



Mrs. Maria Annette Earl-Burrell

July 25, 1961 - April 8, 2019

Mrs. Maria Annette Earl-Burrell, formerly of Atlanta, GA and the wife of Mr. Gregory T. Burrell-owner of Terry Funeral Home (Philadelphia, PA), passed away on Monday, April 8, 2019 in Philadelphia, PA. Maria Annette Earl Burrell was born on July 25, 1961 in Atlanta, Georgia to the late Joseph Wesley and Esther Mae Jackson Earl. She attended St. Joseph's High School and Frederick Douglass High School, graduating in 1979. Maria frequently shared stories with her family and friends about her parents and the loving environment in which she was raised. Her home life with her parents and two siblings inspired her desire to one day be blessed with a husband and children. Maria, however, was committed to getting her education first. She attended Spelman College, graduating in 1983 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. Maria always knew she wanted to be a teacher, and so she furthered her education earning her Master's in English from Clark Atlanta University formally Atlanta University in 1991. Upon graduation, Maria began her career in teaching following in her mother's footsteps. For many years, Maria taught at Summit School in Winston Salem, North Carolina and at St. Raymond's of Penafort Catholic School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Maria left an indelible mark on her students. She had a unique way of awakening the interests of her students to learn, and she encouraged her students to reach their full potential by furthering their education and pursuing careers for which they had passion. Many of Maria's students returned to see her years after they graduated high school to thank her for being such an inspiration.

In 1985, Maria met the love of her life. On December 17, 1988, Maria Annette Earl and Gregory Thomas Burrell were united in holy matrimony and were married for 30 years. To this union were two children: Jordan Gregory Burrell and Morgan Maria Burrell. The gift of motherhood brought Maria so much joy. She had longed to be a mother and accepted the responsibility of loving and nurturing Jordan and Morgan with great humility, honor and gratitude. Maria often shared with her family and friends how proud she was of both of her children.

In addition to being proud parents, Gregory and Maria enjoyed a marriage full of adventure. They loved to travel to far off places with the National Association of Guardsman and to travel to places near spending time with family and friends. Maria was an avid reader who loved to travel and could always be found on the dance floor. Gregory would ensure that Maria visited her children in college, made it to dances and traveled to new places around the world.

Maria grew up in St. Paul's of the Cross Catholic Church of Atlanta, Georgia and was a longstanding member of St. Raymond's of Penafort Catholic Church. She was an active member of The Girlfriend's, Delaware Valley Chapter of The Links, Inc., Spelman College Alumnae Association and Jack & Jill. Maria's delightful and loving personality brought joy to so many of her colleagues and friends.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her husband, Gregory Thomas Burrell of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; children, Jordan Burrell of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Morgan Burrell of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; step-daughter, Mercedes Thurston (Timothy) of Washington, D.C.; brother, Shelly W. Earl of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; sister, Francine Earl Wright of Atlanta, Georgia; nephew, Randall Wright of Atlanta, Georgia; lifelong friends, Sheree Turner of Atlanta, Georgia, Adrienne Oliver of Stockbridge, Georgia, Ann Drummer of Atlanta, Georgia, Laventris Woods of Atlanta, Georgia; and a host of cousins and friends. FUNERAL MASS will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. with the viewing from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00

a.m. at ST. RAYMOND OF PENAFORT CHURCH 1350 E. Vernon Road
Philadelphia, PA 19150.

Celebration of Life Services will be held at the South Dekalb Chapel of
Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home on Tuesday April 16, 2019 at 11:00
AM. She will be laid to rest at Westview Cemetery Atlanta, GA. Family and
friends may visit from 2:00 PM to 8 PM with the immediate family present from
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the South DeKalb Chapel. .Gregory B. Levett & Sons
Funeral Homes, Inc-South Dekalb Chapel (404)241-5656

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **15**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

South DeKalb Chapel
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy.
Decatur, GA 30034
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Family Hour

APR **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

APR **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Kenneth Johnson & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Maria Annette Earl-Burrell.



Kenneth Johnson & Family - April 16, 2019 at 07:35 AM

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“ E. Kai Hardaway III lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Maria Annette Earl-Burrell



E. Kai Hardaway III - April 15, 2019 at 02:55 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Maria Annette Earl-Burrell.



April 15, 2019 at 11:06 AM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Mrs. Maria Annette Earl-Burrell.



April 14, 2019 at 11:45 PM

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“ *My condolences to the family of Maria Annette Earl-Burrell. Former classmate from St. Joseph High School. Ivan McKee*

Ivan McKee - April 14, 2019 at 06:52 PM