

**It Is Our Moment In Time To  
Celebrate & Honor The Legacy of**



*Willie Mae  
Burley*

**June 22, 1929 - April \_\_, 2022**

Saturday, the 30th day of April, 2022  
Eleven O'clock in the Morning

**Church**

(Need Address)

**Reverend Kingsley Ogbuji, Officiating**



# *Willie Mae's Journey*

Willie Mae Burley was born in Houston, Texas on June 22, 1929, to Stella Louise Hankins Francis and Joseph Francis. She was reared in the Houston area by her mother and stepfather Moses Neal. She attended public school and graduated from Jack Yates Senior High School, Class of 1945. Throughout her life she attended both St. Paul and St. Peter Claver Catholic Church.

While working various jobs, she accomplished her dream of completing nursing school. Upon graduation, she began her career as an LVN at Memorial Hospital. After her departure from Memorial Hospital, she furthered her career at Ben Taub Hospital for over thirty-five years before retiring. While working as a nurse, she returned to college at Texas Southern University and earned a degree in Early Childhood Development in 1977. She was a substitute teacher for two years at Forest Brook High School. After retirement and missing nursing, she became employed by the City of Houston Health Department administering immunizations to the community.

Willie Mae's hobbies included sewing and quilting. She was willing to teach those that were eager to learn. She also enjoyed traveling with the Black Nurse's Union, where she served as President. As a basketball fan, she was a "season ticket holder" for the Houston Comets.

Willie Mae was a devoted mother and grandmother. She was preceded in death by her parents, Stella and Moses Neal, her only sister and "sidekick", Genevieve Francis Simon; her aunt, Lula Mae Boudreaux (Nannie); and her nephew, Ralph J. Simon.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her four sons, Keith (Doris), Bruce (Helen), Robert (Dorothy), and Frank (Debra). She is also survived by 19 grandchildren, Keith Jr., Lynn, Patrick, Kellie, Sakira, Ora, Christopher, Roxie, J.T., Robert Jr., Tammie, Dominique, Chris, Kirby, Ashley, Frank Jr., Symone, DeRan, D'Onna, and Xavier. Also adored by 25 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild as well as three very special nieces, Carol, Barbara, and Genevieve. She will also be remembered by a host of nieces and nephews who called her "Auntie Mae."





# *Celebration of Life*

*“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying nor pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”*

**Revelations 21:4**

**Musical Prelude**.....(Soft Music)

**The Processional**.....Clergy, Pallbearers and Family

**Reading of the Holy Scriptures:**

Old Testament.....Rev. Kingsley Ogbuji

New Testament.....Rev. Kinglsey Ogbuji

**Song**.....Symone Stewart

**Prayer**.....Rev. Kingsley Ogbuji

**Reading of Obituary**.....(Read Silently)

**Resolutions and Acknowledgements**

**Expressions of Love**.....(Three Minutes Please)

**Eulogy**.....Rev. Kingsley Ogbuji

**Funeral Directors in Charge**

**The Recessional**.....Clergy and Family







# *Expressions of Love*

If Roses grow in Heaven  
Lord, please pick a bunch for me.  
Place them in my Mother's arms  
and tell her they're from me.  
Tell her that I love her and miss her,  
and when she turns to smile,  
place a kiss upon her cheek  
and hold her for awhile.  
Because remembering her is easy,  
I do it every day,  
but there's an ache within my heart  
that will never go away.

## **Love Your Sons**

Dear Auntie Mae,  
I just want you to know how much I will miss you. I will miss your laugh, the way you use to fuss at my mom for not bringing us to see you more often, and most of all your big tight bear hugs. Those were definitely the best. I know you are going to look over us as our guardian angel. I know you are in heaven having a good old time with my great granny.

## **Love you always, Dylan**

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be  
so, he put his arms around you and whispered, "Come to Me"  
With tearful eyes we watched you and saw you pass away  
and although we love you dearly we could not make you stay.  
A Golden heart stopped beating hard working hands at rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.

## **Your Loving Family**

# Farewell Message



I've found a new place where I can be free,  
I've found a whole new beginning just made for me.  
Days are full of sunshine and as well as cooling rain.  
I'm no longer old, I've recovered my youth;  
And all of my dreams have become truth.  
I can smile, I can laugh, I can walk, I can run;  
I can hear every whisper, I can see past the sun.  
My body is whole and my mind is clear;  
I know why you mourn me, I see how you weep;  
Your heart's full of aching from a love that was deep.  
And I'm grateful for loved ones that loved me so dear;  
But remember, I've found a better place here.  
I will be there beside you, always nearby;  
So don't mourn me for long, nor forever cry.  
And whenever your sorrow bears down on your heart;  
Think not of my ending, but of my new start.  
For on earth there is no joy that I'd ever see;  
To compare to the joy when God is smiling at me.

**Love you all, Willie Mae**

## *Active Pallbearers*

Keith Burley Sr.  
Bruce Burley  
John M. Walls III

Robert Burley Sr.  
Frank Burley Sr.  
Anthony "Tony" Cashman

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Ramon Simon  
Christopher Burley  
Robert Burley Jr.  
Xavier Scott

Keith Burley Jr.  
Patrick Burley  
J.T. Sibley  
De'Ran Williams

## *Our Sincerest Gratitude...*

*"Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted..."*

Words of thanks seem so inadequate for all of the kindness that has been bestowed upon our family. We thank you for the encouraging visits, the calls, cards, floral arrangements and the sincere words of solace.

**- The Family**

## *Her Final Resting Place*

**Cemetery**

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