



Mother Pearl Gordon Burns

October 19, 1924 - March 16, 2026

Statesboro, Georgia

Mrs. Pearl Elouise Gordon Burns departed this life on Monday, March 16, 2026, at Azalea Health and Rehabilitation in Metter, GA. She was born on October 19, 1924, in Screven County to the late Elisha Gordon, Sr. and Pearl Kent Gordon. She was a devoted, life-long member of Simmons Branch Missionary Baptist Church. One of 15 children, she was the last surviving sibling.

Pearl married George Abram Burns on February 14, 1945. As young adults, they moved north in search of a better life. She was employed for nearly thirty years by Coach Leather Goods in New York City where she operated a power sewing machine producing handbags. Pearl was well known for her cooking and enjoyed preparing delicious meals in her home for family members and friends. She also shared her cooking skills with her church during special events. In her later life, she enjoyed coloring and filled many coloring books with beautiful, vibrant colors.

Pearl is preceded in death by her husband, George, and by all of her siblings, brothers: David (Effie), Douglas (Iradell), Rufus (Inez), Reggie "RJ" (Robbie Lou), Benny (Eloise), Hollis C (Annabelle), Dennis (Jerusha/Mary), Elisha (Minnie Lee/Anna); and sisters: Hollistene (Willie V) and Milkie (Theodore

“TR”). Also, four young siblings that did not live beyond infancy: Margaret, Evelyn, Charlie, and Virginia Maude.

Pearl is survived by her son, Clarence (Barbara) of Lexington, SC; grandchildren Ayanna Israel (Nahum) of Chicago, IL, Jonathan Burns of Lexington, SC and Emily Burns of Atlanta, GA. She also leaves four great-grandchildren to cherish her memory: Zerahkyah Israel, Teshher Israel, Yaphet St. Martin, and Elianna St. Martin, all of Chicago. Also surviving are a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A visitation will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2026, at Hill's Mortuary, Inc. in Statesboro, Ga.

The funeral services will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Simmons Branch Missionary Baptist Church in Sylvania, GA. Burial will follow in Friendship Memorial Park, Sylvania, GA.

The services for Mrs. Burns may be viewed via-live stream at our Hill's Mortuary, Inc. Facebook page or at C & C Photography Media Production on you tube.

Final rites have been entrusted to Hill's Mortuary, Inc.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hill's Mortuary, Inc.
58 Packinghouse Road
Statesboro, GA 30458
(912) 764-7134

Lie In State

MAR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Simmons Branch Missionary Baptist Church
200 Simmons Branch Road
Sylvania, GA 30467

Funeral Service

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Simmons Branch Missionary Baptist Church
200 Simmons Branch Road
Sylvania, GA 30467

Burial

MAR 21.

Friendship Memorial Park Cemetery
Sylvania, GA

Tribute Wall

KW

“ *Katen Burns White lit a candle in memory of Mother Pearl Gordon Burns*



Katen Burns White - March 20 at 02:36 PM

KW

“ *Today, we pause to remember, to honor, and to give you thanks, Aunt Pearl.*

With hearts full of gratitude, i celebrate your life that touched so many in ways. Your kindness, wisdom, and quiet strength will forever echo in my life. The love you gave so freely continues to surround us, reminding us that your legacy lives on in each of us.

I am grateful for every shared moment, every lesson, every laugh, and even the challenges that helped shape me. Though your presence will deeply missed, I find comfort in knowing that your impact will be everlasting.

Thank you for the love you poured into this world and specifically, me. Thank you for the light you brought into my lives. You will never be forgotten.

Rest peacefully, with God's love and gratitude always.



Katen Burns White - March 20 at 08:10 AM

BM

“ Condolences 🙏 to the Gordon and Burns families during this difficult time, May God continue to give the Gordon and Burns families peace, comfort and strength

Brent and Bernice Riggs (Honey) Mosley and family, Portal, Ga

Brent Mosley - March 19 at 07:52 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mother Pearl Gordon Burns.



March 18 at 04:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mother Pearl Gordon Burns.

March 18 at 04:10 PM

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“ Arnold Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mother Pearl Gordon Burns



Arnold Perkins - March 17 at 12:43 PM

JL

To Clarence and Barbara, thinking of you during this difficult time. May memories of your Mom bring you comfort and peace. We send our love and prayers to you and your family. Love, Dwayne, Stephanie, and Joyce Lemmond.

Joyce Lemmond - March 22 at 08:41 PM

JL

Rest in peace Mother Burns on your journey to the Kingdom of God. Your beautiful spirit and loving kindness shown to family and friends over 100 years of your life was a Blessing to all who knew you. Love Dwayne, Stephanie, and Joyce Lemmond.

Joyce Lemmond - March 22 at 08:48 PM