



Mr. Gerald Wesley Burke

December 26, 1952 - April 3, 2020

Mr. Gerald Wesley Burke was born December 26, 1952 in Colquitt County, Georgia the son of Maude Faulk Burke and the late Frank Burke. He departed this life on Friday, April 3, 2020 at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, Georgia.

Gerald was a graduate of the Historic William Bryant High School. After graduating he attended Albany State College and graduated with a B.A. of Sociology. He also attained a Masters Degree in Education from Georgia State University and a Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership from Troy State University. Gerald retired after 36 years of service in education in Colquitt County and surrounding Southwest Georgia School Systems.

Mr. Burke was a member of Mother Easter Baptist Church where he served on the Deacon Board. He was a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. In his spare time Gerald enjoyed football, baseball, basketball, traveling and spending time with family. He especially enjoyed barbequing.

He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Burke; two brothers, Harold Burke and Frank B. Burke.

He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife of 42 years, Bernice Bussey Burke of Albany, Georgia; mother, Maude Burke; two daughters,

Dewanna Burke of Chamblee, Georgia, Devin Sanders (Kareem) of Fairfield, Ohio; two brothers, Kenneth Burke (Betty), Ronald Burke (Wylean) both of Albany, Georgia; one sister, Patricia Dunn of Duluth, Georgia; four grandchildren, Kameron Sanders, Kylie Sanders, Kyson Sanders all of Fairfield, Ohio and Sarah Burke-Offokansi of Chamblee, Georgia and a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws, cousins, fraternity brothers, mentees and close friends.

Cemetery Details

Strong Memorial Gardens

Moultrie, GA

Previous Events

Service

APR 6. 1:11 PM (ET)

Pinecrest Memorial Cemetery

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Moultrie, GA 31768

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Gerald Wesley Burke*

October 04, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Mr. Gerald Wesley Burke*

September 18, 2022 at 05:56 AM



“ *Mr. Gerald Wesley Burke*

September 18, 2022 at 03:24 AM



“ *Many prayers sent to the family for strength as the time passes and your memories of Gerald keep you strong.*

Carolyn McDonald-Nelson - June 05, 2020 at 11:46 AM



“ *My heart and prayers go out for the entire Burke family. I was saddened to hear about Gerald. May God cover you with His arms and give you peace at this difficult time.*

Lynn Plunkett - April 11, 2020 at 06:03 PM

IH

“Let not your heart be troubled, believe in God, believe also in me”
John 14:1. I was so saddened and shocked to learn about the passing of Gerald. His wife Bernice and I were friends during our time at Albany State College. When they moved to Thomasville I became friends with the entire family. He still has that smile that I truly remembered from years gone by. I will continue to pray for Bernice and the Burke family.

Much Love— Irene Ross-Howard

Irene Ross Howard - April 08, 2020 at 04:32 PM

FL

“ May God bless your family, take care of each other.
Frank & Mae Lawson

Frank Lawson - April 07, 2020 at 07:49 PM

LW

“ Sincere condolences and prayers to the Gerald W. Burke Family. Remember Gerald and Bernice from Albany State University. I was employed in the Athletic Department at ASU during their tenure there. Mrs. Louvenia Whitaker and Family

Louvenia Whitaker - April 07, 2020 at 09:28 AM

CA

You will a be our Broadway

C Anglin - April 08, 2020 at 09:34 PM

AN

“ *AndreaParrishOffice lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Wesley Burke*



AndreaParrishOffice - April 07, 2020 at 09:06 AM

VW

“ *May the God of comfort grant comfort and peace to the family of "Coach" Gerald Burke. He was a great coach, mentor, friend, and fraternity brother. He will be missed. Rest In Peace Nupe.*



Veon Williams - April 06, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Burke family.*

Sandra Moore

Sandra Moore - April 06, 2020 at 01:08 PM

DS

“ To the Burke Family,

I send my deepest condolences and prayers to the family during this difficult time. The news was so devastating do to the personal connection he and I had. I was blessed to receive my first job as an educator by way of him. Also, he was the instrumental piece for me being a member of Kappa Alpha Psi. He was very candid and direct about being a member of Kappa and him writing the letter of recommendation.....get ready to do work Stamper. Those words still ring in my head today.

Thank you Mr. Burke for the memories and lesson I've learned from you.

*Sincerely ,
Dr. Frederick Stamper*

Dr. Frederick Stamper - April 06, 2020 at 01:08 PM

DH

“ *I was shocked to hear the passing of Gerald. I'm hurt and saddened. My prayers are with the family doing this tome of struggling with your lost. Wanting the Lord to comfort ya'll as He only can.*

I'm so sorry.

Love Donald Hawkins

Donald Hawkins - April 06, 2020 at 11:00 AM

RO

“ *Our deepest condolences goes out to the Burke's' family as well as my prayers. Robert Moore and family.*

Rob - April 06, 2020 at 09:14 AM

MN

“ *Marilyn Sanders, Raleigh, NC lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Wesley Burke*



Marilyn Sanders, Raleigh, NC - April 06, 2020 at 12:28 AM

MN

Sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Burke. When I came down a few years ago to visit my nephew Kareem, his son in law we had a wonderful time. R. I. P.

Marilyn Sanders, Raleigh, NC - April 06, 2020 at 12:37 AM

MG

“ *Monique Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Wesley Burke*



Monique Green - April 05, 2020 at 10:17 PM

J
Paige

“ *To the family of our fraternity Brother Gerald W. Burke, we the members of the Albany (GA) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. at this time wish to express our deepest sympathy. Brother Burke was a true Kappa man and served the fundamental purpose of Kappa Alpha Psi. We will see you on that golden shore.*

Ferrell Tyrone Moultrie, Polemarch

J Paige - April 05, 2020 at 05:52 PM

CE

“ Hello Burke Family,
I have known Gerald and Bernice since 1973 at ASC. He was my
quarterback, neighbor, friend, Deacon, and my Kappa Brother. Gerald
saw the light and now he is at rest.

charles edwards - April 05, 2020 at 02:44 PM


Paige

“ We would like to send our love and prayers of strength to this family.
Brother Burke was an amazing guy who led by example. May Good
look on you during this time. Bishop and Mrs. J. Nathan Paige

J Paige - April 05, 2020 at 02:44 PM

JI

“ Thank you Brother Burke for the welcome to the greatest fraternity!
Thank you for the support, guidance and the laughs. Thoughts,
prayers and blessings to your family!

John I. Davis, III & Family

John I. Davis, III - April 05, 2020 at 02:31 PM

PC

“ My deepest condolences are extended to the Burke family. We
know Earth has no sorrows Heaven can't heal. My prayers are with
the family believing God will give peace's that surpasses all
understanding and comfort from on high.
Gerald, you will be missed as My Kappa Brother and friend. It was a
joy getting to know you better. Thank You for the memories and rich
discussions. Rest on my brother and we will see you on the other
side Nupe!

Mike Chapman

Pastor Mike Chapman - April 05, 2020 at 02:16 PM

AJ

“ My family and I would like to share our condolences with the Burke family. May you continue to look to GOD for comfort and strength during this time and find comfort in the many memories you have. I am really going to miss the times we shared on our Thursday night Kappa outings listening to brothers debating about any and everything. Gerald loved a good discussion. Rest In Peace my Nupe until we meet again in the chapter invisible.

Albert Jones

Albert Jones - April 05, 2020 at 01:47 PM

DD

“ My condolences to the Burke Family; with GREAT LOVE, I remember the days at your family home for fun, meals, and our days of summer ballgames at the park; with much Love to the family. Debra"Johnson"Davis

Debra Johnson Davis - April 05, 2020 at 12:30 PM

PB

“ Thoughts, prayers, and condolences goes out to the Burkes family in the transition of Bro. Coach Burkes. Praying for the strength of the family.

Pastor Tony Bowdry - April 05, 2020 at 12:08 PM

UB

“ Coach you were a great mentor, teacher, and friend! Thank you for helping me become the man I am today! RIP! Umeme Battle

Umeme Battle - April 04, 2020 at 07:38 PM

JR

“ Jennifer Richardson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gerald Wesley Burke



Jennifer Richardson - April 04, 2020 at 06:46 PM

JR

You will be missed God knows best

Jennifer Richardson - April 04, 2020 at 06:47 PM

DH

Bernice, my prayers of comfort and strength goes out to you, the girls and the grands; I pray that God will give you comfort and peace during this very difficult time; that He will wrap His strong mighty, loving arms around your family as you struggle to digest and understand the void that is in your hearts from the passing of your Beloved Gerald! The Legacy that he left and the lives that he touched on this earthly journey will always be remembered! Love, Continued Prayers & Blessings shall dwell with you forevermore!!

Anza Holmes-Flood

Dr. Anza Holmes-Flood - April 06, 2020 at 04:12 AM

WB

“ Mr. BURKE will not forget you my brother.
Rest in Peace



Wayman Bryant - April 04, 2020 at 04:15 PM



“ I am deeply saddened by Gerald’s passing. What a fine man who lived a life concerned for others he was. I have been reflecting fondly on our friendship. My condolences to Bernice and family. Rest In Peace my friend.
Leonard McCoy

Leonard McCoy - April 04, 2020 at 03:20 PM

FH

My deepest condolences 🙏💔💔💔

Frankie hill - April 04, 2020 at 03:52 PM

JR

My condolences to the family praying for the family

Jennifer Richardson - April 04, 2020 at 06:45 PM



“ Thoughts and Prayers!!! I only know of you from your daughter (Devin Sanders) as she has shared some many special times / memories. May God be with you all. Love Pam Snipes & Family

RandyandPam Snipes - April 04, 2020 at 11:29 AM

WJ

“ I worked with Mr. Burke at Dougherty Middle School and he was a very good Principal. But we also shared a common interest...Golf. I am in shock to hear of his passing.... something that I wouldn't have expected. My condolences to his wife and family; Kenneth and his family.... more importantly his Mother .
William R. Davis, Jr . Orangeburg, SC

William R. Davis, Jr. - April 04, 2020 at 11:27 AM

DW

“ Pest in Peace Mr. Gerald Burke. I am remembering you at Dougherty Middle School. You will be missed. Be prepared to live forever. My family and I salute you.

Develyn L. Thomas Watson - April 04, 2020 at 07:12 AM

BM

“ Mr. Burke..I know you are in that wonderful place called Heaven. I am so blessed to have worked with you at CCHS..your beautiful smile and your care for others was wonderful. Praying for God's loving arms of peace and comfort to be wrapped warmly around your family??

Beverly (Bea) Merritt - April 03, 2020 at 10:12 PM

TW

I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Burke at CCHS. I can honestly say he was one of the most genuine and caring people I have ever known. I cannot recall a day that I did not see his infectious smile or that he didn't have a joke or comment to make me laugh. The world has lost a great man, but God has gained an amazing angel.

Tammie Welch - April 03, 2020 at 10:26 PM

JC

My prayers goes out to the Burke family. 🙏🙏🙏 May you find Comfort during this period of grief. His smile will be greatly missed.

Jean Christie - April 03, 2020 at 11:14 PM

JP

Thoughts and prayers are with the family. Praying for GOD to grant each of you his strength, courage, and faith at this difficult time. My husband and I attended Albany State with Gerald

Jackie Strong Pledge - April 04, 2020 at 02:30 PM

JS

Jackie Strong

Jackie Strong - April 04, 2020 at 02:31 PM

CW

RIP my friend.

Carlos Williams - April 05, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ *Condolences to the Burke family. Praying for comfort in your time of sorrow...so sorry for your loss.*

R. Garner and family

Rod Garner - April 03, 2020 at 09:05 PM

MJ

“ *I remember Gerald as a co-worker at Dougherty Comprehensive High School. He always had the smile that is shown in this picture. I further remember how he supported his grandson-Cameron. During Cameron's tenure at Lincoln Magnet School, he was a star basketball player and his granddad was on the sidelines coaching his grandson. He was so devoted and supportive of his entire family. His loss will be hard felt... My condolences to his wife, Bernice and his entire family. RIP co-worker!!!*

Mary Watson Jones - April 03, 2020 at 08:57 PM

DB

“ *I worked with Mr. Burke at CCHS. He was one of the finest men with whom I worked. He was always willing to help me in any capacity. He was a true gentleman. Dotti Bynum*

Dotti Bynum - April 03, 2020 at 06:53 PM

JT

My sympathy and prayers for Bernice and the girls. He will be missed
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JoAnne Taylor - April 03, 2020 at 09:28 PM

RJ

“ *May You Rest In Peace and God Bless His Family!*

Robert James Jr - April 03, 2020 at 06:28 PM

AS

“ *God teaches us to be a blessing for others, especially when HE has blessed us. (Philipians 2:3-4)*

Mr. Burke provided my first opportunity to serve as a school counselor and ensured that I was provided support. I am so glad that I continuously shared how I appreciated him for allowing that opportunity whenever I saw him. He will be missed!

God bless the family!

April Williams-Smith, Ed.D. & Family

APRIL SMITH - April 03, 2020 at 06:14 PM



MT

Mr. Burke, was our principal at Dougherty Middle School in Albany. He was a gentle spirited person. He was a great leader and a joy to work with. He always had a gentle smile. Our sincere condolences to the family. May God, comfort and strengthen you. He will be missed!

Marion Tharpe - April 03, 2020 at 07:37 PM

DM

Sincere condolences to the Burke, and Sanders family

Doris Milledge - April 03, 2020 at 10:25 PM

LW

“ *Laura Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Wesley Burke*



Laura Williams - April 03, 2020 at 05:20 PM

KH

“ *Mr. Burke touched many through education. He was a leader, a servant, a PACKER, an ASU Golden Ram, and a Kappa Man. His work was instrumental in making young professionals better. I call him “brother” but GOD calls him ... HIS child. You will be missed sir!*
K ♦ Alan Hose

Keith Hose - April 03, 2020 at 03:15 PM

JS

I have known Gerald since we were students at Norman College. I am grateful to have worked with him during our time at CCHS. I am proud to call him a friend. I am very sorry for his family and the communities loss.

John (Click) Peters

John Peters, Sr - April 03, 2020 at 04:55 PM

JJ

What a great man Mr. Burke was. He encouraged me many years ago to continue my education. He was a role model and a friend to students and co-workers alike. My prayers to his family at their time of loss.

jennifer jordan - April 03, 2020 at 07:38 PM

MS

“ *Bernice and family, Bill and I are so sorry to hear about Gerald's passing. He was an excellent administrator and a good friend. The smile in that picture says it all. He will be missed by so many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Mary Ann and Bill Stone

Mary Ann Stone - April 03, 2020 at 03:06 PM

FS

“ *Mr. Burke demonstrated a strong commitment to his family, to his church and to his work as an educator. He gave faithful service to students and families for many years. I am saddened by his passing and send my sincere condolences to his family.*

Fritzie Sheumaker - April 03, 2020 at 02:36 PM

LH

“ *Mr. Burke was a great man and principal. I didn't have lunch money once and he paid for my lunch. He will be truly missed. He impacted so many students with his love and kindness. ❤️*

Lisa Hullett - April 03, 2020 at 02:04 PM

RT

“ *Rosie Thornton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Wesley Burke*



Rosie Thornton - April 03, 2020 at 01:58 PM

MY

“ I am so very sorry. I enjoyed my time working with Gerald and appreciated his collegiality so much. I considered him a friend. His love for his mother always impressed me. Sincere condolences to his family.

Mo Yearta - April 03, 2020 at 01:57 PM



“ My deepest condolences, Mr. Burke was a great teacher! He will truly be missed!

LaTreshia Jackson - April 03, 2020 at 01:48 PM

JH

“ A special and wonderful friend and neighbor! Our hearts are filled with so much heaviness to know of this loss! Our deepest sympathy is extended to all of you from your friends and neighbors, The HARDY FAMILY!

Joyce Hardy - April 03, 2020 at 01:45 PM

KM

“ Gerald Burke was a wonderful gentleman. His years with the Colquitt County Board of Education resulted in so many positive results. Bill and I are surrounding his family with prayers and are sending our deepest heartfelt sympathy.

Katrina and Bill McIntosh - April 03, 2020 at 01:31 PM

ME

“ Our deepest condolences to the Burke family. May God keep you in his ever loving care.
Rosa, Sabrina & Moses Everett

Moses Everett - April 03, 2020 at 01:16 PM

MH

“ Mrs. Lisa Clarke Hill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Wesley Burke



Mrs. Lisa Clarke Hill - April 03, 2020 at 01:11 PM

DI

“ MR. Burke was a great mentor throughout my high school year 2001-2006. My Condolences to the family.

diana - April 03, 2020 at 12:37 PM

RW

Rest in peace classmate, I thank God the the time that he,gave us with you.

Rosemary Weston - April 04, 2020 at 12:53 PM

DS

I worked with Gerald at Colquitt County High School for several years. He was a most kind gentleman and a good administrator too. My prayers go to his family.

David Saturday - April 04, 2020 at 09:13 PM

DB

Gerald's love for football and education and being a friend were great. We will all miss him. Rest in peace.

Deborah Brackins - April 05, 2020 at 12:37 PM

GS

The Singfield Family
So sorry for the lost of a wonderful man.

Glenn and Tandra Singfield - April 06, 2020 at 07:02 AM

TH

My Sincere and Deepest Sympathy to entire family! May God Bless you all.

Tyrone Hunt - April 06, 2020 at 09:34 AM

CA

God bless you all Clarence Anglin class of William Bryant high school Moultrie ga .my class mate.

C Anglin - April 08, 2020 at 09:29 PM