



## Ms. Eula Burns

December 12, 1932 - December 4, 2014

Eula Mae Octavia Shepherd Burns was born on December 12, 1932 to the late Lewis and Lottie Council Shepherd in Bear Grass, North Carolina. She was the second of four children that God blessed to their union.

Early in life she learned the importance of hard work and valued the benefits of having an education. Eula was the first on both sides of her family to earn a high school diploma and a college degree. She graduated with the Class of 1951 from Williamston Colored High School, known today as E.J. Hayes School in Williamston, North Carolina. She continued her educational journey pursuing a degree in Elementary Education from Elizabeth City Teacher's College. Before graduating Eula married her high school sweetheart, Artist "Duke" Burns in 1953. Into this union, six children were born. She later graduated with a BS degree from what is known today as Elizabeth City State University in 1957.

Eula taught at East End Elementary School for thirty-two years, chronicling photographs and activities of each class. During this tenure as an educator, Eula was diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. In 1976, doctors told her she six months to live, but... God had other plans. It was at that moment in time she promised God that if He would spare her life, she would completely dedicate her life to Him. With this promise and a new found purpose, her plight in life not only became educating individuals academically, but spiritually

as well. Even after retirement, her good works continued as she held regular Bible Studies with her children and grandchildren.

Eula was a devoted prayer warrior who enjoyed giving of herself unconditionally in more ways than one. She visited nursing homes, provided community service for the sick and shut-in as well as volunteered for the Martin County Board of Elections for over a decade. It was common place for Eula to show love, compassion, and kindness to all of those with whom she came in contact.

Eula was actively involved in her church and served several roles as a member at the House of Refuge. In addition to serving her church family, Eula was an active member in the Martin County United Senior Citizens Association.

Whether near or far, Eula enjoyed traveling. While she has traveled extensively to various states and other countries, her most memorable were three visits to the Holy Land. Her motivation for going each time was "I Just Wanted to Walk Where Jesus Walked".

Eula also devoted time to projects she held dear to her heart, one of which was studying and researching the Bible yearly. Each year began with Genesis and ended with the Book of Revelation. There are countless notes and highlights of these studies.

Another hobby was historical scrapbooking. She researched as well as collected magazine articles, newspaper clippings and pictures of sites and people within families and the community. With this she compiled numerous collections of historical events, family trees, and connections of the past with the present, most of which revealed the life journeys of many.

Mother Burns, as she was affectionately known, will be sorely missed, yet her spirit will live on in the hearts of many.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Artist "Duke" Burns and two sons, Ernie Burns and Artist "Ronie" Burns.

She leaves to cherish her memory; three sons, Daryal Burns, Ameche Burns (Gwen), all of Robersonville, NC, Gene Burns of Durham, NC; one daughter, LaBrena Burns of Durham, NC; a daughter-in-law, Bertha Burns; four grandchildren, Artist Tyrone Burns, Jr., Clarissa Burns Evans (Shaun), Providancia Burns, and Uri Burns; three great-grandchildren, Arianna Evans, Aleana Evans, and Qhamani Harrison; one brother-in-law, three sisters-in-laws, a dear friend for sixty-seven years Ms. Eva Ward, and a special cousin Mary Lucille Land, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Council Cemetery

14777 NC Hwy. 11  
Bethel, NC 27812

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

House of Refuge Church Ministries  
200 W. Academy Street  
Robersonville, NC 27871

## Service

DEC 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

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200 W. Academy Street  
Robersonville, NC 27871

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Eula Burns*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Cynthia Cherry Lovick lit a candle in memory of Ms. Eula Burns*



**Cynthia Cherry Lovick** - June 01, 2015 at 09:48 AM



*Another Council Family Member Jewel Is lighting up the sky. I will truly missing seeing and being with her at various family gatherings.*

**Cynthia Cherry Lovick** - June 01, 2015 at 09:50 AM



“ *May God continue to bless your family and keep you safe.  
From Sandra, Dale and Bryson Bunns*



*3811 Eaves Lane  
Bowie, MD 2071*

**Sandra Bunns** - March 08, 2015 at 10:43 PM

JY

“ *James "Boot" Yarrell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Eula Burns*



James "Boot" Yarrell - December 27, 2014 at 10:44 AM

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“ *My Prayers and Thoughts are with you Labrena and your family.*

*Tonette H. McNeil*

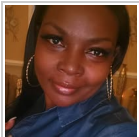
Tonette McNeil (Hudgins) - December 15, 2014 at 09:43 AM

TM

“ *Tonette Hudgins McNeil lit a candle in memory of Ms. Eula Burns*



Tonette Hudgins McNeil - December 15, 2014 at 09:37 AM



“ *Such a sweet lady.... she was my 3rd grade teacher and my favorite..... now she's teaching the lil Angels in Heaven*



Trisha Williams - December 12, 2014 at 07:04 PM

JO

“Ameche, my prayer is that you and your family will find comfort in the memories of your mother. and hold them forever close in your hearts.



Juanita D. Oates - December 11, 2014 at 05:18 PM

DP

“I'm sorry for your lost, but our prayers are with you all. 🙏  
Josephine Paige & Family



Danyell Paige - December 11, 2014 at 03:14 PM

DL

“Debora D. Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Ms. Eula Burns



Debora D. Lloyd - December 10, 2014 at 08:37 PM

DL

Mrs. Eula Burns was a kind and gentle person. Mrs. Burns had a beautiful smile. I'm sure God who created her, realized how special she was and how much she loved Him. May her spirit experience celestial peace and heavenly bliss. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Debora D. Lloyd - December 10, 2014 at 08:43 PM

DL

“ *Debora D. Lloud lit a candle in memory of Ms. Eula Burns*



Debora D. Lloud - December 10, 2014 at 08:34 PM

TF

“ *The McQueen Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Eula Burns*



The McQueen Family - December 10, 2014 at 01:27 PM

TF

*Correction: The McQueen Family*

The McQueen Family - December 10, 2014 at 01:27 PM

QI

“ *I would like to let Gene Burns and Labrena Burns know that I am truly sorry for their loss. And may GOD see you all through this time of bereavement. Think on GOD and all will be WELL!*



Qiana - December 10, 2014 at 10:31 AM

WM

“ *Wilburay Dancy McNeill lit a candle in memory of Ms. Eula Burns*



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**Wilburay Dancy McNeill** - December 09, 2014 at 07:53 PM



“ *K lit a candle in memory of Ms. Eula Burns*



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**K** - December 09, 2014 at 01:01 PM

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“ *Amy Marshall-Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Eula Burns*



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**Amy Marshall-Brown** - December 09, 2014 at 09:27 AM



“ *Barbara So Bless Matthewson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Eula Burns*



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**Barbara So Bless Matthewson** - December 06, 2014 at 11:19 AM



“ *My prayers goes out to the entire Burns family.*  
*Barbara Peele's-Matthewson*

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**Barbara So Bless Matthewson** - December 06, 2014 at 11:18 AM