



## Mr. Burkas Early Williams

September 28, 1946 - May 15, 2021

Burkas was born on September 28, 1946 to David, Sr. and Argather (Copeland) Williams in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Burkas Early Williams moved to Saginaw, Michigan in 1961 with his parents and family.

He attended Saginaw Public Schools, graduating in 1966 from Arthur Hill Technical High School. Burkas was a Vietnam Veteran serving in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was self-employed as a repairman/handyman.

Burkas loved the Lord and studied his word daily until his illness. He had a heart and deep love for his family. He paid his tithes to Providence Baptist Church in Vicksburg, MS and supported other church ministries and organizations. Burkas had a heart of giving to family, friends and others. He gave over 100 KJV Bibles to family, friends, nursing home residents and staff. He truly was concerned about getting the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ out to the world.

Those left to cherish his memory are his loving family, brothers, Deacon Alphounce (Joyce) Williams, Idlewild, MI and Karl Williams, Grand Rapids, MI and Scott (Shirley) Grady, Nashville, TN; sisters, Barbara Bady, Linda Braddock and Edith Holmes, all of Saginaw, MI; special nieces and nephews, Katrina Warren, Ella Johnson, Ian Anderson and Rev. Reginald Cameron;

other nieces, Marchelle Holmes, Deloise Wolfe, Saginaw, Emma Anderson, Junction City, KS, Yolanda (Andre) Cottrell, Kanapolis, NC, Kirsan (Mitchell) McKeithan, Durham, NC, Kylese Hammond, Charlotte, NC, Aleta (Roderick) Crawford, West Point, MS, Kimberly Rhodman, Vicksburg, MS, Erna (Durwyn) Duncan, Indianapolis, IN; other nephews, Robert (Teresa) Holmes, Charlotte, NC, Theodore Braddock, Greenville, SC, Timothy (Mia) Braddock, San Antonio, TX, David (Rebecca) Williams, Ivan Wolfe, Verlon Hammond, David Williams, Scott Williams, Micahael Singleton, Saginaw, Alphounce (Shannon) Wolfe, Phoenix, AZ, Minister Kareem (Dawn) Hammond, Sr., Jalen Hammond, Concord, NC and friends, Catherine Hall, James Porter, Edgar Bradley and Jerry Hunt.

Burkas was preceded in death by his parents, David, Sr. and Argather (Copeland) Williams; sisters, Iver Lee Rhodman, Evangelist Scottie Wolfe, Lafolyette Hammond; brothers, David Williams, Jr. and Donald Williams; nephew, Eddie Rhodman, Jr.; niece, Chevon Hammond, Leslie Dawn Braddock and Shannon Anderson and best friend, Chris Harris.

The family extends "Thank you" to his doctors at the Veterans Hospital, Dr. B. Njuyen and the Purple Team, Dr. L. Zukerman, Dr. DeBari, Covenant Wound Clinic, Covenant Medical Center Harrison 3rd floor South staff, Covenant Medical Center Cooper ICU staff and Evans & Browne's Funeral Home and staff

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48607. Reverend Reginald Cameron will officiate with interment will take place in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S, Washington Avenue. Visitation will be take place from 9:00 a.m. until time of service.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue  
Saginaw, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 25. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 North Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607

## Funeral Service

MAY 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 N. Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
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<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Burkas Early Williams*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - May 25, 2021 at 10:40 AM

CR

“ *Unfortunately, I never had the pleasure of meeting Uncle Burkas, but I did have the pleasure of speaking to him over the telephone several times, as my husband and I were so fond of him. He was a wise and witty person who cared so deeply for his family. He will truly be missed. Candace Rhodman (wife of Eddie Rhodman, Jr.)*

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**Candace Rhodman** - May 25, 2021 at 09:56 AM

TH

“ *Mr. Williams was kind person. I being knowing him since a little. He was good friends with my dad Jerry Hunter. He truly going be missed. Family is in my prayers. From The Hunter Family!!!*

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**Tasha Hunter** - May 25, 2021 at 08:57 AM

KR

“ Uncle Burkas was a kind soul and he will be dearly missed. Much love and prayer for my William's family. The Rhodman family is here for you.



Kimberly Rhodman - May 24, 2021 at 02:52 PM

LC

“ The Pastor and members of Providence M.B. Church (Vicksburg, MS) would like to express our most sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Burkas E. Williams.

*He was a member of a strong legacy that was indeed one of the many cornerstones of our church and will not be forgotten.*

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."  
Matthew 5:4*

Lois Coleman - May 24, 2021 at 10:40 AM

SH

“ Sending my deepest condolences and prayers to the family 🙏🙏❤️💖



Shirleyhughes - May 23, 2021 at 07:03 PM

SH

“ Stephanie Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Burkas Early Williams



Stephanie Hall - May 22, 2021 at 05:21 PM

DB

“ Dorothy Brewer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Burkas Early Williams



Dorothy Brewer - May 22, 2021 at 07:43 AM

WW

“ Wilma Wirrick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Burkas Early Williams



Wilma Wirrick - May 21, 2021 at 10:56 PM

KW

“ 1 file added to the album burk



karl williams - May 21, 2021 at 04:25 PM

KE

*lol wow!!!*

kerenjeanne - May 30, 2021 at 09:31 PM

KE

*Thanks for sharing!!!*

kerenjeanne - May 30, 2021 at 09:34 PM

LC

“ Lavern Chandler sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Burkas Early Williams



Lavern Chandler - May 21, 2021 at 10:50 AM

DB

“ Dorothy Brewer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Burkas Early Williams



Dorothy Brewer - May 21, 2021 at 10:49 AM

LK

“ Larry Kemp sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Burkas Early Williams



Larry Kemp - May 20, 2021 at 10:58 PM


KD

“ *KAY CHESTER DAWKINS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Burkas Early Williams*



**KAY CHESTER DAWKINS** - May 20, 2021 at 10:38 PM

YH

*Wow, where do I begin, Uncle Burkas was always there for us as kids to show us how to fix things put things together ( Uncle Burkas could fix anything known to man lol) he would talk to us about life & how to maintain & how to survive...He was always ready to lend a helping hand to help our Family when ever we needed it, talks about God & just plain ole life lessons, Uncle Burkas I thought you really were going to make it back home, I'm going to miss you dearly, I'm not going to say goodbye but I'll see ya later, Love You...Londa Lou* 

**Yolanda Hammond-Cottrell** - May 20, 2021 at 11:31 PM

RB

“ *Rochelle Brewer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Burkas Early Williams*



**rochelle brewer** - May 20, 2021 at 12:22 PM

TF

“ *The Jarrett Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Burkas Early Williams*



**The Jarrett Family** - May 20, 2021 at 10:54 AM

RK

“ *Renee Kaiser lit a candle in memory of Mr. Burkas Early Williams*



Renee Kaiser - May 19, 2021 at 11:56 PM

KW

“ *Katrina Warren sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Burkas Early Williams*



Katrina warren - May 19, 2021 at 06:50 PM

KW

“ *uncle burkas was one amazing man he can work and fix anything from making picnic tables fixing lawn mowers he is a jack of all trades he is one bad organ player and if you ever need someone to talk to he was always there to listen and give helping advice*



Katrina warren - May 19, 2021 at 06:49 PM

KW

“ Katrina Warren sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Burkas Early Williams



Katrina warren - May 19, 2021 at 06:18 PM

KW

“ My uncle Berkus was one amazing man he worked on everything building picnic tables lawn mowers you name it he fixed it he played the organ enjoy spending time with his family and friends and if you ever needed to talk to someone about something he was always there he will truly be missed

Katrina warren - May 19, 2021 at 06:11 PM

KW

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Katrina warren - May 19, 2021 at 06:04 PM



“ Otis W Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Burkas Early Williams



Otis W Jackson - May 19, 2021 at 12:31 PM

LJ

“ Louise Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Burkas Early Williams



Louise Johnson - May 18, 2021 at 06:58 PM

TB

“ One of the greatest teachers on the value of work, and he had he slickest hair that would shut the party down. Rest easy Unc.



Timothy Braddock - May 18, 2021 at 05:24 PM

TF

“ The Helton Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Burkas Early Williams



The Helton Family - May 18, 2021 at 03:26 PM

CH

“ Cyntha Hood lit a candle in memory of Mr. Burkas Early Williams



Cyntha Hood - May 18, 2021 at 12:07 PM

ET

“ *My deepest sympathies to the family of Mr Burkas.*



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**Ebony Turner** - May 18, 2021 at 12:08 AM

JN

“ *What a great basketball player with a mean left hand jump shot for Arthur Hill Tech, awesome person and a good man prayers for the family.*

*Pastor James H. Nelson*

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**James Nelson** - May 17, 2021 at 10:08 AM