



Annie Ruby Burgess Edwards

February 24, 1922 - June 23, 2018

Mrs. Annie Ruby Burgess Edwards, widow of the late Achious Herbert Edwards and the daughter of the late John David Burgess, Sr. and Annie Bessie Jones Burgess was born on February 24, 1922 in Olanta (Florence County) South Carolina. She departed her earthly life at home peacefully surrounded by her children on Saturday, June 23rd, 2018.

At an early age, she joined Jordan Chapel Freewill Baptist Church and accepted Christ as personal Savior. In her belief in faith and trust in God, She was able to organize the first youth choir, served as secretary of the Sunday School, member of the Missionary Society, Senior Choir, Mother's Board and a faithful, dedicated member of the Trustee Board for many years.

She received her early education at Rosenwald School (St. John School) in the St. John community of Sumter County. With her desire and determination to earn a high school diploma, she continued her education and graduated through adult education classes, Eastern High School Class of 1968.

Mrs. Edwards was joined in holy matrimony to the love of her life, the late Achious H. Edwards on April 8, 1942 and to this loving union seven children were born.

Mrs. Edwards was a farmer, nursing assistant, and substitute teacher in Sumter School District #2. She was the owner of Edwards Florist in Lynchburg, S.C. Mrs. Edwards was an election poll manager, community volunteer and worked with the Green Thumb program. She was instrumental in organizing, implementing, and directing many activities at the Shiloh

Community Center, such as chairperson of arts and crafts and the program planning committees. Mrs. Edwards received many state and national awards for her volunteer work in the community.

Mrs. Edwards enjoyed playing the piano and singing. She had a passion for flowers and was delighted with the flowers in her yard. Mrs. Edwards loved reading for information and having fun with family and friends. She took the lead in all she did and what God had placed on her heart to do.

She was preceded in death by a son, Thaddeus Edwards; a grandson, Herbert Edwards; four sisters: Vernese McKnight, Ada Muldrow, Mary Lee Woods, and Joretha Fullard; two brothers, Sam P. Burgess and J.D. Burgess. Mrs. Annie Ruby Burgess Edwards leaves to cherish beautiful, loving memories: six children: Charles (Ila) Edwards, Lynchburg, SC; Mae E. Edwards (David) Wells, Columbia, SC, Almeta Edwards-Fleming, Olanta, SC, Douglas M. (Deidre) Edwards, Decatur, GA., twin daughters, Vernessa R. Edwards (Mitchell) Joyce, McDonough, GA and Verlencia R. Edwards (Darryl) Johnson, Sumter, SC.; 11 grandchildren: Timothy Jackson, Shelia Edwards (Sam) Darby, Charlene (Bobby) Ballenger David A. Wells, Catrice (Luther) Windley, Kenan (Regina) Fleming Michelle McCutcheon, Rashad (Renee) Edwards, Dr. Whitney Joyce, Dr. Rosalynd Joyce, and Chantal Johnson; 16 great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren; two sisters, Virginia Burgess, Valerie G. (Bobby) Woods both of Olanta: four sister-in-laws, Eula E. Fulton, Lake City, SC, Rosa Lee Scott, Columbia, SC, Colia Sullivan, Greer, SC, and Earlene Hayes, Chicago, Ill.; two brothers-in-law, John Wesley Edwards, Jr. and Waymon (Ree) Edwards, Florence, SC; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:

Jordan Freewill Baptist Church

c/o Building Fund

P.O. Box 732

Olanta, SC 29114

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **28**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Sumter
304 South Main Street
Sumter, SC 29150
(803) 773-3381
palmermemorialchapel@sc.rr.com
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

Celebration of Life

JUN **29**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Jordan Freewill Baptist Church
703 N. Jones Road
Olanta, SC 29114

Tribute Wall



“ *Annie Ruby Burgess Edwards*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Clyde Mcfadden lit a candle in memory of Annie Ruby Burgess Edwards*



clyde mcfadden - June 29, 2018 at 06:45 AM



“ *Sorry I won't be with you. May God continue to bless all of you.*
Love,
Alger



Alger - June 28, 2018 at 05:40 PM



“ *I am so sorry to learn of the loss of your mother. My prayers are with you and the family. If there is anything that I can do for the family, please do not hesitate to let me know.*

Ms. Constance Prioleau

Constance Prioleau - June 26, 2018 at 04:46 PM

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Almeta and Mae, I regret that I am unable to attend the homegoing celebration of such a Saint. I am praying for you all as you go through these moments of grief. I will always remember Aunt Ruby for her strength, words of encouragement and special way she made everyone feel loved. She made you feel like you were very special in her eyesight. She depicted the life and love of Jesus the Christ. Please note that as I travel to Kenya, East Africa to share the love of God and His words to make a difference in the lives of my Kenyan brothers and sisters, I will remember Aunt Ruby...a strong black woman. Rev. Lillie A. Thomas-Burgess

Lillie A. Thomas-Burges - June 29, 2018 at 09:55 AM

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“ Almeta,

With regrets I may not be able to join you for your mother's services on Friday. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May your faith in God; the love and support of your children, brothers , sisters and other family members along with the love and support of your friends especially your classmates from EHS Class of 1968; and the fond memories that you have of your mother sustain you during this difficult time.

Delores Hampton Lawrence

Delores Lawrence - June 26, 2018 at 01:42 PM