



Mrs. Mildred (Lee) Burke

July 22, 1925 - December 8, 2021

UTICA - Mildred (Lee) Burke, born July 22, 1925, daughter of Humber Lee and Ludie Bass Lee, departed this life December 8, 2021, to take her place in her Heavenly home where her room was prepared for her. "Let not your heart be troubled ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house are many mansions if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." King James Version John 14: 1-3.

Mother Burke came to Utica, NY January 1, 1953, and was a faithful and devoted member of St. Paul's Baptist Church. She was the Church Clerk, Superintendent of Sunday School, Director of the Junior Choir, President and Director of the Gospel Chorus and Assistant Sunday School Teacher.

Mother Burke leaves her husband of 66 years, George E. Burke; son, Milton Boddie (Connie) of Utica, NY; step-sons, Joe Howard (Hollis) of Georgia, and Darryl Burke of Arkansas; sister-in-law, Mrs. Gladys Burke of Rochester NY; grandchildren, Brian, Shannon, Milton Jr., Marcus, Markese, Mary, Joe Howard Jr., Donna, and Anita; great-grandchildren, Janatene, Siane, Marcus Jr., Khalil, Sarai, Daniel, Samantha, Ryan, Karimah, Jada, Brian Jr., Raven, and Brianna; special nieces, Debbie, Brenda, Maria who she raised as her own, and Virginia; God children, Paula Workman, Edwina Bowens, Dale Garrett, Marsha Williams, and George Walker Jr.; best friend of 54 years, Peg Waterman; and close friend, Pearlene McLeod.

Mother Burke was predeceased by her siblings, Johnnie Lee, Eloise, Mary Helen, Herman, Delores, and James Edward.

Visitation will be held Wednesday morning, December 15, 2021 from 10:30-11:30 at St. Paul's Baptist Church, 219 Leah St, Utica. Mildred's funeral and Home Going service will commence on Wednesday at 12:00 noon at the church followed by graveside interment in Forest Hill Cemetery. Regardless of vaccination status, face masks are required, to remain in compliance with the county mask order.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida St
Utica, NY 13501-6006
(315) 735-2701

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **15**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Baptist Church
219 Leah Street
Utica, NY

Home Going Service

DEC **15**. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Baptist Church
219 Leah Street
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall

CO

“ *To Shannon sorry I can't be there physically, but I am with you spiritually. Love always*
Corrine



Corrine - December 15, 2021 at 11:28 AM

KL

“ *From the time I received the call last week about Aunt Mildred's transition to this morning, I've had one consistent thought. I don't have one negative thought, word or experience regarding my Aunt. She was always encouraging, loving and true with you. While I'm sad her physical presence is gone, I rejoice that I know she is sitting at the right hand of Our Lord. I will look to her to continue to help guide me thru this life. We all love you Aunt Mildred. Rest Well... You Served The Lord Faithfully...*

Kamala & Vincent Lee

Kamala Lee - December 15, 2021 at 10:38 AM

TW

“ *Love you Aunt Mildred from the Waltons*



Terrill Walton - December 14, 2021 at 07:01 PM

RM

“ *Deepest condolences To The Entire Family.*



Rochelle Moore-Nichols - December 14, 2021 at 11:29 AM

DD

“ *Aunt Mildred was a beautiful lady, inside and out. My memories of her bring smiles to my face. Rest in Peace, lovely lady. Deborah (Debbie) Lewis Davidson*



Deborah L Davidson - December 14, 2021 at 10:05 AM

EJ

*Mildred and George were like second parents to me. Both was at my wedding in Rochester NY. Visited them every year.RIP
Ernest Lofton*

Ernest Lofton Jr - April 06, 2022 at 10:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mildred (Lee) Burke.*



December 14, 2021 at 09:37 AM

LM

“ Sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs. Burke.

We are praying for you and with you Bodie, Connie and Family,

Love Lois, Corrine and Robert Murphy.



Lois Murphy - December 13, 2021 at 11:54 PM

GS

“ Grandkids of Eloise Lee Smith purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Mildred (Lee) Burke.



Grandkids of Eloise Lee Smith - December 13, 2021 at 10:20 PM

CB

“ Forever in my heart. I love you Aunt Mil.

Carolyn Moore Bivens - December 13, 2021 at 07:18 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mildred (Lee) Burke.



December 13, 2021 at 06:26 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mildred (Lee) Burke.*



December 13, 2021 at 06:14 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to the Burke family...The Rucker Family...*



Vanessa Rucker - December 13, 2021 at 12:29 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mildred (Lee) Burke.*



December 13, 2021 at 09:06 AM



“ *To My Godmother
You will be greatly missed. Always had class where ever she went.
My condolences to the Burke family. Rest in Peace GMama.
Your God daughter
Marcia Williams Bonner.*

Marcia Williams Bonner - December 13, 2021 at 08:58 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mildred (Lee) Burke.*



December 13, 2021 at 08:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mildred (Lee) Burke.*



December 13, 2021 at 07:57 AM



“ *Aunt Mildred will be sorely missed. My sincere condolences to Uncle George and the entire family.*

Wanda L. Bass Manning - December 12, 2021 at 08:07 PM



“ *Mrs Burke's smile would always light up the room! We visited her after my brother Harv died and learned she made all her clothes. Just a gentle spirit full of joy! Prayer up to Milt and Connie. May she rest in peace.*

Steve Bowens - December 12, 2021 at 03:28 PM

KL

“ Kamala D. & Vincent O. Lee purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Mildred (Lee) Burke.



Kamala D. & Vincent O. Lee - December 12, 2021 at 02:58 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mildred (Lee) Burke.



December 12, 2021 at 01:29 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mildred (Lee) Burke.



December 11, 2021 at 10:36 PM

VF

“ Valerie Bass-Green and Family purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Mrs. Mildred (Lee) Burke.



Valerie Bass-Green and Family - December 11, 2021 at 09:21 PM

DW

“ Milton and family. So sorry for your loss. Ms. Mildred was a beautiful lady. Condolences to the families 🙏❤️



Dawn Winston - December 11, 2021 at 08:43 PM

RG

To the family of Mrs. Burke, know that she truly has passed from labor to her well deserved reward. She loved the Lord and lived her life for Him. She will be greatly missed by us, but we will see her in the morning. 🙏
Rev. & Mrs. J.L. Griffin

Rev. J.L. Griffin - December 13, 2021 at 02:40 PM

PJ

A class act all the way around.

Patrick Johnson - December 14, 2021 at 11:07 AM

FL

“ From Bill and Ann Lee purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Mildred (Lee) Burke.



From Bill and Ann Lee - December 11, 2021 at 06:41 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mildred (Lee) Burke.



December 11, 2021 at 05:32 PM

BH

“ Sending condolences and prayer to George Burke and the family. Mom Mildred was a beautiful lady inside and out. God has added another angel in His heavenly home.
Brenda Burke Hines

Brenda Hines - December 11, 2021 at 04:49 PM

DT

“ Praying for Strength and Comfort for the Family. She was a Pillar at St. Paul she will be truly missed.

Diane Tanner - December 11, 2021 at 11:00 AM

RW

“ Sending my condolences to the Burke family. Mrs. Burke leaves a wonderful legacy, not only with her family, but also with the hundreds of lives she touched leading the St. Paul's Baptist Church Sunday School and numerous youth activities. She was a living example of a Proverbs 31 woman. I am grateful to be counted amongst the many whose lives touched by her generous spirit!

Robyn De Wees - December 11, 2021 at 10:03 AM

RF

“ Sorry for the loss of your love one! Rose Pearson- Simmons & Family



Rose Pearson-Simmons & Family - December 11, 2021 at 12:45 AM

SJ

“ I will miss Mrs. Burke I grew up in St. Paul's with her as one of the women of St. Paul's she was a friend to my mother and my whole family, she will be truly missed. ❤️❤️🙏🙏

Sharon Kay Guilford Jones - December 10, 2021 at 11:09 PM

BF

“ What a beautiful women of God and big part of my life. A life well lived. You will be missed. Condolences to the family and St. Paul's Baptist Church.

Brenda Fudge - December 10, 2021 at 11:00 PM

BF

“ Brenda Fudge lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mildred (Lee) Burke



Brenda Fudge - December 10, 2021 at 10:57 PM

KV

“ Karl, Veverlyn and The Lees of Virginia purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Mildred (Lee) Burke.



Karl, Veverlyn and The Lees of Virginia - December 10, 2021 at 10:06 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mildred (Lee) Burke.*



December 10, 2021 at 09:50 PM



“ *The family are in our deepest thoughts and prayers.*

Keith and Angela Webb, Memphis Tn - December 10, 2021 at 08:01 PM



“ *Sending condolences to my to my cousin and their families in losing Mrs Burke.
May the Mercy of GOD be upon her.
Kendel ❤️*

Asiyah - December 10, 2021 at 07:28 PM



“ *Love you MOM*

Connie Boddie - December 10, 2021 at 07:08 PM



Sleep in Peace Queen ❤️

Nadiyra Boddie - December 10, 2021 at 07:13 PM

VD

To the family of Mrs. Mildred Burke,

Oh what fond memories we have of cousin Mildred! I remember Cousin Mildred, Cousin George, Milton and Ria visiting us when we lived in Buffalo, New York and in later years her summer visits to Alabama and Georgia.

Thank you father above for sending her to the Lee family and allowing us to see what grace and dignity looks like.

Cousin Milton, Connie and family "Weeping endures for a night but joy comes in the morning" and know we are lifting you in prayer as you mourn the loss of your mother.

Vickey, Shuron and Roderick Drew,

Cousins and children of the late Alonza and Catherine Lee Drew

Vickey Drew - December 11, 2021 at 08:31 AM

PE

My best friend of over 50 years! Love you dearly!

Peg - December 11, 2021 at 11:13 AM

PE

My best friend of 50 years. Love you dearly.

Peg - December 11, 2021 at 11:14 AM

PW

Aunt Mildred,

Thank You for teaching me how to see the value in being a loving & kind person. I know you always prayed for me and I know you were proud of me because you always let me know

I love you

Paula Workman - December 11, 2021 at 05:16 PM

DB

Rest in peace mom

Darryl Burke - December 11, 2021 at 11:43 PM

LB

Sending condolences to the family on your lose, she will be missed. A very beautiful lady...

Lonnie Brown and Family

Lonnie Brown - December 12, 2021 at 02:16 PM

AV

*Sincerest condolences in the passing of Mrs. Burke.
Mark & Annie Vallese*

Ann Marie Vallese - December 14, 2021 at 01:21 PM