



## Deacon Joseph "Joe" Burns, Sr.

February 20, 1934 - March 27, 2020

To view the service for Mr. Burns live stream use the link below:

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The sunrise began for Joseph Burns, Sr., affectionately known as "Joe", on February 20, 1934 in Orlando, Florida to parents Deacon Benjamin Burns, Sr. and Sister Annie Williams Burns.

### Educational Journey

Joe's educational journey began at the Holden Street Elementary School and graduated from the "Historic and Great" Jones High School in Orlando, Florida. He was a proud graduate of the Class of 1952. His class was the last to graduate in the "Old Jones High School Building" located on Parramore Street (in the Callahan Neighborhood) in Orlando, Florida. While student at Jones High School, he played football. He furthered his education by attending North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, North Carolina. He graduated in 1957, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics. He continued his studies completing a Mathematics and Science Grant with the National Science Foundation at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming during the summer of 1969. He also attended Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida where he graduated and earned a Master of Education Degree in

Mathematics in 1976.

### His Journey of Love and Family

Joe met the love of his life, Annie Beatrice Smith in September of 1958. The two were joined together in Holy Matrimony on December 22, 1959. To this union, three lovely children were born: Tanya Lynette Burns, JoAnne Burns Green, and Joseph Burns, Jr. and they were blessed with 60 years of marriage.

Joe's love for mathematics and numbers inspired his daughters to follow in his footsteps also becoming math teachers within the Orange County Public Schools System.

### Church Affiliations

Joseph Burns, Sr. was a member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Institutional Church in Orlando, Florida. A born again Christian, he served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Trustee Board, Sunday School Teacher, Member of the Special Chorus Choir, Voices of Zion Choir, BTU, Boy Scouts, and also Scout Master of Troop #87. He later joined St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church in Conway, where he was installed as a Deacon. He was a Member of the Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in Winter Park.

### Professional Background

Joe worked in Orange County Public Schools teaching Mathematics for 40.6 years. His first teaching assignment was at Jones High School from 1958 to 1969. He left Jones High School during integration in 1970 and taught at Mid-Florida Technical Institute from 1970 until 1993. He left Mid-Florida Tech in 1993 and taught mathematics at the Orange County Jail (33rd Street Jail) from 1994 until 1998. Mr. Burns retired from Orange County Public Schools in 1998. He tutored with the McKnight Center of Excellence through the University of Central Florida and was also an Income Tax Practitioner.

## Professional Affiliations and Memberships

Joe's love for education and mathematics garnered numerous memberships and awards such as: the Classroom Teachers Association (CTA), CTA Retired, National Education Association (NEA), NEA Retired, American Federation of Teachers (AFT), Phi Delta Kappa, Masonic Lodge, NAACP Orlando Branch, Jones High School Historical Society, Jones High School Alumni Association, North Carolina A & T Alumni Association, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Chi Tau Chapter. As a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Joe was one of four brothers who crossed over in 1964 being the 2nd line of the Chi Tau Chapter in Orlando, Florida.

Deacon Joseph Burns, Sr. was preceded in death by his parents: Deacon Benjamin Burns, Sr. and Sister Annie Williams Burns; and siblings: Dorothy Burns-McDuffie, King Burns, Benjamin Burns, Jr., Carolyn Burns-Jones and Thelma Burns-Williams.

Left to cherish his memory is his devoted wife of 60 years, Annie Beatrice Smith Burns; and their three lovely children: Tanya Lynette Burns, JoAnne Burns Green and Joseph Burns, Jr.; one sister, Leona Burns; in-laws: Daniel Smith (Barbara), Lois Smith and Roosevelt Williams; special friends: Ed Clemons of Rochester, New York, Warren Williams of Rockville, Maryland, Ted Ladson of Silver Springs, Maryland, Fred Alderman of Orlando, Florida; Morgan Wilson of Orlando, Florida, Reverend Eddie Williamson of Orlando, Florida; The Pepper Hill Group; the entire Jones High School Class of 1952; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **10**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel  
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.  
Apopka, FL 32703  
(407) 886-3388

## Graveside Service

APR **11**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Glen Haven Memorial Park  
2300 Temple Drive  
Winter Park, FL 32789

# Tribute Wall



“ *Deacon Joseph "Joe" Burns, Sr.*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *We understand what you are going through, but time will take away the pain. We are keeping you in our prayers! Our families are life long friends and we will never forget him. The Ford family.*

**The Ford family** - April 11, 2020 at 01:45 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family of Joseph Burns, Sr. I will hold on to the love that Mr. Joe shared in our many visits together and those good hugs. I know all the love that that was shared with others and my family, especially Wincy, we can only just imagine the love that is left with family to hold on to. Hold on to that all that love forever and always!*



**Cynthia I Brockington** - April 10, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about your loss.*



**Beverly Williams** - April 10, 2020 at 06:52 AM

CD

“ Carolyn Payne Dalton purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Deacon Joseph "Joe" Burns, Sr..



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**Carolyn Payne Dalton** - April 09, 2020 at 08:34 AM

JJ

“ To the Burns Family, My deepest condolences to you in your loss of Deacon Joseph Burns. He will be truly missed but he's in the arms of the Lord now resting easy, no more worries or heartaches, or pains. Glory Be To God in His Wisdom.



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**Joanna Johnson** - April 03, 2020 at 09:49 AM

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“ To Annie B & the Joseph Burns Family, The Hannibal Square Heritage Center Staff & Volunteers send their condolences and prayers knowing that Mr. Burns touched many lives and will truly be missed. We would also like thank you'll for sharing your wedding picture as part of the Heritage Center permanent Collection.

*HSHC Staff  
642 W New England Ave.  
Winter Park, FL 32789  
497-539-2680*

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**Mary Daniels** - April 03, 2020 at 02:50 AM

MD

“ *Annie B & Family, We send our sincere condolences and prayers that the love you shared and God's Grace will comfort you at this difficult time. 🙏's*  
*Mary Daniels & Family*

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**Mary Daniels** - April 03, 2020 at 02:38 AM

GP

“ *My condolences to the Burns Family. My God bless you and keep you is my prayer. RIP Deacon Joseph Burns, Sr.*  
*Gail Pressley and the Pressley Family 🙏🙏🙏❤️*



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**Gail Pressley** - April 02, 2020 at 12:20 AM