



Mrs. Edith Ester Butts

July 4, 1930 - November 9, 2020

Ester Viola Venable was born on July 4, 1930 to the union of Earl Venable and Florence Venable in Chicago, Illinois. She changed her name later in life to Edith Venable. Edith received her formal education at St. Francis School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She accepted Christ as her Savior in 1980 and was united with St. Marks A.M.E. Church where she served as a stewardess. She was united in holy matrimony with Lerome Butts on May 1, 1970 in Waukegan, Illinois.

Edith was employed by the Milwaukee County Transit System as a city bus operator for nine years until her retirement. She was a member of the Milwaukee County Transit System union.

In her leisure, she loved to cook for her family. Edith enjoyed doing crafts of all sorts, creating beautiful pieces with her crochet needle and yarn. She was a master at working the ceramic kiln at the Rose Garden Senior Center. Any type of hands on artistic expression there was, she did it. Every winter she would knit warm hats for charity. Edith also adored her pets - Butch, Chico and Pretty Boy were her trusted companions. She would grow most of her vegetables and enjoyed planting flowers in her garden, as long as she didn't see any worms.

Edith Butts departed this life on November 9, 2020. She was preceded in death by her mother, Florence Person; father, Earl

Venable; husband, Lerome Butts; sister, Delores Carter; son, Clifton Venable; and granddaughter, Inez Graham.

She leaves to cherish her memory: daughters, Loretta Venable-Keys and Carol Venable; grandchildren, Johnnie Burns Jr., Dorian Burns (Chandra Burns), Carl Armstrong, Lemme Venable, Kilen Venable, Kilisha Venable, Kylene Venable, Kadejah Venable, Aleina Hodnett (Anthony Hodnett) and Aiesha Fletcher; nephews, Kamar Carter and Kwami Barnes; niece, Genelle Venable-Raines (Da Vario Raines); and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Wisconsin Memorial Park

13235 W. Capitol Dr.
Brookfield, WI

Previous Events

Service

NOV **16**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Tribute Wall

PH

“ I am ETERNALLY grateful that the Lord Jesus Christ allowed me the privilege of meeting this DEVOTED ORACLE of God., Mrs. Edith Ester Venable Butts. A MOTHER INDEED!

As a young adult at St. Mark AME Church you were one of the INSPIRATIONAL persons who helped shaped a young and restless teenager into someone that GOD could use for his GLORY. Mother Venable, you were one who refused to let me fall. Your MOTHERLY LOVE, ENCOURAGEMENT and DISCIPLINE laid a foundation that has kept me for over 40 years of ministry. I AM ETERNALLY GRATEFUL FOR THE CONFIDENCE YOU INSTILLED IN ME AND THE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE THAT NEVER WAVERED.

Several years ago, I am so thankful I had the opportunity to share with Mother how much I LOVED and APPRECIATED her and what she meant to my LIFE. SHE WAS TRULY A GIFT FROM GOD!

To Carol and Family, THANK YOU for sharing your MOTHER with ME and so many other. MAY THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST KEEP YOU IN HIS CARE. 🙏🙌👉❤️❤️❤️

Prophet Ernest D. Hollins - November 18, 2020 at 05:38 AM

PM

Carol may our God continue to keep you and your family during this time of transition. Be Still and know God is near
With Love Phyllis Mathews

Phyllis Mathews - December 02, 2020 at 10:08 PM

LG

“ *Lil mama was my father Clifton’s mother & my grandmother and one feisty lady. A great memory is getting boxes full of gloves and scarves and mittens to keep us warm in those cold Wisconsin winters. My father moved us to California young and it hurts my heart not being able to attend her going away service’s due to Covid. Rest in Heaven and kiss my dad when you get there.*

Leslie Sterling / granddaughter - November 17, 2020 at 11:15 PM

LG

Not sure why me and my twin sister Lisa and my brother Lerome are not listed here as grandchildren but anyways!!!!

Leslie Sterling / granddaughter - November 17, 2020 at 11:21 PM

LV

We didn't list any grandchildren its too many of them

Loretta Venable-Keys - December 02, 2020 at 12:20 PM

CS

“ *Wonderful, welcoming and warm. Thank you Mrs. Butt for welcoming my family to St. Mark A.M.E Church. You will always be remembered. - Christlyn Stanley*

C. Stanley - November 17, 2020 at 10:49 PM

CL

“ *My prayers and condolences to the Family of Mrs. Butts. I will always treasure her quick wit and feistiness. Her dedication to serving the church became a model for me. She was a true gem in her earthly life; she now rests in peace.*

Cora Lee-Palmer - November 16, 2020 at 01:22 PM

SE

“ *RIP Lil Momma. I remember visiting you and my Granddaddy Lerome many of days when you lived by on 15th Street and off Keefe. May your family be comforted during your loss. Sharonda Eskridge-(Lerome Jr. daughter).*

Sharonda Eskridge - November 14, 2020 at 02:40 PM

VB

“ *Momma Ethel was a sweet lady. Vm Beresford*

Vm Beresford - November 14, 2020 at 12:07 AM

VP

“ *Sending healing prayers during this difficult time to Sandra and family of Mrs Butts. Mrs Butts was thoughtful, kind and always had a smile for you. We will all miss her. Reflect on the wonderful memories of the joyful times you spent together as you celebrate a life well lived.*

Verlene Perry/Newburn

Verlene Perry-Newburn - November 11, 2020 at 10:25 AM

SS

You will be missed Rest In Peace my friend. Love

smith Shirley - November 16, 2020 at 12:11 PM

HH

Mrs. Butts always had a smile and a kind word. She will be missed at St. Mark. Helen Harris

Helen Harris - November 16, 2020 at 02:00 PM

CR

Mrs. Butts was always happy and loving. She will be missed. Carolyn Riley

Carolyn Riley - November 16, 2020 at 05:36 PM



Mrs. Butts was a kind, hard working member of St. Mark. She helped to make St. Mark a great place to worship.

Deepest sympathy.

Doris Wallace

Doris Wallace - November 16, 2020 at 05:49 PM