



Mary Josephine Burgess

December 22, 1929 - May 18, 2018

Mary Burgess, daughter of the late Naomi McCoy and Todd Barkley was born on December 22, 1929, in Laurel, Delaware.

Mary completed her early education in Delaware, then in 1943, moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with her favorite aunt, Dorothy, and attended William Penn High School for Girls, where she met her best girlfriend, Dot. They graduated in 1947. During her high school years, Mary met and became friends with the man she would later marry, Leroy Burgess, Sr. She played hard-to-get for a long time, but he never gave up until she married him in 1968.

Mary's main occupation was Teacher's Aid and she loved working with children. She worked at AB Day Elementary School and Ada Lewis Middle School in Philadelphia and Cool Springs School in Delaware.

Mary was a member of Cedar Park Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, where she belonged to the Women's Fellowship. She received a plaque of appreciation in 2001. Mary later became a member of Grace Presbyterian Church, when she moved back to Delaware.

Mary was very civic minded. She belonged to Snap a Northeast Action Neighborhood Organization. She worked at the polls for many years. She had

a big heart and loved her family and friends.

In addition to her husband, Mary was preceded in death by her grandson, Romel Lingham. She leaves to cherish her memory, two sons, Steven Barkley of Bear, DE and Leroy Burgess, Jr., of Philadelphia, PA; three daughters, Annette Barkley of Bear, DE, Kim Barkley of Wilmington, DE and Jean Lingham of Philadelphia, PA; seven grandchildren, Nicole Barkley, Jason Barkley, Tiffany Golding, Yorel Burgess Harris, Nashay, Zion and Dayanah; three great-grandchildren, Lamar, Xavier and Makiyah; and a host of many loving relatives and special friends.

Lovingly Submitted by the Family

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“ *Sorry For Your Loss!
Jesus Loves Me!*

Thomas & Libby Widgeon - May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sorry for the passing of your love one. Read Psalms 46:1 for words of comfort and peace.*

Irene - May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I would like to offer my sincere condolences for your loss. In such difficult time, many families appreciate the comfort offered by the Bible of the time when no one will lose a loved one in death and we will be able to enjoy life again with our loved one. (Isaiah 41: 10). I hope these thoughts comfort you also.*

JoyceA - May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM