchapel.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Mom you are truly missed. You are my forever first lady. Im already missing you terribly. We literally talk every day. Don't know what im going to do.. love u mom

Ivy Irby - October 31, 2020 at 09:48 AM

MP

“ Mancy Pittman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Merlene "Baby Sister" Burrows



Mancy Pittman - October 31, 2020 at 05:59 AM

LC

“ Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

larry c - October 30, 2020 at 08:10 PM

RP

“ To the Burrows Family sorry for your loss and May God's Angel's Wings spread around you all and bring you all comfort during this time of sorrow!! R.I.P. Ms. Burrows!!



Renee Linwood Peoria,IL. - October 30, 2020 at 03:54 PM



“ *In loving memory of Merlene we give our deepest condolences to the family and friends.
I met the lady for the first time she was so kind and joyful. May you R.I.P. lovely lady Amen.*

Juanita Montgomery - October 30, 2020 at 11:05 AM



May the trees we have planted in your name be strong and tall and live for years and years.

Juanita Montgomery - October 30, 2020 at 11:09 AM

WJ

“ *Our condolences goes out to all our family members, as we heal from the transitioning of Murlene "BabySiter" Burrows. To her children, Grand and Great Grand Children her spirit will always live in you.*

Cousins : Willie James McGee Jr and Yvette W. McGee

Willie McGee Jr - October 29, 2020 at 06:57 PM

JM

“ *R.I.H. Babysitter you are going to be missed, you were always such a happy go lucky person we use to love going over to your home playing with our cousin's. Love you all.
Janice Miles*



Janice Miles - October 29, 2020 at 06:24 PM

FB

“ To My dearest mother, I'm going to miss sitting with you and feeling the comfort of your love and presence. I'm going to miss you 🥹 until we meet in heaven Rest softly in Gods loving arms 🙏 Your daughter Felicia

Felicia Burrows-Woods - October 27, 2020 at 04:40 PM

RC

*Felicia, sending my prayers to you and your family during this time of loss. May you feel God's loving arms around you.
Rebecca Stone-Casey*

rebecca casey - October 30, 2020 at 01:39 AM