



## Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell

October 19, 1943 - June 9, 2018

Earnest was born on October 19, 1943 and passed away on June 9, 2018 at the age of 74 years. He was the last of nine children born in Shreveport, Louisiana to the union of Edmond and Ruth (Hawkins) Burnell. He attended Booker T. Washington High School in Shreveport, LA and came to Saginaw, MI in August 1965 after graduating from Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA.

Earnest loved the Lord. Upon his arrival in Saginaw, he joined the Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church and its choir. He loved music, and loved using his powerful baritone voice to sing praises to the Lord. He served as the Choir Director as well as the Church Treasurer for many years.

He married Lorene Hall in 1968, and in 1971 they began to raise a family.

Together they had two children, Anitra Margaret and Daniel Floyd.

He taught special education and science at Ricker Middle School, grades 7th, 8th, and 9th in Buena Vista Township. Later he moved to the Saginaw Public School System where he taught Intermediate Special Education grades 4th, 5th and 6th. His first administration experience was Summer school at Crary Lincoln Elementary School. In 1971 he became principal at Morley School, later he was the Principal/Supervisor at Handley School. He was also the Program Director for "Children with Exceptional Needs", and finally Principal of Longfellow Elementary School. Earnest loved to cook and he would often

prepare meals for his staff to eat during meetings. After 32 years of loyal educational service, Earnest retired from the Saginaw Public School System in 1997 as the Principal of Longfellow Elementary School.

In March of 1981, he became a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. As an Omega Man, he served as Vice Basileus at the Chi Xi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in Saginaw and served as Dean of Pledges, as well as Youth Advisor for five years. He was a recipient of the “Omega Man of The Year Award” and the recipient of the 2016 “Omega Legacy Award”.

Mr. Burnell was also an entrepreneur for many years; he operated a learning center called Learning to Everyone. After retiring, he became part owner of the Quality Performance Resource Group. Earnest also supervised Student Teachers at Saginaw Valley State University, taught an Education Methods course and was a Field Consultant at Bay Mills Community College. Earnest was a strong, proud man who loved to laugh, teach and serve his community. He volunteered several years with Habitat for Humanity, filled food bags at the Rescue Mission and filled and distributed bags for Toys for Tots. He held many positions with Gideon’s International and sang at many of their faith fund rallies. He was also a board member of the Team One Credit Union for 25 years. In 2006 Earnest joined Faith Harvest Church and soon after, he became a member of the praise team offering his musical expertise and support to the group.

Earnest loved his family. From cooking breakfast before school to making Sunday dinner after church, he was always providing love and support. He took his wife, children, and grandchildren on numerous vacations over the years and enjoyed spending time seeing different places with them. He also liked to go fishing with his brother Johnny, children and grandchildren and even got Lorene to go a few times. He liked to dance and was definitely the life of the party. You could hear his infectious laugh and voice in a crowded

room above all others. His generosity as a brother, as a man, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather cannot be measured.

He touched many people over his lifetime and will be really missed by all who knew him. He is finally at peace and able to rest. Good job "Mr. B"!

Earnest is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Lorene; his three children, Rosalind Nelor, Anitra Burnell-Harris and Daniel (Malaika) Burnell; seven grandchildren, Rory Nelor, Marco Nelor, Chanel Sykes, Makiah Burnell, Davin Burnell, Austin Harris and Brookelynn Harris; six great-grandchildren, Taelor Nelor, Rory Nelor II, Collin Nelor, Hayleigh Taylor, Kinsley Sykes, and Dother Sykes V; three brothers, Grady Burnell, Mack (Iris) Burnell and John (Hazel) Burnell; one sister, Mildred Jackson and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Earnest was preceded in death by his parents, Edmond Burnell and Ruth (Hawkins) Burnell; two brothers, Fields Mays and Laurence Burnell; two sisters, Doris Mays and Bobbie (Burnell) Walker.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at Faith Harvest Church, 1734 North Mason, Saginaw, MI 48602. Pastor Ronald E. Chipp will officiate. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48607 on Monday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. The family will be present to greet friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Omega Psi Phi memorial service will be conducted at 6:30 p.m.

From the family of Earnest Burnell:

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the:

The Earnest Burnell Scholarship Fund

c/o Team One Credit Union

520 Hayden St, Saginaw MI 48607.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **18**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 N. Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
(989) 754-0481  
evansbrownes@gmail.com  
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

JUN **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Faith Harvest Church  
1734 North Mason  
Saginaw, MI 48602

# Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Browne's Mortuary** - June 19, 2018 at 08:34 AM

JB

*Rest easy Unc. I love you*

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**Johanna Burnell** - June 21, 2018 at 08:13 AM

VB

“ *Vicki Bradley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Vicki Bradley** - December 30, 2020 at 03:08 AM

JS

“ *Janie Surles-Cork sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Janie Surles-Cork** - June 22, 2018 at 12:47 PM

BS

“ *Very saddened to hear of Mr. Burnell's passing. My favorite principal- he checked on me often over the years and always remebered me many years later.*



**Briana Sharper** - June 19, 2018 at 03:29 PM

TI

“ *T Ingram lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



**T Ingram** - June 19, 2018 at 12:39 PM

FD

*My condolences to u Mil for the loss of your brother. Stay grounded*

**Foster durett** - June 21, 2018 at 01:23 AM

EF

“ *Eugene Blair And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



**Eugene Blair and Family** - June 19, 2018 at 08:31 AM

YS

“ Yvonne Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



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**Yvonne Sanders** - June 19, 2018 at 07:30 AM

FH

“ Uncle Ray :( I was so sad to hear about his passing. As a child he always made us laugh. "The cousins from another state were coming!" we would scream through the house when he would come to visit. Heaven has gain another Angel. One of the best story tellers, I knew. Prayers to his family.



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**Fawn Melissa Huggins** - June 19, 2018 at 02:45 AM



“ Chenita Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



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**Chenita Jackson** - June 18, 2018 at 10:10 PM

BP

“ Bill & Bessie Primas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



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**Bill & Bessie Primas** - June 18, 2018 at 08:46 PM

MG

“ Milton & Marshall Goss lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



Milton & Marshall Goss - June 18, 2018 at 07:49 PM

ES

“ Ethel Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



Ethel Shaw - June 18, 2018 at 05:40 PM

DS

“ I'm going miss L.Burnell husband E.Burnell answering the phone when I would call for his wife L.Burnell, and He would ask is this Dan Conner and I would say yes Sir. I will miss you E. B

Daniel L. Debra Conner Sr - June 18, 2018 at 05:25 PM

SJ

“ Shondral Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



shondral Jackson - June 18, 2018 at 04:48 PM

KM

“ *KaToya McCarroll-Porter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



**KaToya McCarroll-Porter** - June 18, 2018 at 09:31 AM

CL

“ *Calvin And Phyllis Little lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



**Calvin and Phyllis Little** - June 18, 2018 at 02:07 AM

CS

“ *Connie Snow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



**Connie Snow** - June 17, 2018 at 09:56 PM

LS

“ *Dear Burnells,  
We are wishing you strength for today and comfort for the days to come. Mr. Burnell meant so much to so many, especially me, Lennie, as his mentee. He will definitely be missed and held in the highest of regards for all the wonderful things he did for so many.*

**Louis and Lennie Skipper** - June 17, 2018 at 04:58 PM

KS

“ *My deepest condolences and sympathy in the passing of Mr. Burnell. To me he was a member of the family, as our families spent a lot of time together...Southern University Alumni events, Omega Psi Phi functions, Panhellenic Picnic and various other activities. He was a great man and was tremendously missed. God Bless the family during this transition time.*

Kimberly Skipper-Davis - June 17, 2018 at 11:07 AM

TM

“ *Ernie was my principal to Longfellow, and I found him very accepting, genuine, and concerned. After several years at Saginaw High, I thought teaching 3rd grade would be a snap. However, I found that it was very challenging. That one year of elementary was a real learning experience for me, and I came away with profound respect for some of my fellow teachers. At the end of the year, Ernie patted me on the back and apologized for not monitoring me more fully, saying that he had several other teachers that took most of his concern. I surely came away respecting his leadership.*

Tom Mudd - June 17, 2018 at 10:28 AM

RW

“ *Regenia Wade lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



Regenia Wade - June 16, 2018 at 10:37 PM

JA

“ I wish to express my sincere condolences to the entire Burnell family. I can still hear the sound of his beautiful voice when he sang in Mt. Olive's choir when I was a child. I also remember laughing at many of his jokes too.  
I pray that you are comforted during this difficult time. God bless you all!

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**Janice Anderson** - June 16, 2018 at 09:54 PM

SF

“ Sarah Johson And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



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**Sarah Johson and family** - June 16, 2018 at 02:48 PM

CW

“ Cathy Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



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**Cathy Wilson** - June 16, 2018 at 09:40 AM

EF

“ Eugene Blair And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



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**Eugene Blair and Family** - June 16, 2018 at 08:46 AM

RW

“ *Rita M Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Rita M Williams** - June 16, 2018 at 07:59 AM

 Jacqueline Holmes-Irvin

“ *Jacqueline Holmes-Irvin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Jacqueline Holmes-Irvin** - June 16, 2018 at 05:29 AM

DF

“ *A thought of comfort and condolences to the grieving family. May the passage of time heal your grief as your heart and soul find peace and comfort.*



*Deon Ford and Family*

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**Deon Ford** - June 15, 2018 at 07:46 PM



“ *The Batts Family*

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**Velissa Batts** - June 15, 2018 at 05:27 PM

RF

“ *Romulus GSC Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell.*



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**Romulus GSC Family** - June 15, 2018 at 10:39 AM

WF

“ *Wicker Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Wicker Family** - June 15, 2018 at 08:44 AM

GB

“ *Gwen Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Gwen Bowman** - June 15, 2018 at 08:38 AM

SS

“ *Sue Surles-McDole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Sue Surles-McDole** - June 15, 2018 at 08:25 AM

DM

“ Deatte Mcglothin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



Deatte Mcglothin - June 14, 2018 at 10:03 PM

BF

“ Betty Scott & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



Betty Scott & Family - June 14, 2018 at 06:24 PM

BF

“ Betty Scott & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



Betty Scott & Family - June 14, 2018 at 06:22 PM

FN

“ Freddie Mae Nowell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



Freddie Mae Nowell - June 14, 2018 at 02:53 PM



“ *Velissa Batts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Velissa Batts** - June 14, 2018 at 01:52 PM



“ *Carrie Jackson-Zackrie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Carrie Jackson-Zackrie** - June 14, 2018 at 01:46 PM



“ *Tommy & Rhonda Henderson Atkins*



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**Rhonda Henderson-Atkins** - June 14, 2018 at 12:02 PM



“ *Rija Landry-Aka lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Rija Landry-Aka** - June 14, 2018 at 11:55 AM

RS

“ Grace & Peace to the Family of Mr. Burnell. So Blessed to have had him as a part of my academic upbringing while attending Longfellow Elementary.

Roy & Rosalind Stewart - June 14, 2018 at 11:05 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell.



June 14, 2018 at 10:38 AM

YS

“ Yvonne Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



Yvonne Sanders - June 14, 2018 at 09:11 AM

JS

“ To the Burnell family, you are in my thoughts and prayers as I send my deepest condolences.



Janie Surles-Cork - June 14, 2018 at 08:50 AM

GD

“ Gregory Daniel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



Gregory Daniel - June 14, 2018 at 05:05 AM

GS

“ Gregory Daniel Sr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



Gregory Daniel Sr - June 14, 2018 at 05:04 AM

AZ

“ Albert and Frances Zackrie



Albert and Frances Zackrie - June 14, 2018 at 04:06 AM

JW

“ Joanie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



Joanie Williams - June 13, 2018 at 11:38 PM

RO

“ Robert/MaryMcCray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



Robert/MaryMcCray - June 13, 2018 at 08:46 PM

YH

“ Mr Bernell was my principal at Morley school back in 1972 He never paddle I didn't get in trouble like that but I was scared to get paddle by a man principal but he was nice and he listen to both sides.

Yvonne Herndon - June 13, 2018 at 08:23 PM

YH

“ Yvonne Herndon sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



Yvonne Herndon - June 13, 2018 at 08:17 PM

KF

“ KATHERINE FELTSON-GRAVES lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



KATHERINE FELTSON-GRAVES - June 13, 2018 at 04:58 PM

SF

“ *Shelona Brown Wilson And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



**Shelona Brown Wilson and Family** - June 13, 2018 at 11:17 AM

GP

“ *Geraldine Parris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



**Geraldine Parris** - June 13, 2018 at 09:11 AM

GP

*Loreen, I have so many good memories of Ernie and Longfellow School.*

**Geraldine Parris** - June 13, 2018 at 09:18 AM

AT

“ *Atlanta Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



**Atlanta Thompson** - June 13, 2018 at 07:19 AM

VH

“ Vanessa Humes-Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



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**Vanessa Humes-Johnson** - June 12, 2018 at 11:37 PM

KM

“ My condolences to the family of Mr. Burnell. I remember so many Sundays of hearing him sing in the choir while growing up. What a wonderful voice. God bless the family.



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**Karen Martin-Brodnex** - June 12, 2018 at 10:05 PM

UF

“ Ursula Clark And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



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**Ursula Clark and family** - June 12, 2018 at 09:45 PM

UF

“ Mr Burnell you will be truly missed..many wonderful memories from Longfellow..your family is in our prayers. .



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**Ursula Clark and family** - June 12, 2018 at 09:45 PM

LD

“ *LILY DIXON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**LILY DIXON** - June 12, 2018 at 08:55 PM

CW

“ *Cathy Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Cathy Wilson** - June 12, 2018 at 08:12 PM

MF

“ *Mosella Reed And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Mosella Reed and Family** - June 12, 2018 at 07:42 PM

AS

“ *Mr. B I have many memories of you from my years at Longfellow. You were more than a principal more like a grandfather.*

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**Ashley** - June 12, 2018 at 07:40 PM

A/

“ Prayers out to the family I remember Mr Burnell when he was a principal at Longfellow School he was a cool and nice person to know he is missed by all who knew him

Annette Lumsden /Gamble - June 12, 2018 at 06:57 PM

ML

“ OH LORD HAVE MERCY I PRAY! PLEASE BE A COMFORT TO ALL!! AS TEARS FLOW AS THIS I KNOW MAY MAY THE MOST HIGH CARRY US ALL AND ESPECIALLY THE FAMILY THROUGH 🙏

Michael L. Welch Lawrence - June 12, 2018 at 06:46 PM

DP

“ My Dearest Burnell family, please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Mr. Burnell was such a kind and gentle man. He will be truly missed. May our Lord bless and comfort you and your family during this time of grief.



*In sympathy, Dr. Kelley A. Peatross*

Dr. Kelley A. Peatross - June 12, 2018 at 06:40 PM



Alisha Lindsey

*My deepest condolences to the Burnell family. He was truly a second father to many children at Longfellow. May God bless you all and we give thanks to our heavenly father for his life and all that he brought to us through him.*

Alisha Lindsey - June 12, 2018 at 07:17 PM

SF

*Mr. Burnell was always there for me and my siblings at longfellow..my deepest condolences to the family..he will truly be missed*

Stephanie Frye - June 12, 2018 at 10:51 PM

TS

“ *Tanesha Sangster-Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Tanesha Sangster-Smith** - June 12, 2018 at 05:39 PM



“ *Cynthia Reed-Tillman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Cynthia Reed-Tillman** - June 12, 2018 at 04:33 PM

JM

“ *Judy Holloway Mayes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Judy Holloway Mayes** - June 12, 2018 at 03:41 PM

ML

“ *So sorry for your loss.*



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**Mary Lawrence** - June 12, 2018 at 01:57 PM



“ *Patricia Brummell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Patricia Brummell** - June 12, 2018 at 01:26 PM

HS

“ *Helen Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Helen Scott** - June 12, 2018 at 12:59 PM

MB

“ *Sending my condolences to the entire Burnell family. May God bless and comfort each of you during this difficult time.*



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**Ms Diane Blackmon** - June 12, 2018 at 11:02 AM

DM

“ *Sincere Condolences.*



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**Deborah A Morris-Williams** - June 12, 2018 at 10:20 AM

JP

“ Jackie Prescott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



Jackie Prescott - June 12, 2018 at 08:52 AM

GO

“ Sending prayers and hugs to the Burnell family at this difficult time. Mr. Burnell was an amazing and outstanding person.

Gail Oliver - June 12, 2018 at 08:47 AM

AT

“ Annette Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



Annette Turner - June 12, 2018 at 07:36 AM

ML

“ Margie Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



Margie Lawrence - June 12, 2018 at 06:42 AM

DH

“ Dawn Hughey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



Dawn Hughey - June 12, 2018 at 04:41 AM

DH

To the family of Ernest Burnell, I send my deeply condolence and am so sorry for your lost.

Dawn Hughey - June 12, 2018 at 04:41 AM

DM

“ DIANA MIREE lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



DIANA MIREE - June 12, 2018 at 04:36 AM

DP

“ DeMarco Pleasant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



DeMarco Pleasant - June 12, 2018 at 04:14 AM

LV

“ Linda Veasley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



Linda Veasley - June 12, 2018 at 02:51 AM

NH

“ Mr. Burnell was the Best principal I've ever! Many fond memories of him and his Infamous paddle 😊. Rest In Paradise. To the family you are all in my Prayers

Nichole Holmes - June 12, 2018 at 12:26 AM

JS

“ To the family of Ernest Burnell, I send my deeply condolence and am so sorry for your lost. I have known Ernie and his wife for many years, we all worked for the Saginaw Public School District, which is where I met them both. May God give you peace and strength at this time. Jacqueline strother

Jacqueline strother - June 11, 2018 at 11:37 PM

CM

“ Praying for strength for the family during this difficult time.



Charlotte McMillan-Harper - June 11, 2018 at 10:00 PM

DJ

“ *Dr. Lillian Jones-Thomas sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Dr. Lillian Jones-Thomas** - June 11, 2018 at 09:57 PM

YK

“ *He was my favorite principal. He was very helpful when you had questions or problems. He always made the best sweet potato pie and other soul food dishes. The kids always liked Mr. B! Very caring and sweet person.*

*Yvonne Kinney*

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**Yvonne Kinney** - June 11, 2018 at 08:50 PM

TS

“ *Not only a great principal, but a wonderful man. He will be missed by many. Rest peacefully.*



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**Tosha Swilley Sykes** - June 11, 2018 at 07:18 PM

EF

“ *Ethel Shaw & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Ethel Shaw & Family** - June 11, 2018 at 06:55 PM

EF

“ *Ethel Shaw & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Ethel Shaw & Family** - June 11, 2018 at 06:54 PM

TH

“ *Mr. Burnell, such a nice person, you will always be remember for walking in the park with my mom (Ernestine Howell) God keep his arms around your Family. TINA HOUZE*

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**Tina Houze** - June 11, 2018 at 06:41 PM

LH

“ *LaTonya Huffman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**LaTonya Huffman** - June 11, 2018 at 06:10 PM

WB

“ *Walsezetta Bennett sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Walsezetta Bennett** - June 11, 2018 at 06:08 PM

DM

“ *Derrell Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Derrell Martin** - June 11, 2018 at 06:01 PM

DM

*Mr.B, so glad for the great memories and love sheared by our families through the years. You touched so many lives in such a positive way and the world is a better place because of you. Gods blessings to family and rest well with our Father in Heaven!!*

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**Derrell Martin** - June 11, 2018 at 06:07 PM

CF

“ *Ernie will be remembered for all he did for the Saginaw Schools - the teachers and the children. Such a wonderful family man and example.*

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**Caroline Huffman Venice FL** - June 11, 2018 at 05:11 PM

KS

“ *Kathy Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Kathy Shaw** - June 11, 2018 at 05:06 PM

MM

“ *Melleretha Moses-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Melleretha Moses-Johnson** - June 11, 2018 at 04:56 PM

HF

“ *Hulett Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Hulett Family** - June 11, 2018 at 04:38 PM

GP

“ *May the family of Mr. Earnest Burnell please accept our heartfelt condolences in the passing of your dear loved one. Mr. Burnell sang so beautifully in our wedding back in the year 2000. He will always be graciously remembered.*



*Gloria Bender Peake and Allen Peake, Jr.*

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**Gloria Peake** - June 11, 2018 at 04:37 PM

PL

*Ernie sang at our wedding in 1970, 48 years ago. He was a great principal at Morley School. So sorry for your lost. Phil & Ginger Lisik*

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**Phil Lisik** - June 14, 2018 at 07:12 PM

MH

“ *Marcia Hulett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Marcia Hulett** - June 11, 2018 at 04:37 PM

JW

“ *Jimmie And Beverly Westbrook lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Jimmie and Beverly Westbrook** - June 11, 2018 at 04:36 PM



“ *Earnie was my teacher supervisor when I was in the Accelerated Certification program at SVSU 2002-3. He was a gifted educator of educators from whom I learned a great deal.*

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**John Barnes** - June 11, 2018 at 04:20 PM

NM

“ *Nicole Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Nicole Mitchell** - June 11, 2018 at 03:25 PM

DM

“ *DIANA MIREE sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**DIANA MIREE** - June 11, 2018 at 03:09 PM

GN

“ *Ernie was a dedicated family man, an outstanding educator, a man of character and conviction. His warmth and genuine love of doing things in a business like manner inspired by others to aim higher. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family. His legacy lived on in the hearts of many.*



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**Gene and Shirley Nuckolls** - June 11, 2018 at 02:52 PM

BL

“ *RIH Earnest Ray. Bobbie Crosby Locke; Cantonment, FL*



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**Bobbie Locke** - June 11, 2018 at 02:37 PM

DM

“ *Deborah Mack lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Deborah Mack** - June 11, 2018 at 01:31 PM

CB

“ Cynthia Brackett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



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**Cynthia Brackett** - June 11, 2018 at 12:55 PM

DS

“ Our prayers are with the Burnell family. I was saddened to learn of Mr. Burnell's transition. Praying that the God of Heaven will comfort you now and always.

*Debbie R. Sims  
Rockledge, FL*

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**Debbie Sims** - June 11, 2018 at 12:29 PM

IC

“ IRMA CHISM lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



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**IRMA CHISM** - June 11, 2018 at 11:31 AM

BC

“ Our heartfelt condolences to the family.



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**Bobby and Debra Cork** - June 11, 2018 at 11:29 AM

JE

“ Ernie was such a kind and welcoming person. I will definitely miss his presence at Team One Board meetings. Hugs & prayers to the family and friends he left behind.



Jan Elbing - June 11, 2018 at 11:18 AM

DH

“ Deidre Hunter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



Deidre Hunter - June 11, 2018 at 10:32 AM

VB

“ Vivian Keys Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



Vivian Keys Brown - June 11, 2018 at 10:25 AM

VF

“ Valerie Foster-Baker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell



Valerie Foster-Baker - June 11, 2018 at 09:57 AM

SP

“ *My condolences to the family of Mr. Earnest Burnell.*



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**Shelaine Parrish** - June 11, 2018 at 09:20 AM

MS

“ *Mr & Mrs William Doxie Sr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**Mr & Mrs William Doxie Sr** - June 11, 2018 at 08:25 AM

OC

“ *Praying for the entire Burnell Family....Sincerely - The Chaney Family (James, Betty, Ona, Asha, Marcus and Marcellus)*



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**Ona Chaney** - June 11, 2018 at 08:04 AM

TG

“ *The Guster's lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earnest Ray Burnell*



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**The Guster's** - June 11, 2018 at 07:36 AM

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*So sadden by the death of Ernie. He was a multi-talented person who helped and inspired so many. He has left behind a great legacy in the field of education and other areas. I will miss his sense of humor as well as his dignity in the way he did things. My prayers are with his family as they go this difficult moment. He his gone but on the hearts of many to never Ne forgotten. God will take care of you.*

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**Audrey McKandes** - June 12, 2018 at 11:41 AM

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*you will greatly and truly missed*

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**jennifer petty-jackson** - June 16, 2018 at 10:11 PM