



Mrs. Evelyn Elaine Burton

June 30, 1952 - February 13, 2025

Evelyn Elaine Summers Burton's life journey began on June 30, 1952, at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Her parents, the late Malachi and Eula (Eulalia) Burt-Summers, and brother Lamar Burt welcomed her into the family. Elaine dedicated her life to Christ at an early age and joined St. Luke A.M.E. Church. As a humble servant, her commitment led her to serving in many capacities including Christian Education Director, Musician, founding member of the Gospel Choir, Church School Teacher, Church Historian, Steward Board Member, Church Secretary, Member of the Finance Committee, Food Pantry Ministry, Church Communications Director, Women's Missionary Society (WMS), and Young People's and Children's Division Director. Prior to her health challenges, Elaine served as the President of the Northeast Alabama Conference Women's Missionary Society. Elaine was a member of the 1970 graduating class of J.W. Darden High School. She was a proud alumna and served as Alumni Association President for several years and was a board member of the J.W. Darden Alumni Foundation. Upon graduation, she attended Tuskegee Institute and Auburn University, where she earned her bachelor's and

master's degrees in
education.

While attending Auburn University, she became a member of Delta Sigma
Theta Sorority, Inc.,
Kappa Upsilon Chapter on February 8, 1976. She was number 2 on the
“Fulfillingness: Fourth
Finale” line. She then became a member of the Auburn Alumnae Chapter of
Delta Sigma Theta
Sorority, Inc., where her vibrant energy and eloquent public speaking skills
often facilitated
chapter events. Elaine served on various committees, but her passion was
serving as chair of
the Arts and Letters Committee. There, as an avid reader, she led book clubs,
red-carpet movie
premieres, and author meet-and-greets.

Elaine's professional career began at Valley Haven School. She continued to
enhance the
education of young people at Smith Station High School in Alabama and then
at Kendrick High
School in Columbus, Georgia.

Elaine loved serving her community as a member of the Opelika Historic
Preservation
Commission, Lee County Chapter of NAACP, Opelika Envision Character
Council, Lee County

Education Association, and Lee County Tuskegee Alumni Club,
Elaine departed this life on Thursday, February 13, 2025, surrounded by her
loved ones.

Elaine leaves many loved ones to cherish memories of her life including her
loving and devoted
children Nia (Thaddeus) Thompson of Montgomery, Alabama, and Charles
Ashton Burton, of

Denver, Colorado; two grandchildren, Thaddeus K. Thompson Jr. and Braylon K. Thompson;
one brother, Lamar Burt of Bowie, Maryland; two devoted nieces, Fran Elaine Burt of Bowie,
Maryland and Janeula Marshall Burt of Washington, D.C; an adoring nephew,
Lamar Adetunji
Burt of Smyrna, Georgia. She shared a special relationship with her great-nephew Arrington
Malik Burt; a special, longtime sisterhood of friends, “The Golden Girls,” Linda Summers,
Gwendolyn Mitchell, Shirley Lilly and Lillie King; “The Village Kids;” St. Luke A.M.E. Church
family; as well as a host of other relatives and friends

The Auburn Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. will conduct the Omega Omega service for their beloved sister, Elaine Summers Burton on Wednesday, February 19th at 6pm. Sorority members are asked to wear black no pants. This service is open to the public.

Cemetery Details

Rosemere Cemetery

Long Street
Opelika, AL 36801

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 19. 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

FEB 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Luke A.M.E. Church
1308 Auburn Street
Opelika, AL 36801

Service

FEB 20. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

EF

“ Our deepest condolences go to the family of Elaine Burton. May God bless your family with peace, love and strength to help you get through this difficult time. Please keep in mind, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. God Bless!

*Eddie and Rebecca Flakes
Las Vegas, NV*



Eddie and Rebecca Flakes - February 19, 2025 at 08:35 PM

BM

“ I remember her with smile and her laugh and attitude she was a nice teacher she was mom to her students she will be missed but ever forgotten my condolences to her children's may god be with y'all love you always Mrs Burton RIH from Laskesha Morgan ❤️❤️
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Brandi Morgan - February 19, 2025 at 06:58 PM



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

February 19, 2025 at 05:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Evelyn Elaine Burton.*



February 19, 2025 at 05:22 PM



“ *37 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Peterson and Williams Funeral Home - February 19, 2025 at 04:10 PM



Rest Well Soror Elaine! Sincere Condolences to the family and to all who Loved her.

Jan Jem - February 19, 2025 at 08:31 PM

DM

“ *Nia and Ashton, please accept our heartfelt condolences on the passing of your mother. Her love and guidance will forever be a part of you and Ashton, and her memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew her. Our deepest thoughts and prayers are with your family -Delki Mitchell-Cooks & Family*



Delki MitchellCooks - February 19, 2025 at 03:16 PM

JC

“ *The memories we created at St. Luke will be with me forever. Thank you for all your poured into me, the church, and the community. Heaven has truly gained another Angel*

Johnathan Collins - February 19, 2025 at 11:18 AM

PW

“ *Presiding Elder Letitia Watford planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Evelyn Elaine Burton.*

Presiding Elder Letitia Watford - February 18, 2025 at 03:50 PM

PW

“ *Presiding Elder Letitia Watford purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Evelyn Elaine Burton.*



Presiding Elder Letitia Watford - February 18, 2025 at 03:50 PM

CT

“ So,so sorry to hear that my cousin Elaine is with the angels in heaven now. The last time I saw her was at one of the reunions, years ago. She was just a lovely person, and she carried herself in such a dignified manner, that you would have to love her ❤️💕❤️. So long, but not goodbye. I know that we will have that final reunion in heaven. Rest in peace 🙏 Princess 🤗😭💔 love always Clarence Taylor and the girls. Hodges sc

Clarence Taylor - February 18, 2025 at 03:27 PM



“ Elaine, I have already missed you terribly. This one right here just did not set well with me. I know I will miss you at this year's 55th Class Reunion. We talked about it the last time I saw you. Rest easy my friend.



Sylvia Bee - February 18, 2025 at 03:23 PM



“ Sylvia Bee lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Burton



Sylvia Bee - February 18, 2025 at 03:20 PM

PS

“ Patricia Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Evelyn Burton



Patricia Smith - February 18, 2025 at 12:30 PM

RS

“ We are saddened to hear of the passing of our Dear Friend Elaine Burton. I will never forget your beautiful smile when we met. We are praying for comfort and peace for the Burton Family during this difficult time. Please accept our deepest condolences. Reggie and Priscilla Strickland



Reggie Strickland - February 18, 2025 at 09:00 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Evelyn Elaine Burton.



February 18, 2025 at 07:27 AM



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

February 18, 2025 at 07:27 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Evelyn Elaine Burton.



February 17, 2025 at 10:34 PM



“ No words can describe how very sorry I am for the loss of your loved one. My sincere condolences to the Burton Family!



Ruby James - February 17, 2025 at 10:31 PM



“ Adele Holmes Wi lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Elaine Burton



Adele Holmes Wi - February 17, 2025 at 06:57 PM



“ Praying for the family 🙏



Jennifer Jones Lowman - February 17, 2025 at 04:08 PM



“ Hattie A Randall lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Burton



Hattie A Randall - February 17, 2025 at 12:01 PM

JJ

“ *Janice Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Elaine Burton*



Janice Jordan - February 17, 2025 at 05:55 AM

BM

“ *She was one of best teachers I ever had she was my high school teacher I will always remember she laugh and love care for her students she will always make you laugh I will miss her love you Mrs Burton RIH my condolences to her family may god be y'all*

Brandi Morgan - February 16, 2025 at 09:49 PM

UM

*Nothing I can say will take away the pain you are experiencing. Just want you to know that we care about you and share in your sadness.
Love,
Uncle Carey and Auntie Mary*

Uncle Carey and Auntie Mary - February 17, 2025 at 08:48 PM

KR

“ *Kathy Metcalfe and Howard Rosenfeld purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Evelyn Elaine Burton.*



Kathy Metcalfe and Howard Rosenfeld - February 16, 2025 at 08:16 PM

FC

“ Frankie & Clarence Callaway planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Evelyn Elaine Burton.

Frankie & Clarence Callaway - February 16, 2025 at 08:07 PM

FC

“ Frankie & Clarence Callaway purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Evelyn Elaine Burton.



Frankie & Clarence Callaway - February 16, 2025 at 08:07 PM

DS

“ My heart goes out to the families of Elaine during these somber times. Elaine was a little girl who oftentimes accompanied her dad on his Insurance Policy route. That's where we met. She was a true working member of St Luke AME Church and the Darden Reunion Committee. She has earned her Reward and for that, she has moved into the Lord's House.

Dr. James W. Strickland - February 16, 2025 at 05:14 PM

BN

Our sincere condolences to our family, Elaine will be missed by so many.

Burton, Dowdell and Nunn - February 17, 2025 at 03:46 PM

MM

My sincere condolences in the loss of the family's love one, a dear friend from the moment I first met her, sweet Elaine. Such a lingering blossom to my soul. Never shall forget this DST4LIFE Sistah. Rest in Paradise sweet sweet.

Mary Moore - February 19, 2025 at 11:41 PM

JS

“ Jordan Metcalfe and Dan Snider purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Evelyn Elaine Burton.



Jordan Metcalfe and Dan Snider - February 16, 2025 at 05:10 PM

CM

“ My condolences and prayers for the family!
Elaine will be missed 🙏🌹❤️



Carolyn Burton McCurdy - February 16, 2025 at 04:02 PM

CM

“ Prayers and my condolences for the family.
Elaine will be missed ❤️🌹🙏



Carolyn McCurdy - February 16, 2025 at 02:44 PM