



Starlett Burrell

July 17, 1955 - July 25, 2020

Ms. Starlett Turner Burrell was born on Sunday, July 17, 1955 in Detroit, MI to the late Edmond and Ethel Turner. Starlett was the fourth of five sisters. She is preceded in death by her third oldest sister Corliss Turner Henry. Starlett transitioned from this life on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital.

Starlett was a life long member of SS Andrew and Benedict Catholic Church, Detroit, MI, where she was baptized, received her first communion and was confirmed.

Starlett attended SS Andrew and Benedict Elementary School in Detroit, MI and graduated in 1973 from Our Lady of Lourdes High School in River Rouge, MI. She continued her education at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor where she received her Bachelor's Degree. Later she received her Master of Science Engineering Management Degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona, FL.

Starlett was initiated into Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated at the University of Michigan on April 18, 1975 beginning a life-long and dedicated love of the sorority.

In 1991, Starlett became a charter member of the Tau Alpha Omega Chapter, Redford, MI. During her 29 years as a Tau Alpha Omega member, she held many positions including President, Vice President and Parliamentarian. She also served tirelessly on many humanitarian committees as well. Starlett was a Silver Star and Life Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated.

Starlett retired from the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research Development and Engineering Center in 2018 after 33 years of decorated service with the Department of Defense.

Starlett leaves to mourn her cherished memory; her sisters Rita Spuling (LeRushlon), Alma Smith (Vernell), Lynett Marie Sluis (Wilbert), her nephew Desmond G. Henry, her niece Juliette Henderson (Joseph), niece Stacey Snow and great niece Anayla Henry. Starlett also leaves a host of cousins, relatives, caring friends and her beloved sorority sisters.

Information about the Visitation is listed below. The funeral will be a private ceremony, due to coronavirus restrictions, for immediate family only. Funeral Services will be live streamed at 11 am on Saturday, August 8, 2020 on Facebook at facebook.com/SSANDBEN , or the church's website: SMMSSAB.com and choose "Masses". You will see Mass of Remembrance for Starlett Burrell.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the "Starlett Burrell Scholarship Fund" with checks payable to the Vision Fair Foundation, a 501c3 organization.

Vision Fair Foundation
PO Box 401124
Redford, Michigan 48240

PayPal: visionfair1995@gmail.com

Condolences and Expressions of sympathy may be sent to:
Mrs. Alma Smith

23468 Derby Lane
Farmington Hills, MI 48336

**Please note that the Strolling Visitation allows 10 people in the chapel with the family at a time. After viewing and expressing condolences with the family, it will be necessary for visitors to leave so that others may come. The governor's orders do not allow congregating in the halls, lobby or parking lot.

Let us do our part to stop the spread of the coronavirus.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Cemetery Details

Woodmere Cemetery

9400 W. Fort Street
Detroit, MI 48209

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services
24585 Evergreen Rd
Southfield, MI 48075
(248) 702-5367
info@kempfh.com
<https://www.kempfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Starlett Burrell*

September 27, 2022 at 08:40 PM



“ *Starlett Burrell*

September 27, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *Our beloved Lynett Marie we are so extending our deepest condolences on the loss of Starlett. When she came to Curaçao she was just so pleasant and an absolute joy to be around. She told us many living stories of her baby sister and how she named you. Your parents definitely gave her the perfect name because she shined like bright star when she entered a room. So on behalf of your family here in The Netherland Antilles and The Netherlands we are praying for peace and comfort for your family. Love the Sluis Family*

camillasluis@gmail.co - August 10, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ *Lynette sending you love and condolences to you and your from the Bahamas. Ricardo Neely*

Ricardo Neely - August 10, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ *Lynette sending so much love and continued peace your way. God Bless you and your family Love Rickey*

Rick Robinson - August 10, 2020 at 10:50 AM

KY

“ *Lynett Marie the service for you my sister was absolutely beautiful. The love that you and your sisters showed for Starlett was to be admired and true example of sisterly love. Now from our conversations I can see why you were so proud of your sisters. Love ya and see you soon when you return back home. Kylie*



Kylie - August 10, 2020 at 10:48 AM

PW

“ *Sending condolences and love to Rita, Alma, and family. So sorry for your loss. Paulette Taylor White*

Paulette C White - August 09, 2020 at 05:27 PM

DG

“ *I am so happy to have known Starlett and her family. The time I spent with her is so precious. She was wonderful. I miss her laughter. God will receive her into his loving arms. Family be strong. My prayers are with you. Denise G.*

Dr. D. Gray - August 08, 2020 at 11:49 AM

GN

“ *Love and prayers from Gloria Norman to Starlett's family.*

Gloria Norman - August 08, 2020 at 10:58 AM

DR

“ *Starlett you will be truly missed! I still smile when ever I think about all the good times we shared!! So many memories!! Rest in peace until we meet again to share all those memories lol! Lynett my prayers are with you and the family. And any time day or night if you need to talk I'm here just a phone call away !! Much love 💕 to you and the family!!*

Dorothea Reddick - August 07, 2020 at 08:07 PM

KT

“ *Starlett you will never be forgotten. I will remember all the memories we shared and the stories Aunt Ethel told us. It's hard to let you go.
Your cousin,
Kathryn*



Kathryn Thibodeaux - August 07, 2020 at 06:43 PM

MG

“ *Mary Gauthier-Lewis lit a candle in memory of Starlett Burrell*



Mary Gauthier-Lewis - August 07, 2020 at 05:21 PM

MG

My beloved Sorority Sister, Starlett is now an ivy beyond the wall. Her love for AKA was unwavering and she was the epitome of true sisterhood within Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Mary Gauthier-Lewis - August 07, 2020 at 05:23 PM

MG

“ *Starlet was my beloved best friend, big sister, and sorority sister. We met at Xavier University in New Orleans, LA and remained connected over 36 years. I will always cherish the fond memories of my dear friend and sister. She was the proud aunt to my children (Amanda and Jordan) and their children (Lenox and Jordan II). I can honestly tell you that she loved and admired them, especially my daughter Amanda and they loved her. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and I know now that I have gained another angel to watch over me. May her soul and the souls of the faithfully departed, rest in peace. Rest in Heavenly peace my sister, until we are reunited.*

Lynn Gauthier-Lewis & Willie (Chops) Lewis

Mary Gauthier-Lewis - August 07, 2020 at 05:11 PM

AH

“ *I will always remember the summers and the memories we shared. We must let you go for now. I love you, cousin.*

Audrey

Audrey Harrison - August 07, 2020 at 01:45 PM

LG

“ *Love, Justin & Tamara Gist purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Starlett Burrell.*



Love, Justin & Tamara Gist - August 06, 2020 at 07:43 PM



“ *Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Starlett Burrell.*



August 05, 2020 at 03:57 PM



“ *Starlett was a friend, coworker, cohort in the Master Program, and a mentor when needed. She was an excellent supporter of others and she often spoke up and out against wrong doing. So on the behalf of Federally Employed Women, Inc., Great Lakes Chapter-Warren and AFGE LOCAL 1658, I extend sympathy to the family. Rest in peace my friend. Leslie Wilson Smith*

Leslie Wilson-Smith - August 03, 2020 at 09:37 AM



“ *I remember Starlett Very Well! We worked at US Army Tacom! There are people you meet in life you'll never forget!! Starlett is one of them! Starlett had sass and Class and a wonderful sense of humor!! When I think of her I'll Smile! Praying for her Family and Sisterhood and Friends! Rest well Starlett!*

Gary Craig - July 31, 2020 at 11:45 PM



“ *Sending our love, prayers and deep sympathy. We Love you Lynnette*

*Sincerely,
The Allen's
Derrick, Alicia, Jaelyn, & Jordyn*

Alicia Allen - July 31, 2020 at 08:53 PM

AF

“ Condolences to the Burrell Family in the passing of their Loved one. Praying for the Family & Friends of the Starlett Burrell!

May the Peace of God comfort you during your time of Bereavement.

*Love, Allison/George Frazier
Stone Mountain, Georgia*

Allison Frazier - July 31, 2020 at 07:10 AM

DW

“ *Starlett was one the most wonderful person to work with. She brought a smile to my face every day with her “Great Attitude”. She loved God her life and everyone around her. May she Rest In Peace and eternal light of Jesus Christ be upon her forever and ever.*

Dennis Wend - July 30, 2020 at 10:19 PM

DM

“ *Starlett was one of the first welcoming faces I met when arriving on the Detroit Arsenal. She was a sweetheart and will be missed. My condolences to the entire Burrell family 🙏*

Deborah McIntosh - July 30, 2020 at 06:06 PM

MA

“ *Starlett was always willing and able to assist me when I first started my career at the Tank Arsenal and I will always be grateful for the lessons I learned from her. I will always remember the presence she had at every meeting and that smile she carried so well. You will not be forgotten.*



Martin - July 30, 2020 at 12:01 PM

LW

Starlett had the most Beautiful Smile whenever I saw her in the hallway and one thing about Starlett She was very knowledgeable when it came to doing her job as well as other jobs. Rest in Peace Starlett..

Lawana Watts - July 30, 2020 at 12:54 PM

PM

Starlett was one of the friendliest people I knew at work, always a pleasant experience to chat with her over the years.

Paul Muench - July 30, 2020 at 01:29 PM

PZ

I'm so sorry to hear that Starlett passed. She really deserved a long retirement after so many years of service. I was so sad to hear of her passing. What a great lady and a great personality. I always enjoyed our hallway conversations.

Patricia Zapico - July 30, 2020 at 01:57 PM

CD

Grateful for the way my cousin touched my life since the days of our youth. I will always remember her Joy Love and kindness. Praying for the comfort of our Father as our family goes thru her absence on this side and Looking for the great reunion in the resurrection. Weeping endures for a night joy comes in the morning. Thank you, Father, for your word of truth " Our Father is close to the grieving heart even when His will be done"

Curtis Davenport - August 01, 2020 at 11:59 AM

LS

***** TO MY COUSINS: ALMA, RITA, LYNETTE, AND FAMILY MEMBERS...IN ADDITION, CORLISS, AUNT ETHEL AND UNCLE LUCK...WE MISS YOU...*

**LASTLY, (STARLETT) WAS OUT GOING AND DOWN TO EARTH, AND SHE ENJOYED, LIFE.... I WILL MISS YOU,*

COUSIN LARRY DARNELL SMITH/4TH OF JULY

LARRY SMITH - August 03, 2020 at 03:26 PM

DP

I would like to say to my cousins...Rita, Alma and Lynette that I am extremely sorry for your loss. Also to the rest of our family as well. I was very hurt to hear about Starlett. We all shared so many good times growing up together. All of those wonderful family dinners that we all shared. Starlett was always the life of the party. She will be missed so much. May God give you all strength at this time and beyond. Love you all.....Your cousin, Donna L. Ponder

Donna L. Ponder - August 03, 2020 at 04:10 PM

SO

*My Dearest Cousins, Rita, Alma, Lynett & family:
We were saddened of the News about Starlett, our eyes filled w/tears, our hearts/heavy, and a link now missing from our family chain. As kids, we played together and had sleep-overs, as adults, she directed my wedding. Starlett was talented, out-going, loved to travel, and had a hardy-laugh! She was just fun to be around. Starlett has left her earthly home and taken her new residence in Heaven and we who believe in Jesus as she did, will see her again in that Heavenly place that God has prepared for all his believers...until then..she will be missed, until we all meet together again as a BIG FAMILY. Love and Prayers,
Your cousins, Shelia and Gerald Overall*

Shelia Overall - August 03, 2020 at 08:29 PM

PS

My condolence to the family. Phyllis Harris-Stephens.

Phyllis Stephens - August 06, 2020 at 08:22 AM

DN

To our cousins Rita, Alma and Lynett sorry to hear about the passing of Starlett. She left us with so many memories, praying for you and the family. Ecclesiastes 3: verse 1 " To everything is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven".

Your cousins,

Chrystal, Dwayne, Ciara, Corey, Kyla and Justin

Dwayne Norwood - August 06, 2020 at 12:37 PM

CD

As a cousin and a former co-worker, Starlett, with her upright stride, and her knowing eyes could just crack a smile and say so much to you. She made you feel warmth, with, love all at once. This because it was came from the inside. Praises be to The Most High for gifting us with her and her knowing she was a child of his. To my cousins, Rita, Alma, Lynette and all , I pray for comfort, strength, guidance and power of the beautiful memories of our times with her to give us a measure of balance and peace.

Carlton Davenport - August 07, 2020 at 08:05 AM

BE

To my cousin LYNETTE I am sorry to hear about cousin STARLETT. God be with you and the family. ❤️RIP

Beverly - March 02, 2021 at 02:28 PM