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### Bridie Burns

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*May I Go Now?*

*Don't you think the time is right?  
May I say good-bye to pain-filled days and endless lonely nights?*

*I've lived my life and done my best, an example tried to be,  
So can I take that step beyond and set my spirit free?*

*I didn't want to go at first. I fought with all my might!  
But something seems to draw me now to a warm and loving light.*

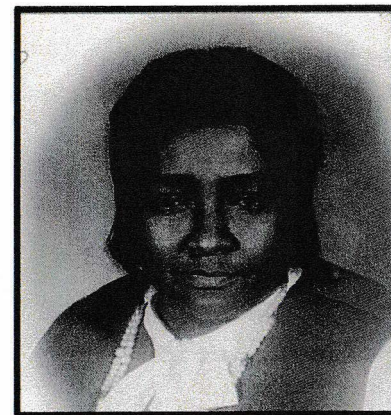
*I want to go! I really do! It's difficult to stay.  
But I will try as best I can to live just one more day -  
To give you time to care for me and share your love and fears.  
I know you're sad and are afraid because I see your tears.*

*I'll not be far, I promise that, and hope you'll always know  
That my spirit will be close to you wherever you may go.*

*Thank you so for loving me, You know I loved you too.  
That's why it's hard to say good-bye and end this life with you.*

*So hold me now, just one more time, and let me hear you say,  
Because you care so much for me, You'll let me go today.*

**In Loving Memory  
of**



**Mrs. Bridie Burns**

Saturday, December 21, 2002— 1:00 p.m.

**Elm Street Church of God**  
Statesboro, Georgia

Interment—Ogeechee Church of God Cemetery

Elder Alexander Smith, Jr., Pastor/Eulogist  
Rev. Jerry Humphries, Presiding

*Another Professional Service By James R. Barnes Mortuary  
Statesboro, GA*

*James R. Barnes  
Owner/Mortician*



*Shirley Odom-Barnes  
Co-Owner/Apprentice*

*Calista L. Moorman  
Administrative Assistant  
912-764-9742*

## Obituary

Mrs. Bridie Burns was born on December 3, 1919 to the late Mrs. Mary Steven Grant and Mr. Warren Stevens in Screven County, GA.

She departed this life on December 14, 2002 at East Georgia Regional Medical Center.

Early in life, she gave a confession of faith to Jesus at Simmons Branch Baptist Church. She later became a member of the Elm Street Church of God.

She was joined in holy matrimony to the late Mr. Henry Virgil Burns. To this union, six children were born. One son, Ronnie Burns, preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her memories, three daughters: Mrs. Ruby Clark and Mrs. Brenda G. Burns, both of Statesboro, GA, and Mrs. Norma J. Webster, Trenton, NJ, two sons: Mr. Norris Burns, Trenton, NJ and Mr. Prophet D. Burns, Memphis, TN, three sisters: Mrs. Robbie Lee Bacon, Savannah, GA, Mrs. Maggie Mincey, Orlando, FL, and Mrs. Elnora Hinton of Cincinnati, OH, one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Inez Burns, Philadelphia, PA. Seventeen grandchildren, three of whom she raised, Anthony, Derek, and Shanika Burns, eleven great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

## Order of Services

Processional

Presiding..... Rev. Jerry Humphries

Selection..... Elm Street Church of God Choir

Invocation..... Rev. Joyce Smith

Scripture..... Rev. Penny Gary

Selection..... Elm Street Church of God Choir

Remarks..... Dea. Ernest Jackson

Poem..... Pastor Carolyn Miller

Acknowledgements..... James R. Barnes Mortuary Staff

Obituary (Please read silently)

Selection..... Elm Street Church of God Choir

Eulogy..... Elder Alexander Smith, Jr.

Viewing

Recessional

### Active Pallbearers

Nephews

### Floral Attendants

Nieces

### Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown during the passing of our loved one. May God Bless You.

- The Family