



Mr. Gene Alton Burns

August 2, 1940 - March 2, 2022

Gene Alton Burns was born on August 2, 1940, to the late Willie Burns and Nolie Little Burns. He departed this life on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at Vidant Edgecombe Hospital in Tarboro, NC. He was the youngest of seven children who preceded him in death, Mary "Sis" Grimes (Ned), Artist "Duke" Burns (Eula), Willie "Buddy" Burns (Vernell), Johnny Burns (Janie), Garland Burns (Hattie) and Delores "Polly" Congleton Purvis (Arthur).

Left with special memories of his life are three children, Brenda Lawrence (Donnell) of Williamston, NC; two sons, Dexter Jones of Robersonville, NC and Larry Daniel of Robersonville, NC; four step children, Betty Harrison (Henry) of Rocky Mount, NC, Janet Daniels (Donnell) of Rocky Mount, NC, Brenda Bell (Jerome) of Pinetops, NC, and Charlie Dickens III (Carol) of Rocky Mount NC; god-daughter, Deborah Battle (Chris) of Robersonville, NC; a bonus daughter, Cynthia Carr (Ray) of Robersonville, NC; three granddaughters, Patrice (Everett), Courtney, SurRayyah; two grandsons, Eddicus "DC" and Jeffrey; six great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.

Alton spent most of his early years between Martin and Pitt Counties. Shortly after leaving Martin County Schools, Alton moved to New Jersey. However, longing to be closer to his roots, he returned home and later married Ida Mae Daniels. Through this union, they were blessed with a daughter, Brenda, whom he lovingly nicknamed, "Cookie". During this time, he was an employee of Robersonville Products. He was also an active member at Rock Hill

Missionary Baptist Church and later held the office of Deacon. After a period of transitioning, he relocated to Tarboro, North Carolina. While in Tarboro, he became an employee of Carlisle Plastics in Battleboro, NC until retirement. During this time, he also met and married Marjorie Dickens who preceded him in death. After Marjorie's death, Alton moved in with his daughter and son-in-law where he remained until his untimely passing. He truly believed in the value of family and was happiest whenever he was around his family, especially his daughter. It was common for Alton to reflect on the adventures of his brothers and sisters from his youth. Those stories ranged from working in the tobacco fields, dating, trading identifications to simply having a good joke. His love for his family continued to shine brightly as he would share humorous stories of them and himself even into their older ages. Because of his upbringing, love for people and his genuineness, he had a natural talent for getting people to talk, laugh and be themselves around him. Alton had a way that cannot be imitated and a laugh that cannot be duplicated. He touched so many people's lives and would do whatever to help. He loved, was loved and will truly be missed by many.

Cemetery Details

Robersonville Memorial Gardens

2418 C.L. Keel Road
Robersonville, NC 27871

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 12. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations Chapel
304 West Liberty Street
Williamston, NC 27892

Celebration of Life Service

MAR 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

Roberson Baptist Church
305 Cochran Street
Robersonville, NC 27871

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Gene Alton Burns*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Lorraine Brown Pitt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Alton Burns*



Lorraine Brown Pitt - March 22, 2022 at 11:12 AM



“ *Praying for strength for the family*



Lou Gladys Bland - March 13, 2022 at 03:16 PM



“ *CONDOLENCES FROM THE PURVIS FAMILY*



SYLVIA PURVIS - March 12, 2022 at 06:01 PM



“ *Barbara Baker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Alton Burns*



Barbara Baker - March 11, 2022 at 03:33 PM

SP

“ *Sarah Pritchard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Alton Burns*



Sarah Pritchard - March 11, 2022 at 09:37 AM

MS

“ *Mrs. Pritchard - SHMBC lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Alton Burns*



Mrs. Pritchard - SHMBC - March 11, 2022 at 09:36 AM

RB

“ *Praying for the family and friends at this difficult time my sincere condolences to all of you may your loved one R.I.P Oscar Bland &family* 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏



Renee Bland-Hyman - March 10, 2022 at 12:41 PM

KP

“ *Kay Peele lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Alton Burns*



Kay Peele - March 09, 2022 at 09:00 PM

GB

“ *MY SINCEREST CONDOLENCES 2 THE ENTIRE FAMILY. I AM SO SORRY.*



Gwen Bland - March 09, 2022 at 08:05 PM

AH

“ *AUDREINEE HARVEY-TYSON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Alton Burns*



AUDREINEE HARVEY-TYSON - March 09, 2022 at 12:55 PM

JB

“ *Praying for God strength and comfort.*



Julie Bunn - March 09, 2022 at 10:06 AM

MC

“ *RIP Cousin Alton. I will miss your smile, laughter and Christmas and New Year phone calls. I sure will miss seeing you and laughing at Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.* ❤️

Monica Crawford - March 07, 2022 at 12:24 PM

JB

“ *Judy Bunns lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Alton Burns*



Judy Bunns - March 07, 2022 at 08:45 AM

RB

“ *Rena Bunns lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Alton Burns*



Rena Bunns - March 06, 2022 at 08:35 PM

RB

“ *Glad we had the opportunity to talk the other week... Could not tell by the smile on your face that you would not be here with us today...Rest in Peace cousin... 🙏❤️*

BLESSINGS - Rena Bunns

Rena Bunns - March 06, 2022 at 08:33 PM

BP

“ *Brenda Purvis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Alton Burns*



Brenda Purvis - March 05, 2022 at 11:24 AM

RK

“ *Condolences from Peggie Joyce Mizelle Kearney and Family*

Roderick e kearney - March 05, 2022 at 09:14 AM

RF

“ *Rev.Milton& Delorse Staton & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Alton Burns*



Rev.Milton& Delorse Staton & Family - March 05, 2022 at 02:17 AM

JB

“ *Jeanette Bunn@Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Alton Burns*



Jeanette Bunn@Family - March 05, 2022 at 02:05 AM

HD

“ *Brenda, you and Larry have my deepest sympathy. I was so sorry to hear about the passing of Alton. I pray the Lord continues to strengthen you all at this time.* ”



Hazel Brown Davis - March 05, 2022 at 01:21 AM

JM

“ *Johnnie E Mizelle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Alton Burns* ”



Johnnie E Mizelle - March 04, 2022 at 10:45 PM

RR

“ *May the light from the Light house shine on the Burns family.* ”



Ruth Randolph - March 04, 2022 at 09:05 PM

BU

“ *Butch, Jerry, Ray, Judy, Ruth & Julia Congleton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Alton Burns* ”



Butch, Jerry, Ray, Judy, Ruth & Julia Congleton - March 04, 2022 at 08:31 PM

CC

“ *Carlton Clemons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Alton Burns*



Carlton Clemons - March 04, 2022 at 07:05 PM

DA

“ *Donnie Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Alton Burns*



Donnie Andrews - March 04, 2022 at 03:08 PM

EH

“ *May Jesus Christ Continues To Comfort And Strengthen The Family.*



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - March 04, 2022 at 07:30 AM

LI

“ *We are sorry for your loss!
Praying for the family!
The Family of William(Pool) and Barbara Stancil*

LisaSPerkins - March 03, 2022 at 05:46 PM

ZB

“ Zachary Bunns lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Alton Burns



Zachary Bunns - March 03, 2022 at 12:39 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - March 03, 2022 at 11:29 AM