



Mother Eliza Odell Burns

December 15, 1929 - July 3, 2020

Mother Eliza Odell Burns, 90, of Peoria, IL was called home on at 12:05 pm, Friday, July 3, 2020 at University Rehabilitation at Northmoor.

Eliza was born to Lonnie and Helen (Warren) Brown in Auxvasse, MO on December 15, 1929. She lived with her Grandmother, Margaret Weaver, in Peoria, IL while she attended and graduated from Peoria High School in 1947. She married, Will R. Burns (deceased), August 1949 in Peoria, Illinois. From that union, six children were born. Sons: Robert (Charlene) Burns, Omaha, NE, Wayne (Gail) Burns, Clinton, Mississippi and Eric Burns, Peoria, IL. Daughters: Denise (Bill) Green, Euless, TX, Sherri Green, Omaha, NE and Melanie (Rev. Robert) Caruth, Peoria, IL. She is also survived by her loving Sisters: Margaret Rudd of Chicago, IL, Lorraine Jackson of Peoria, IL., 16 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren. She is also preceded in death by: her parents, three brothers: Warren, Delroy and Lawrence (L.C.) Brown. Sister: Shirley White.

Eliza retired from Caterpillar with 30 years service. After retirement, she worked part-time at H & R Block. Mother was an avid bowler, in the IL-MO Travel League. She also was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Golden Circle, and Daughter of Isis. She enjoyed being with her family, cooking, playing various games and word search puzzles. She was a member of Zion Baptist Church for over 70 years. She gave her service in the Inspirational Choir, Vacation Bible School Teacher, Church Clerk, Ruth Circle Mission and Mother of the Church.

Funeral services will be held at 1 pm, Friday, July 10, 2020 at Zion Baptist Church with a visitation beginning at 12 Noon. Pastor Samuel Duren will bring words of comfort to the family. Mother Eliza will be entombed at American Mausoleum. The funeral service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150/>. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, social distancing and attendance limits will be observed.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](https://www.SimonsMortuary.com).

As the States begin re-opening in response to the Global Coronavirus Pandemic, some people are returning to their previous normal living standards. Unfortunately, we are now in our new normal as unreal and sometimes uncomfortable as the socially distancing and continuous use of protective masks may feel. *In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them). Thanks in advance for your cooperation! *It is our responsibility as a Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible. The church can socially distance and seat a limit of 50 or less people. All others will be able to flow through and view prior to beginning the Celebration of Life Ceremony.

Cemetery Details

American Mausoleum

7911 N. Allen Rd
Peoria, IL 61615

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **10**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Zion Baptist Church
323 W.Martin Luther King Drive
Peoria, IL 61605

Celebration of Life

JUL **10**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Zion Baptist Church
323 W.Martin Luther King Drive
Peoria, IL 61605

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mother Eliza Odell Burns*



Simons Mortuary - July 10, 2020 at 04:40 PM



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DG

Beautiful, Thank You Simons Mortuary, Peoria, IL

Denise Green - July 13, 2020 at 02:10 PM



“ *Mother Eliza Odell Burns*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mother Eliza Odell Burns*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Dear Burns Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of grief. Find comfort in knowing that your mother lived a life that blessed many, including me. Praising God that she is with our Savior.*

Janet Holman - July 16, 2020 at 06:27 PM

DG

Thank you, Janet

Denise Green - July 18, 2020 at 01:23 PM

PC

“ *To the family of Mother Eliza Odell Burns:*

The pastor and members of the Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ would like to extend to you and your entire family our deepest sympathy in the loss of Mother Burns. Even though our hearts are saddened, we pray that the Lord may comfort you and bless you with endearing memories that you will always treasure

He is with you even in this time of sorrow too deep for words.

God be with you,

*Pastor Henry L. Bolden II
Lady Marcia J. Bolden
and the PCJC Church Family*

Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ - July 12, 2020 at 08:40 AM

DG

Thank you, Pastor and First Lady Bolden II

Denise Green - July 13, 2020 at 02:13 PM

DS

“ *Denise, I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom, Mrs. Burns. I send my most sincere condolences to you and your family.*

Debra (Littles) Standley



Debra L Standley - July 11, 2020 at 07:18 AM

DG

Thank You ,Debra

Denise Green - July 13, 2020 at 02:11 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Funeral Program



Simons Mortuary - July 10, 2020 at 05:02 PM



“ Eric please know you and your Family are in our prayers with heartfelt sympathy. Mother Burns was such a beautiful soul and now takes her rest and lives eternally with our Blessed Saviour, Jesus the Christ. 🙏
Sherry Carter-Allen & Family

Sherry Carter-Allen - July 10, 2020 at 02:50 PM



Thank you, Sherry

Denise Green - July 13, 2020 at 02:14 PM



“ To Sherri Green and Family,

We are holding you close in prayer. May God give you grace, peace, and comfort in your time of sorrow.

Love and Blessings, Kathy Gwynn Jones and Alexander Jones

Kathy Gwynn Jones - July 09, 2020 at 09:23 PM



Thank You Kathy, Alex and Christopher!!! I appreciate your kindness and prayer!!!

Sherri Green - July 15, 2020 at 11:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mother Eliza Odell Burns.



July 09, 2020 at 10:19 AM

DB

“ To the family of Aunt Odell, this is cousin David Brown and wife Betty. We are so saddened by the lost of your beloved mother. We will be unable to attend the services much to our dismay. We will be viewing via the live stream. I will always remember coming to her house to visit when I was young and I had the chance to hang out with Bob and Wayne. We shared many playful experiences as young kids back then. Your mother always reminded me of my father (Warren) in that they so much resembled each other.

Once again, we are deeply saddened at your time of grief. God bless and stay strong in the memory of your beloved mother.

David Brown - July 09, 2020 at 09:40 AM

SG

Thank You David and Betty. We appreciate your love!!!

Sherri Green - July 15, 2020 at 11:34 PM

MR

“ Mattie Risby sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Eliza Odell Burns



Mattie Risby - July 08, 2020 at 10:26 PM

DG

Thank you so much, Ms Mattie Risby.

Denise Green - July 18, 2020 at 01:32 PM

RW

“ Richard And Theresa Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Eliza Odell Burns



Richard and Theresa Walker - July 08, 2020 at 08:05 PM

SG

It was good to see you and we thank you and appreciate your love.

Sherri Green - July 15, 2020 at 11:45 PM

DG

Thank you Richard and Theresa, it was so good to see you both.

Denise Green - July 18, 2020 at 01:35 PM



“ *No words can describe how sorry I am for your loss*



Evelyn Tate-Clayton - July 08, 2020 at 11:20 AM

OI

“ *OGC: Menelik Assembly #58 Springfield IL lit a candle in memory of Mother Eliza Odell Burns*



OGC: Menelik Assembly #58 Springfield IL - July 08, 2020 at 11:10 AM

SG

Words cannot express the kind hospitality you showed our family while in town. This organization was a great part of our Mother's life she enjoyed making friends, traveling and her duties to this social club. We will keep you in our prayers.

Sherri Green - July 15, 2020 at 11:51 PM

TV

“ *Trina L Vinson lit a candle in memory of Mother Eliza Odell Burns*



Trina L Vinson - July 08, 2020 at 11:09 AM

VJ

“ *To Melanie (Rev Robert) Caruth sorry for your loss and pray Gods strength and comfort during this time.*

*Love,
Venus Michelle Jones-Douglas*



V Michelle Jones - July 08, 2020 at 09:10 AM

MC

Thank you so much Venus

melanie caruth - July 20, 2020 at 07:48 PM

JC

“ *Jessie Copeland lit a candle in memory of Mother Eliza Odell Burns*



Jessie Copeland - July 08, 2020 at 12:46 AM

SG

Thank you so much. Ms Pearl and Ms Odell are having a Blessed time in heaven!! I wonder what they are talking about??? I am also sorry about your loss. My GOD keep you and your family comforted for the absence of Ms Pearl.

Sherri Green - July 15, 2020 at 11:54 PM