



Eva Burroughs Irby

March 16, 1940 - February 11, 2020

Eva Burroughs Irby, 79, passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by loved ones on February 11, 2020. She was preceded in death by her mother, father, and her brother, Willie Burroughs.

Eva was born in Kingstree, South Carolina, on March 16, 1940 to Wilbur Burroughs and Nancy Cooper Burroughs. Her family relocated to Charlotte, North Carolina when she was a young girl. Eva graduated from West Charlotte High School and went on to attend Johnson C. Smith University, where she obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Education. She later earned a Master's of Education degree from UNC-Charlotte.

On July 18, 1965, she happily married Curtis Irby. They raised two daughters, Kara and Lori, and shared 54 years of wedded bliss until her passing. Eva cared deeply for all of her family. She supported the dreams and visions of everyone. She always had an encouraging word, and if she could help anyone with anything, she would. Spending time with her family, especially her granddaughters, was her favorite pastime.

She was passionate about educating youth and knew that teaching was her calling in life. She always welcomed the challenge of teaching students whom others labeled as "difficult," and made it her purpose to ensure they succeeded. Eva taught in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System for over 30 years before retiring. She was named Teacher of the Year in 1985 while teaching at Derita Elementary. Even after retirement, her love of teaching wouldn't let her stop working. She went on to teach at various private schools,

including The Thomason School and Students First. She also taught at Brisbane Academy, where she was voted Teacher of the Year in 1997. Eva was a woman of strong, unwavering, unshakeable faith. She loved the Lord with all her heart and lived to serve Him. She joined Mount Carmel Baptist Church at the age of 22 and was a lifelong member. Possessing a true servant's heart, Eva faithfully committed herself to several ministries. She taught Sunday School and Children's Church. She once led the Women's Ministry as President and was a member of the Intercessory Prayer Group. She proudly served as a Deacon and a Trustee and was also a member of Missionary Group 5/6. Eva was devoted to her Mount Carmel Baptist Church family and was always willing to assist and serve in any capacity. Her community was also important to her. She served as President of the Eastbrook Woods Neighborhood Association. She organized community clean-up days and sponsored several school supply drives. She also registered people to vote and drove them to the polls. Eva was a vibrant, caring, and generous woman who always had a kind word and a smile for everyone. She would continuously petition God on behalf of others, always asking Him to provide whatever they needed. She was a selfless, cheerful giver who would offer her last to ensure the well-being of those in need. Her love of God, love of family, love of teaching, and love of her community will never be forgotten. She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband Curtis; daughters Kara Jones (Robert), and Lori Allen (Nigel); granddaughters Kaela and Kai Jones; step-grandchildren Mya Allen and Caleb White; sisters Virginia Hollingsworth and Carolyne Pate; brother Moses Burroughs; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She shared a special bond with her great-niece Nalja', who she regarded as her granddaughter, and her niece Shena who affectionately referred to her as "Mom."

Cemetery Details

Gethsemane Memorial Gardens

1504 W. Sugar Creek Road
Charlotte, NC

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church
7237 Tuckaseegee Road
Charlotte, NC

Celebration of Life Service

FEB 20. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KJ

“ I'm missing you so much right now Mommy.
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Kara Jones - February 07 at 09:18 AM

KJ

“ Kara Jones lit a candle in memory of Eva
Burroughs Irby



Kara Jones - February 18, 2021 at 11:44 AM

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“ Shena lit a candle in memory of Eva
Burroughs Irby



Shena - April 06, 2020 at 10:02 AM

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“ Miss you so much mom. It has been very hard for me and Nalja. I miss talking to you telling you all my problems and being prayed for any time of the day it didn't matter. After my mother passed you raised me to stay on a straight arrow with my life the bad the good no matter what you was always there for me you made me the strong lady that I am now. You have earned your crown never thought you will leave this place before me. I know you are still watching over us. This is so hard writing this but Mom rest up no more pain. I 😍😍😍 you.

Shena - April 06, 2020 at 09:57 AM

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“ My Auntie was the epitome of a good woman! She was devoted to God first and foremost, her husband Curtis, and her 2 beautiful daughters Kara and Lori and her family. She would pray with you and for you. She would work tirelessly for her church. As her 1st niece we had a special bond. Although I live in Philadelphia and she in Charlotte, she could feel if something wasn't right with me. I would try to hide it, but I would always end up telling her the truth. We would talk on the phone often and laugh often. She loved all her family and would do anything for anyone. She told me not to come. It hurts not to see her or be able to call her. However, obedience is better than sacrifice. I did get my last I love you in, and she said it back. We have lost a great light. But God loved her best.

Natrona Davis - February 18, 2020 at 04:15 PM