



Mrs. Dorothy Strickland Burton

September 14, 1935 - April 21, 2026

Mrs. Dorothy M. Burton was born September 14, 1935, in Lee County, Alabama. Her parents, the late Cledies Strickland and Mary George Strickland, celebrated her arrival. At an early age, she accepted Christ and joined St. Paul A.M.E. Church. She was a faithful member. July 1st 1951, was a glorious day for her. She entered into holy matrimony with the love of her life, Rev. Frank Burton. This day introduced a new time and a new beginning in her life. While actively serving at St. Paul A.M.E, she was a member of the Stewardess, Missionary, and Usher boards.

She traveled faithfully with her husband, the deceased Rev. Frank Burton, as he pastored several ministries throughout their marriage. Her dedication and commitment to being a minister's wife showed servant leadership throughout. She took great joy in chairing many programs at various churches, including St. Paul A.M.E

Departing from the life before her, her parents. Her beloved husband, Reverend Frank Burton; siblings: brother Carnell Strickland, sister Betty G. Alvis, brother Larry Strickland, son-in-law Charlie W. Nunn, brother-in-law Daniel Gibson, and sister-in-law Janyce Strickland.

There comes a time in every life when we must leave those we love and give an account of our journey. Mrs. Dorothy Burton was a faithful servant, an

incredible mother, a loving grandmother, and a great-grandmother. She was called home to be with the Lord on April 21, 2026.

As she enters her Heavenly home, her Creator and Lord, she leaves behind her four children, several grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, all of whom loved and cherished her dearly. Her legacy of faith, love, and service continues to live on and in each of their hearts.

Mrs. Dorothy M. Burton leaves to cherish her life four caring children Frankie (Clarence) Callaway of Atlanta Ga, Cynthia Nunn, Edna (Eddie) Dowdell, and Kenneth (Vanessa) Burton, all of Opelika, AL; nine precious grandchildren, Clarence (Jodye Rowe) Callaway Jr., Torie (Kyle) Benjamin, Keylon (Bree) Callaway all of Atlanta, Ga, Keon (India) Burton, Chasica (David) Moore, Etoya Dowdell, Vanise (Bruce) Berry, Ecameron Dowdell, and Cordero Nunn all of Opelika, AL. Fifteen great-grandchildren, Kaiden Dowdell, Gabriel Moore, Keona Lyles, Kenneth Burton (KB), Kendall Berry, Jonah Moore, Italy Slaughter, Omarion Berry, all of Opelika, AL. Clarence Callaway III, Savannah Callaway, Kori Benjamin, Kaylen Callaway, Kingston Benjamin, Keylon A. Callaway, of Atlanta, GA, and Isis Benjamin of Florida.

She leaves several siblings, James Strickland of Dublin, GA; Reggie (Priscilla) Strickland of Auburn, AL.; Johnnie Gibson; and Laretta Ross, of Opelika, AL.; two sister-in-laws, Doris Strickland and Jeanette Burton, of Opelika, AL.; and a host of close nieces and nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Garden Hills Cemetery

1218 Frederick Road
Opelika, AL 36801

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 24. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Peterson and Williams Funeral Home
1016 McCoy Street
Opelika, AL 36801
(334) 745-6473
pw1016mccoy@hotmail.com

Lie in state

APR 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul A.M.E. Church
713 Powledge Ave
Opelika, AL 36801

Service

APR 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

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713 Powledge Ave
Opelika, AL 36801

Tribute Wall



“ Peterson and Williams Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Strickland Burton



Peterson and Williams Funeral Home - April 24 at 02:42 PM

LL

My condolences to the family 🙏

Lottie Lockhart - April 24 at 03:22 PM

DT

My heart is truly heavy as I write this. To the Burton family, please know that you are surrounded by so much love during this difficult time. There are no perfect words that can take away the pain, but I pray that you find comfort in the beautiful memories, the love you shared, and the strength that lives within your family.

May God wrap His arms around each of you and give you peace that surpasses all understanding. Lean on one another, hold tight to your faith, and know that you are not alone. I am keeping you lifted in prayer and sending my deepest, most heartfelt condolences.

*With love and sympathy,
Denise Edwards*

Denise Edwards from Dallas, Texas - April 24 at 05:40 PM

TF

Sending sincere condolences to the Burton and Strickland families. May God provide comfort, healing, peace, and strength during this difficult time

Theodora Flowers - April 27 at 06:25 PM

LG

*Frankie, Cynthia, Edna and Ken, We send prayers of comfort, healing and protection during your time of grief.
Larry Gray and Family.*

Larry Gray - April 28 at 04:20 PM

SU

“ *Prayers and condolences to the family. May God's comfort continue to surround you as you go through this trying time 🙏🕯️*

Suzanne - April 25 at 12:29 PM

TH

“ *My sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your sister Dorothy. May God continue to bless you and give comfort to you and your family. Thomasine Hicks*



Thomasine Hicks - April 24 at 04:34 PM

RB

“ *The Berry Family extends
Our heartfelt sympathy during
this difficult time, May God's
Love and The comfort of Family
and Friend's sustain you .
While "her music has stopped,
Her melody will play on in the heart's
Of those who loved and cherished her
And all those fortunately enough to have been graced by her
presence*



Love Lamar & Ruby Berry

Ruby Berry - April 24 at 03:21 PM



“ 31 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Peterson and Williams Funeral Home - April 24 at 02:26 PM

SH

I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of Ms. Dorothy S. Burton. May the Lord Bless and keep the family at peace. Sending prayers, condolences, hugs and kisses your way. Love you all, Shunta Collins Hill & Family

Shunta Collins Hill - April 25 at 12:20 PM

JP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



James W Strickland, PhD - April 24 at 01:17 PM

SP

“ *Sylvia Pinkard lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Burton*



Sylvia Pinkard - April 24 at 11:57 AM

JS

“ *For my Dear sister Dorothy,
From the moment we were little, living on what was once 1529 Avenue A, now West Street, we grew up wrapped in the warmth of our loving parents and the laughter of our siblings. You and Carnell were my first friends, my confidantes, and a constant source of light in every season of life. I'm grateful for every shared laughter, every silly moment, and every quiet hug that spoke louder than words.*



Though you're no longer here with us in person, your spirit will brighten my days. I carry your kindness, your strength, and your gentle love in my heart, and I promise to honor you by living with the same grace you showed us all. I will miss you more than words can say, and I'll hold onto the memory of our childhood joys, the lessons you taught me, and the unbreakable bond we shared as brother and sister.

Rest peacefully, Big Sis. Until we meet again, you will always be cherished, forever loved, and forever a part of my soul.

With all my love, James

James Strickland - April 24 at 11:57 AM

KC

“ Kenneth and Marcia Curry purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Strickland Burton.



Kenneth and Marcia Curry - April 24 at 11:55 AM

KC

“ Kenneth and Marcia Curry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Dorothy Strickland Burton.

Kenneth and Marcia Curry - April 24 at 11:55 AM

SM

“ Sherrie & Gregory Holloway & Myles purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Strickland Burton.



Sherrie & Gregory Holloway & Myles - April 24 at 12:55 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Strickland Burton.



April 23 at 10:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Strickland Burton.



April 23 at 04:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Dorothy Strickland Burton.

April 23 at 04:20 PM



“ *Tray Holloway* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Strickland Burton.



Tray Holloway - April 23 at 02:55 PM



“ *Tray Holloway* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Dorothy Strickland Burton.

Tray Holloway - April 23 at 02:55 PM

JJ

“ Jeffrey and Lisa Jones purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Strickland Burton.



Jeffrey and Lisa Jones - April 23 at 02:07 PM

LB

“ Love Doris ,Sidra, Maurice & Brailyn purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Strickland Burton.



Love Doris ,Sidra, Maurice & Brailyn - April 23 at 12:43 PM

LB

“ Love Doris ,Sidra, Maurice & Brailyn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Dorothy Strickland Burton.

Love Doris ,Sidra, Maurice & Brailyn - April 23 at 12:43 PM

SF

“ Shirley Pruitt Frazier lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Burton



Shirley Pruitt Frazier - April 23 at 12:08 PM

LF

“ Larry Fraizer lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Burton



Larry Fraizer - April 23 at 11:25 AM

RS

“ Reggie & Priscilla Strickland purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Strickland Burton.



Reggie & Priscilla Strickland - April 23 at 08:34 AM

RS

“ Reggie & Priscilla Strickland planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Dorothy Strickland Burton.

Reggie & Priscilla Strickland - April 23 at 08:34 AM

BR

“ Brother James, Richie and Roderick purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Dorothy Strickland Burton.



Brother James, Richie and Roderick - April 22 at 11:54 PM