



## Rev. Anthony Lavell Burton Sr.

February 1, 1955 - February 1, 2021

Reverend Anthony “Big Daddy” Burton Sr., was born February 1, 1955 in Memphis, Tn.,

to the late Maurice and Lillie B. Burton.

Anthony went home to be with the Lord on his birthday Monday, February 1, 2021.

Pastor Burton loved the Lord; he loved his family; he loved people, and he loved life.

This foundation of love was built from childhood by his parents and 9 siblings.

At the age of 11 he gave his life to Christ and was baptized at Mt. Pisgah Missionary

Baptist Church in Memphis, Tn., under the leadership of Rev. A.C. Jackson.

Tony graduated from Mitchell Road High School as “Salutatorian” of his class in 1973.

He went on to attend The University of Tennessee, and The University of

Southern California, where he earned a degree in engineering. From there he would go on to live

a life of service to God and to others.

In 1976 he enlisted into the Air Force. He would spend the next 11 years achieving the

rank of Captain he also earned several awards and honors including the Air Force Accommodation medal for outstanding and exemplary service. In 1978 he began an

amateur boxing career which lead to a life long love of the sport. He rose through the

amateur ranks and won Golden Gloves and Armed Forces Championships. He was also

a member of the U.S.A Boxing team and had a semifinal finish in the US Olympic trials.

His boxing career was highlighted by a sparing match that ended with a knock out of the heavy weight champ John Tate.

In 1982 while stationed in Bossier City, LA he met and married the love of his life, his

“baby”, Bonnie Collins. Together they raised 4 children. They remained together for the

next 39 years until his departure to be with the Lord. Their union also marked a renewed dedication to the Lord and ministry.

Pastor Burton became an active member of Second Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Shreveport, LA and served in various leadership capacities. In 1986, after being stationed in Germany

for the last 3 years, God moved him to confess a call to the preaching ministry. After returning to Memphis and leaving the military, he would enroll in the Memphis Theological Seminary. In 1991, he was ordained for ministry at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Memphis, TN., under the leadership of Rev. F.J. Harris, Sr.

By 1995, he had received his Master's of Divinity degree and God had prepared him for a second life of service through pastoring and teaching. Rev. Burton loved serving God's

people and caring for their various needs. He was their Shephard placed here by God's

divine order.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **5**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (cst)

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church  
3636 Weaver Rd.  
Memphis, TN 38109

## Service

FEB **6**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church  
3636 Weaver Rd.  
Memphis, TN 38109

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Bonnie and Family, know that we were sadden to hear of Rev. Burton’s passing, with deepest sympathy we share in your sorrow. Love you all Rev. Monroe & Barbara Blocker* ❤️❤️❤️



**Barbara Blocker** - February 07, 2021 at 03:07 PM

SB

“ *SHARLENE BERRYHILL sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Anthony Lavell Burton Sr.*



**SHARLENE BERRYHILL** - February 06, 2021 at 12:25 PM

SB

“ *My sympathies goes out to Bonnie Burton and her family during this time of bereavement! May God give you and the Family of Anthony (Tony) Burton an arm of protection on this day and forever! Love* 💕💕 *you sister in Christ! Sharlene and Rickie BERRYHILL!*



**sharlene berryhill** - February 06, 2021 at 12:23 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Rev. Anthony Lavell Burton Sr..



---

February 05, 2021 at 01:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Rev. Anthony Lavell Burton Sr..



---

February 04, 2021 at 08:44 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Rev. Anthony Lavell Burton Sr..



---

February 04, 2021 at 08:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Rev. Anthony Lavell Burton Sr..



---

February 02, 2021 at 05:15 PM