



## Rev. Samuel Elijah Burns Jr.

November 28, 1945 - July 24, 2021

Reverend Sam Elijah Burns, Jr. was born on November 28, 1945, in Rome, New York from the union of the late Pauline and Sam Burns, Sr. He was the first of five children blessed to this union. On Saturday, July 24, 2021, he entered into heavenly rest.

Sam accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at First Baptist Church in Versailles, Kentucky. After an honorable discharge from the United States Air Force, he accepted the call to preach and was ordained under the pastorate of the late Rev. Dr. T.H. Peoples, Jr. He was a senior associate minister, faithfully attended prayer meetings and taught Bible study until his health began to fail. He truly loved to share The Gospel.

Sam was educated in the Woodford County School system and attended Kentucky State College. For many years, he worked for and later retired from the University of Kentucky. He enjoyed playing the trumpet and the French horn. Rev. Burns leaves behind a rich legacy.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a niece, Ashley Mabson; a nephew, Alpatrick Burns II; and a great-nephew, Montez Relford.

He leaves to cherish his memory his four younger siblings, Kathryn Burns, Alpatrick Burns I, Lottye Cornell and Pauletta Mabson; six special cousins, Johnetta Merritt, Elliott Jordan, Katrina Jordan, Delaney Smith, Jr., Benny

Mapp and Zelma Mapp; 12 nieces and nephews, Gina Coffey, Fidel Cornell, Laria (Joe) Spivey, Evelyn Bruce, Pauletta Burns, Mark (Criselis) Cornell, Joseph Mabson, Paul (Jennifer) Cornell, Arica Mabson, May Hale, Nena Young and Michael Young; special great-nephews, Enriqu  Relford and Cristiano Relford; and a host of great- and great-great-nieces and nephews

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG 9. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
233 South Main Street  
Versailles, KY 40383

## Visitation

AUG 9. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
302 Francis St  
Richmond, KY