



Fannie Wesley Burrell

November 9, 1925 - September 18, 2024

Fannie Wesley Burrell transitioned from labor to reward on September 18, 2024. She was born to the late Charles and Maria Wesley in New Kent County on November 9, 1925. She was educated at New Kent County Training School where she graduated top of her class. Fannie accepted Christ at an early age and was a lifelong member of New Elam Baptist Church. She had a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and she deeply loved God. She faithfully served the church in many capacities - Deaconess, President of the Missionary ministry as well as Treasurer, usher, Sunday School Teacher, Women's Ministry, New Elam representative with the Pamunkey Baptist Association, and was the "Mother of the Church". Even those church members who were not related to her called her either Mother Fannie or Aunt Fannie. It was devastating to her when COVID-19 required worship services to be paused. She loved her New Elam family and was committed to doing her absolute best in whatever role she had at the church. Her favorite hymn was "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" and her favorite Bible verse was Psalm 121.

Fannie Smith was an amazingly loving person known in the community by many names – Ms. Fannie, Mother Fannie, Ma Fannie, Momma Fannie or Aunt Fannie. She worked with the Quinn Rivers Community Action Agency, was a Teachers' Aide at George W. Watkins Elementary School and helped at the polls. Fannie demonstrated unconditional love for everyone she

encountered. She was thoughtful, caring, considerate, and compassionate. She always looked for good in every person, withholding judgement, and offering sage advice to those closest to her. She modeled agape love through her words and actions. She loved the outdoors, actually called herself an “outdoorsman”, and animals. As a child she kept pet rabbits, deer, ducks, chickens, racoons. At her home, she was always concerned about feeding the hummingbirds and rabbits who frequented her yard. Her cat, Brownie, was the recipient of years of love and tremendous spoiling. Even when she was not able to take care of Brownie herself, she always directed whomever was there to be certain Brownie was fed and given treats.

Anyone who was blessed to taste her cooking and desserts knew that part of the deliciousness came from the dollop of love she put into everything she prepared. She could tell you how to cook everything and how to “save” something that was too salty, too sweet, too tart or otherwise not good. Her baking was nothing short of legendary! Her pound cake was always a favorite.....everyone vied for a piece at church functions, family reunions and/or Sunday dinner. (She kept her pound cake recipe closely guarded, but one niece was blessed when she shared it a few years ago!) She listened to hymns and sermons whenever she was working in the house. An avid gardener who loved tending to her flowers, her yard was always ablaze with beautiful colors from spring through autumn. You could pick a full bouquet on any day that rivaled that of any florist.

Fannie Burrell had a large and loving family. Her parents, Charles and Maria Wesley, five brothers (George, Christopher, Charles, Richard and Hugo), two sisters (Lenora and Annie), husband Rev. Quentin Smith, grandson Charles Moss, Jr and great nephew Shawn M. Wesley preceded her in death. She is survived by her beloved daughter Barbara Ann Moss and son-in-love Charles E. Moss, Sr.; grandchildren, Charna Moss-Gregory (Edward); Rev. Dr. Donald Moss (Denise); Elder Michael Moss (Quita); twelve great-grandchildren, eight

great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, relatives, friends and her beloved cat Brownie. Also left to mourn her loss are her devoted caretakers Arshelia Harris, as well as Shirley Forbes, Barbara Lewis, Quita Moss, Joy Moss, Linda Fultz, Betty Burrell and Angela Dorsey. Special thanks to the staff of Nayer Home Health Care and Hospice.

A funeral service will be held 1PM, Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at New Elam Baptist Church, 8101 Cumberland Rd, New Kent, VA 23124. A viewing will be held from 11AM-12:30PM, just prior to the service Wednesday, at the church.

Cemetery Details

New Elam Baptist Church Cemetery

8101 Cumberland Rd
New Kent, VA 23124

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

New Elam Baptist Church
8101 Cumberland Rd
New Kent, VA 23124

Funeral Service

SEP **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RJ

“ *Rev Smith's Daughter Margaret Johnson lit a candle in memory of Fannie Wesley Burrell*



Rev Smith's daughter Margaret Johnson - January 13, 2025 at 12:34 PM

RM

This is Rev Smith's daughter extending my sympathy to Ms. Fannie's family.

Rev Smith's daughter Margaret - January 13, 2025 at 12:36 PM

WA

“ *Wanda Akrie-Feltus lit a candle in memory of Fannie Wesley Burrell*



Wanda Akrie-Feltus - October 03, 2024 at 05:52 PM

BL

“ *Brenda Lee lit a candle in memory of Fannie Wesley Burrell*



Brenda lee - September 27, 2024 at 09:02 AM

AJ

“ *Annette Bailey Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Fannie Wesley Burrell*



Annette Bailey Jacobs - September 25, 2024 at 11:24 AM

DH

“ *Dear Moss Family, Sylvia and I, and the Hathaway family share your grief in the passing of Mother Fannie. She always modeled what it means to be a real "Woman of God." We were so blessed to know and love her.*



Dr. Milton A Hathaway - September 24, 2024 at 08:37 PM

RR

*Dr's. Morris & Helen Randall
Dear Burrell & Moss families
So sorry to hear of the loss of Cousin Fannie. She was indeed a virtuous woman. We love her but God loved her best. We had the pleasure of visiting and talking with her during her sickness. Sorry we cannot be with you today but know our love and prayers are with you. She is with the Lord.*

Rev's Drs. Morris and Helen Randall - September 24, 2024 at 10:33 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Fannie Wesley Burrell.*



September 24, 2024 at 07:58 PM

ST

“ *Sandra Crump Tatum lit a candle in memory of Fannie Wesley Burrell*



Sandra Crump Tatum - September 24, 2024 at 03:49 PM

SC

Rest in Power Aunt Fannie. As a great friend of my beloved mother Willie Birthel Crump, I know you two will be sit among the angels in heaven. Condolences to the family.

Stephan LaMont Crump - September 24, 2024 at 08:20 PM

VG

“ *I have been knowing Aunt Fannie since I was a little girl. She was always good to my family and me. She always knew who you were, with her sharp mind. What a loving woman she was. Ann, Charles and family, I'm so sorry for the loss of Aunt Fannie. I love you guys.*



Denise Gardner

Valerie Bowman Gardner - September 24, 2024 at 02:35 PM

BF

“ *Aunt Fannie will be deeply missed. She was a second grandmother to me. So kind and sweet. Her love was extended to everyone, and to know her was to love her. I will always be grateful to her and the family. Love Felicia*

Burrell, Felicia - September 24, 2024 at 10:28 AM

BF

“ Mrs. Barbara & Mr. Charles
We send our deepest sympathy, love and prayers to you and your family on the loss of your mother/mother-in-law. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.
Love,
John & Bertha Fleming



Bertha Fleming - September 23, 2024 at 05:23 PM

CK

“ Growing up with so many Aunts, Uncles and cousins was such a blessing. Aunt Fannie especially always opened her arms and heart to myself and my brothers and sisters. As Royal's children we felt privileged to know her because he loved her so. As time progressed we drew closer still, and when we were called to Wisconsin to minister, my husband John, Elizabeth, Christina and I never forgot her graciousness. It was wonderful to know she sincerely cared. May the family be content in Christ's love.



Charlene Wesley Kirst

Charlene Wesley Kirst - September 23, 2024 at 03:55 PM

AF

“ Alfreda Lewis & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Fannie Wesley Burrell



Alfreda Lewis & Family - September 23, 2024 at 10:26 AM

AA

“ *My condolences and prayers to the family Ms. Fannie was always a delightful person to speak with and always a sharp a dresser.
With love Alicia*

Alicia Akrie-Williams - September 23, 2024 at 10:17 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - September 23, 2024 at 06:44 AM

EF

“ *Condolences to the family, we are keeping you all lifted in prayer.*



Elder Linda Jones & Family - September 22, 2024 at 10:54 PM

AB

“ *Rest in Peace, Aunt Fannie.*



Adrienne and Robert Burrell - September 22, 2024 at 07:36 PM

WB

“ *Ann, Charles and Family:
Please accept our sincerest sympathies in the passing of your beloved mother. Mrs. Fannie had a beautiful, sweet spirit and was a joy to be around. May God grant you peace that surpasses all understanding during this trying time. R.I.P. Mrs. Fannie.*



Warren and JoAnne Bell - September 22, 2024 at 11:51 AM

GC

“ *Gail Bailey Crewe lit a candle in memory of
Fannie Wesley Burrell*



Gail Bailey Crewe - September 22, 2024 at 11:36 AM

MM

“ *My condolences to the Burrell Family,keeping
you all in prayer.*



Marilyn Morton - September 22, 2024 at 01:58 AM