



## Mrs. Geraldine Burton Pledger

March 15, 1938 - July 4, 2024

Geraldine Pledger graced this world on March 15, 1938, in Heth, AR, as the cherished second child of Willie and Jessie Mae Sykes. Geraldine peacefully transitioned from this life on July 4th, 2024, leaving a legacy of compassion and wisdom that will forever be held in our hearts. From her humble beginnings in Heth, AR, she lived a life dedicated to loving and nurturing her family and many others who had the privilege of knowing her.

Geraldine's spiritual journey began at a tender age when she joyfully accepted Christ into her heart as a member of First Baptist Church in Heth, AR. From that transformative moment onward, her faith blossomed like a radiant garden, guiding her path with unwavering grace and devotion. Throughout most of her earthly journey, Geraldine walked closely with Christ as a devoted member of Friendship Baptist Church. She joyously shared her love for God with others, faithfully serving on both the Usher Board and Mother Board, while embodying the true spirit of Christian fellowship and service.

Geraldine was a proud graduate of Mildred Jackson High School. In life, she poured her heart into the things that she loved. As a mother, she embraced her role as a homemaker, offering steadfast support to her children until her final days. Cooking for her children was one of Geraldine's favorite activities, and she was celebrated for her scrumptious sweet potato pies, a coveted delight that often-sparked friendly rivalries among her many children and grandchildren, each eager to claim a slice to savor. Moreover, she especially enjoyed heading to the fishing hole with her good friend Marie Brown, particularly when the weather was nice; it was one of her favorite ways to unwind and embrace nature.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: her two daughters, Evelyn Doolittle and Cynthia Phillips of Forrest City, AR; seven sons: Herschel (Rhonda) Pledger of Jacksonville, AR; Leevell (Sheirl) Pledger of Oklahoma City, OK; Earl Pernell (Gloria) Pledger of Ypsilanti, MI; Othello Burton of West Memphis, AR; Donnie (Mallissia) Burton of Jacksonville, FL; Durall Burton of Heth, AR; Tyrone (Wendy) Burton of West Memphis, AR; three sisters: Barbara Sykes of Chicago, IL; Joyce Brown of Heth, AR; Mildred (Henry) Brice of Chicago, IL; 25 grandchildren; and 44 great-grandchildren. Geraldine leaves a host of

children (grandchildren, great-grandchildren), whom she did not give the gift of life, but life graciously gifted her; she loved them dearly. She also leaves a large host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. Geraldine was preceded in death by her beloved Elijah Burton (BoPeep), her parents, and five siblings: Joseph Sykes, Uester (Jack) Sykes, Douglas Sykes, Robert Sykes, and Shirley Jackson.

# Cemetery Details

## Jackson | Johnson Cemetery

953 SFC 512  
Heth , AR 72346

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JUL 12. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Friendship M.B. Church  
1241 SFC 512  
Heth , AR 72346

### Visitation

JUL 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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### Service

JUL 13. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

EO

“ *Earnest Stene Oliver lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Geraldine Burton Pledger*



**Earnest Stene Oliver** - July 12, 2024 at 11:36 PM

KW

“ *Mrs Pledgers smile and laugh will definitely be missed. Continued prayers for the family*



**Kristi M Wynne** - July 12, 2024 at 09:55 PM

RB

“ *Raquel Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Geraldine Burton Pledger*



**Raquel Brown** - July 12, 2024 at 04:57 PM

TB

“ *My granny was the best grandmother anybody could ask for! Lord knows im going to miss her... Save me spot I Love You FOREVER! <3 ~TeQuoia Burton*

**TeQuoia Burton** - July 12, 2024 at 12:19 PM

CA

“ *Charice, Sierra & Aaron purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Burton Pledger.*



**Charice, Sierra & Aaron** - July 11, 2024 at 09:31 PM

ST

“ Shirley W. Thorn sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Geraldine Burton Pledger



Shirley W. Thorn - July 11, 2024 at 04:24 PM

TS

“ Tony S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Geraldine Burton Pledger.

Tony S. - July 11, 2024 at 02:36 PM

CF

“ Chapel family, Jacksonville Beach, FL purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Burton Pledger.



Chapel family, Jacksonville Beach, FL - July 11, 2024 at 01:46 PM

3L

“ 3GT Leadership purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Burton Pledger.



3GT Leadership - July 11, 2024 at 12:10 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Burton Pledger.



July 10, 2024 at 12:21 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Burton Pledger.*



July 09, 2024 at 09:57 PM

JB

“ *James & Sheronde Battle purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Burton Pledger.*



**James & Sheronde Battle** - July 09, 2024 at 07:28 PM

FR

“ *Losing a mother is one of the deepest sorrows a heart can know. But her gentleness, her warmth, and her wisdom lives on like a legacy of love that will always be with you. May that love surround you now and bring you comfort and peace. My heart goes out to my brother-in law, Donnie Burton, my sister, Mallissia Burton, and the entire family. I'm praying for God's peace and comfort during the loss of Mother Geraldine Burton Pledger.*  
Love,  
*Freda Robinson*



**Freda Robinson** - July 09, 2024 at 07:05 PM

MT

“ *My deepest condolences to my son-in-law, Donnie Burton, my daughter, Mallissia Burton, and the entire Burton-Pledger family during the loss of Donnie's Beautiful Mother, Mother Geraldine Burton Pledger. I pray that God gives you strength, peace, and comfort today and in the days ahead.*  
Love,  
*Mother Peggy Thomas*



**Mother Peggy Thomas** - July 09, 2024 at 07:01 PM

MT

“ Mother Peggy Thomas purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Burton Pledger.



Mother Peggy Thomas - July 09, 2024 at 06:56 PM

EB

“ Earl Pledger’s Basketball Brothers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Geraldine Burton Pledger.

Earl Pledger’s Basketball Brothers - July 09, 2024 at 12:44 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Burton Pledger.



July 09, 2024 at 12:44 PM

AM

“ Sending our Love and prayers to our brother-in-law Donnie & sister Mallissia and the entire family. My God comfort you in knowing that she's in no more pain and no more suffering. Love you ALWAYS ☐☐



Arthur & Carmen Murray - July 08, 2024 at 09:55 PM

DB

Thank you

Donnie & Mallissia Burton - July 15, 2024 at 04:00 PM

LC

“ Loving Nieces & Nephews from Chicago purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Burton Pledger.



Loving Nieces & Nephews from Chicago - July 08, 2024 at 08:48 PM

HD

“ Harry D. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Burton Pledger.



Harry D. - July 08, 2024 at 11:46 AM

EB

“ EARL BURTON planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Geraldine Burton Pledger.

EARL BURTON - July 06, 2024 at 07:51 PM

EB

“ EARL BURTON purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Burton Pledger.



EARL BURTON - July 06, 2024 at 07:51 PM

SJ

“ Sincerest condolences to the family. May God give you the strength needed to get through this time.



Shamaine Jenkins - July 06, 2024 at 07:21 PM

MF

“ MARLON & EVA COWAN & FAMILY purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Burton Pledger.



MARLON & EVA COWAN & FAMILY - July 06, 2024 at 06:03 PM

JP

“ Joe & Tina Pierce. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Geraldine Burton Pledger.

Joe & Tina Pierce. - July 06, 2024 at 02:22 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Geraldine Burton Pledger.*



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July 06, 2024 at 02:22 PM



“ *Shirley Williams Thorn sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Geraldine Burton Pledger*



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**Shirley Williams Thorn** - July 05, 2024 at 03:03 PM