



## Clarence Burris Jr.

September 22, 1924 - February 11, 2014

Clarence Clifford Burris, Jr. was born in Camden, DE on September 22, 1924 to the late Clarence Clifford Burris, Sr. and Mabel Burris. He departed this life on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at the age of 89 at the Milford Nursing Center. He is the fourth child of ten siblings. His mother passed when he was three and half years old. Clarence attended Star Hill Elementary School, Booker T. Washington Middle School and Delaware State College High School, graduating in June 1942. Clarence was enrolled in Delaware State College and called into the United States Army in 1943 and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in 1946.

After returning to Delaware State College for one semester, Clarence returned to the U.S. Army with advance rank and special schooling with Army Engineers. In August 1950, Clarence was sent to Korea and suffered life threatening shrapnel wounds in April 1951. Clarence recalls standing on a mountain top in the middle of Korea and giving his life to God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Clarence was introduced to Creola by her brother-in-law in the summer of 1943. They were married in 1945 while he was still in the Army. From this union, there were three siblings, Joyce F. Burris, School Teacher, Marva Agnes Burris Jones, Rev. and Teacher, and Clarence Clifford Burris, III, Immigration Attorney.

In the spring of 1953, Clarence was transferred to France then to Germany with his family – returning to the United States in 1956. He was assigned to the

United States Military Recruiting Service in New York City, New York.

Clarence was ordered to Vietnam in 1967, returning in the fall of 1968. He received an A.A.S. Business Degree from Pace University, New York City and a B.S. Degree from Delaware State University. Clarence was CEO, owner and president of Real Estate Company, BURCRE, LLC.

Clarence attained the rank of Command Sergeant Major. He has received many awards and military decorations: Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Commendation w/Oak Leaf Cluster, eight good conduct medals, two presidential citations, seven service medals and community achievement awards. He was a member of the following organizations: Masonic Club AFAM, Scout Master, Kappa Alpha Psi Life Member, VFW Life Member, and President of the Milford Lions Club. Clarence's employment experience was vast where he held business licenses with the Stock Exchange, Insurance Agency and as a U.S. Postal Clerk. He was also a member of John Wesley United Church, Milford, DE, where he served as a Deacon under the Pastorship of Rev. Yvonne Brunson.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers: Ellis, Norman, George Calvin Burris; sisters: Louise Burris, Thelma (Burris) Demby, Helen (Burris) Baynard, Doris Burris; and his step mother, Mary Ann (Harris) Burris.

He is survived by his wife, Creola (Snell) Burris, two daughters; Joyce Burris of Dover, DE and Marva (Burris) Jones of Dover, DE; one son, Clarence Clifford Burris, III (Veronica) of McLean, VA; six grandchildren, Ayasha, Creola, Octavia, D'Mitri, Tiana and Clarence Clifford Burris, IV; and five great grandchildren; two sisters, Delema Carter of Felton, DE and Frances Mosley (Herman) of Felton, DE; one brother-in-law, Winfred (Cathy) Snell of Milford, DE; two sisters-in-law, Jean Smallwood of NY and McCury (Steve) Owens of NY; a dear friend, Greg (Deborah) Parham of Milford, DE; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

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# Tribute Wall

SH

“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathies for your loss. We all look forward to the near future when the earth will be a renewed paradise and death will be no more. (Rev 21:3,4)

Sherry - February 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ May the sorrow you feel in your heart lightens by the love that surrounds you.

Mercedes Acevedo - February 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I am sorry for the passing of your loved one; please accept my sincere sympathy. While you are grieving your loss, I hope you can find some comfort in Jesus' promise of the resurrection(Acts 24:15) when those who have fallen asleep in death, will be raised up and restored back to life, with the hope of eternal life, on the renewed Paradise earth.-John 5:28,29; Luke 23:43. Until that blessed promise is fulfilled and you are reunited with your loved one again, may GOD(Psalms 83:18) grant you peace and comfort now, during this time of sorrow.-Matthew 5:4.

M Jones - February 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Dearest Aunt Creola,

*I can't tell you how sad I was to hear of the passing of Uncle Clarence. My heart goes out to you and my cousins. I just wish I could take away all your pain & sorrow.*

*I pray to God that He wraps you in His loving arms and grace you with His Holy Spirit. I've asked Him to please brighten your day by the loving thoughts you have of Uncle Clarence in the way he loved you and his family. May God's angels brush away your cares with gentle wings.*

*Please know how often you, Joyce, Marva & Clarence III are thought of, and how much you're cared about. Not just today, but every day. My love for you all will be always.*

*May God continue to Bless you all keep you safe. And most importantly, remember I love you dearly.*

*Love Always,*

*Your niece & cousin,  
Kitty bka(Janine)*

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**Janine (Kitty) Owens-Griffin** - February 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ *I will miss hearing your voice and that special laugh you had at the many DSU football games you and your wife attended during the years in box # 5. May the family always remember the great times you shared as a family and may God Bless you All.*

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**Howard Smack** - February 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *To the Burris Family: Please accept my sincere condolences. May God's promises of a resurrection (John 5:28,29) bring your family comfort.*

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**M. Starke** - February 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM