



Ms. Mable Ruth Burton

May 9, 1938 - June 6, 2025

The following is the YouTube Live Stream Link for Mable Ruth Burton on Friday, June 20, 2025 @ 12:30PM:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/6wgdV08M15U>

On Friday, June 6, 2025, our beloved Mable Ruth Burton peacefully passed away in the comfort and loving arms of her family in Washington, D.C.

Mable was born on May 9, 1938, in Greenville, South Carolina, to Lewis and Mamie Shumate. As the only surviving daughter—her sister, Hazel, passed away in infancy—Mable was raised alongside her devoted brothers: Henry L. Shumate (Dorothy), Adger L. Shumate, Joe L. Shumate, Frederick D. Shumate (Bobbie), Yusuf Ali (Gregory Shumate) (Imani), and Mahmoud Abdullah (Michael Shumate).

She attended Douglas Junior High and graduated from Spingarn High School, where she met the love of her life, Johnny Jerome Burton. Together, they raised four sons: her eldest, Keith Burton; twins Derrick and Darryle Burton; and her youngest, John Burton.

Mable was a free spirit whose creativity touched every part of her life.

Whether preparing a mouthwatering meal, crafting elegant centerpieces, or producing beautiful works of art, she poured her heart into everything she did. Her talents didn't end there; they also extended to fashion—she could sew a stunning outfit in a day, complete it with handmade jewelry and snatch and

style your hair worthy of a celebrity photo shoot. Above all, Mable was generous with her gifts. She delighted in sharing her boundless wisdom and creativity with her children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends—often through games, laughter, and arts and crafts.

One of the first Black women hired at the Washington Hilton, Mable quickly distinguished herself with her keen eye for style and meticulous craftsmanship. She was soon promoted to head seamstress and furniture upholsterer, roles in which she thrived.

Those waiting to welcome her to glory, include her parents: Mamie and Lewis Shumate; siblings: Hazel, Adger, Henry, Joe, Frederick and William David Bolden; the father of her children: Johnny Burton; and cherished family members including but not limited to: Helen Anderson, Majorie Walker, Harold Lee Waters, Robert Shumate, Michelle Shumate and Frederick Shumate.

Mable's memory and legacy lives on through her beloved brothers Mahmoud Abdullah and Yusuf Ali; her four sons Keith, Derrick, Darryle, and John; her daughter-in-law Deborah Burton; and her cherished grandchildren: Sheniqua (Eric Venus), Shekema Burton, Michael "Mikey" Burton, Dayja Burton, Moriah Burton, Tameka Burton, Arlo (Ty) Burton, Derrick Jr. Burton, Ashley Reed and Deone Pickerel.

She will also be lovingly remembered by her many nieces and nephews: Henry Shumate Jr., Valentino Shumate, Craig Shumate, Marcus Smith, Gwendolyn Williams, Dale Manns, Sharon Shumate, Carolyn Cruse, Linda Ross, Vicky Fauntroy, Eric Shumate, Tony Shumate, Angela Evans, Alia Stewart, Aquil Abdullah, Danielle Shumate, Faith Shumate, Tariq Ali, Monsoor Ali, Adger Shumate, Narchia (Lady) Shumate, Evora Reaves, Kim Blackshear, —and dear family and friends including Dorothy Shumate, Vivian Parker, Pearline Baysmore, Belinda (Linny) Franklin, Alton Vaughn, Adger Cureton, Cousin Ellie, Alberta and Rachel Brunson, Faye Gregory, Jaqueline Reaves and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Mable's legacy of unshakable optimism, enduring strength, creative brilliance, and a deep love for family will forever be honored and remembered.

Cemetery Details

Fort Lincoln Cemetery

3401 Bladensburg Rd
Brentwood, MD 20722
(301) 864-5090

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 20. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

J.B. Jenkins Funeral Home
7474 Landover Road
Hyattsville, MD 20785
(301) 322-2300
jbjenkins@jbjfh.com
<http://JBJenkinsFuneralHome.com>

Funeral Service w/ Livestream

JUN 20. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry for your loss. It is always hard to lose a loved one, but to know that they are in a better place, and in no more pain, resting with our heavenly father makes it easier to accept. She is gone, but will always be with you in love and spirit. May the power of God, lift your family up in spirit. Many prayers sent your way.
Kim Reed

Kim Reed - June 20, 2025 at 03:03 PM

NW

“ *Natalie W. purchased the Lavender Reflections S pray for the family of Ms. Mable Ruth Burton.*



Natalie W. - June 19, 2025 at 10:00 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Mable Ruth Burton.*



June 19, 2025 at 08:36 AM

TF

“ The Charles family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Ms. Mable Ruth Burton.



The Charles family - June 19, 2025 at 02:33 AM

CF

“ Clara, Mariah and family purchased the *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses* for the family of Ms. Mable Ruth Burton.



Clara, Mariah and family - June 18, 2025 at 09:05 PM

CF

“ Clara, Mariah and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Mable Ruth Burton.

Clara, Mariah and family - June 18, 2025 at 09:05 PM

PF

“ Polidore Family purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Ms. Mable Ruth Burton.



Polidore Family - June 18, 2025 at 03:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Mable Ruth Burton.*



June 18, 2025 at 09:32 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Mable Ruth Burton.

June 18, 2025 at 09:32 AM



“ *The Pelzer Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ms. Mable Ruth Burton.*



The Pelzer Family - June 18, 2025 at 05:13 AM



“ *From Vivian Rayford purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Ms. Mable Ruth Burton.*



From Vivian Rayford - June 18, 2025 at 12:08 AM

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“ My family and I are truly saddened to hear of the passing of this beautiful soul. She is the grandmother of my firstborn son Michael Alexander Burton aka Mikey. Our discussions were always delightful. She and my late mom Lucille Munford developed a friendship and spoke quite regularly. She was a wonderful person and she will be missed immensely. Deepest sympathies to the entire family. May God give you the strength to get through this difficult time.

Tracy D Lee - June 16, 2025 at 05:57 PM