



## Mr. Jonathan "B.B." Burgess, Sr.

May 12, 1953 - September 26, 2021

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Jonathan Burgess, Sr. affectionately known as "B.B." was born May 12, 1953 to Amos "Dad" and Rosie Lee Burgess. He was the second child and oldest son of twelve children.

Jonathan received his high school diploma from Lincoln Senior High School in Forrest City, Arkansas, where he participated in football and art clubs.

Jonathan married the love of his life, Alma Golatt Burgess, on December 16, 1973. They were blessed with six children: Kenneth Burgess, Karen Burgess, Leonard Burgess, Jonathan Burgess, Jr., Jeffery Burgess, and Tracey Burgess.

Jonathan was known as a farmer, hard worker, provider, exceptional musician, landscaping (cutting grass) where he relaxed in serving others, and above all an outstanding husband. Quartet groups from everywhere looked forward to "B.B." showing up to play for their group. He sang with his father's group, The Delta Jublairs for 56 years and was a founding member and musician. "B.B." was a generous man who quietly took care of others. He loved music. He had the uncanny ability to play all sorts of musical instruments well. He played the

piano, flute, the guitar (bass and lead which was his favorite.) He lived a full, wonderful life. He was the rare person who exceeded his dreams. He personified the best of the work ethic. "B.B." worked for W.M. Barr in Memphis, TN for many years. He served in many roles at Cedar Grove Church of Jesus Christ in Round Pond, Arkansas. He often referred to himself as a historian. He told captivating stories to the church family and youth department. Many of those stories will forever be cherished. He was a faithful member there all of his life where he was saved at an early age. He served as a deacon and musician.

Jonathan was preceded in death by his father, mother, brother: Freddy Burgess, and sisters: Pearlene Barnett and Bernetta Jones.

Jonathan "B.B." Burgess, Sr. departed this life on September 26, 2021 at 5:45 PM at his home with his family by his side leaving precious memories with his family.

He leaves to cherish his memories of 48 years, his loving wife, Alma Golatt Burgess; children, Kenneth (Barbara) Burgess, Karen (Val Porter) Burgess, Leonard (Jacqueline) Burgess, Jonathan Burgess, Jr., Jeffery Burgess, Tracey Burgess, Katrina Brown, Sandra Williams, Kresha Webb, Edgar Williams, and Altovise Swift; a host of grandchildren; great grandchildren; and great grandchildren; four sisters, Roberta (Robert) Echols, Nancy Ann (Archie) Butler, Ruthie (Cleave) Whitby, and Bernice (Kenneth) Word; four brothers: Amos (Doris) Burgess, Jr., Terry (Pauline) Burgess, Sr., David (LaSonya) Burgess, Sr., and Elbert (Debra) Burgess; sisters and brothers-in-law, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation with a requirement of a face covering

OCT **9**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Cedar Grove Church of Jesus Christ  
187 SFC 503  
Widener , AR 72394

## Service with a requirement of a face covering

OCT **10**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Forrest City Civic Center  
1335 North Washington Street  
Forrest City , AR 72335

# Tribute Wall

CS

“ Charles Solomon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan "B.B." Burgess, Sr.



Charles Solomon - February 15, 2024 at 09:19 AM

TR

“ To my Dad, I miss you dearly today. I never imagined this day, one I would have to carry on without you. I miss talking to you, disagreeing with you and most of all you challenging me. What I wouldn't give to see your name on my phone and to hear you say, "can you go on the computer and find me a part." If only Google could give me my Dad back... Love & Miss you BB.



Trina - December 23, 2021 at 02:14 PM

CS

Hello Trina hope all is well with you

Charles Solomon - February 15, 2024 at 09:22 AM

JJ

“ bb this is jamie jones u r a man ill never forget i travel on the road with you guys yoy always told me you r a group member lifting my spirit putting me up to do something if nothing but setting up for programs thank you rih

james jones - December 18, 2021 at 12:42 AM

BW

“ *Bernice Burgess Word lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan "B.B." Burgess, Sr.*



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**Bernice Burgess Word** - October 26, 2021 at 02:40 PM

JB

“ *Johnny And Cathy Byers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan "B.B." Burgess, Sr.*



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**Johnny and Cathy Byers** - October 09, 2021 at 03:09 PM

ST

“ *To this wonderful Burgess family, May you find peace remembering a life of singing, loving his family, a life so well lived. My prayers are with the family, Some of the Burgess's children and one Burnett's son was a student of mine some years ago. love this kind and loving family. You have a life time of bless memories to treasure in your hearts. " Family Reunions, Holidays, Church Events, Family Trips and the times when the family Fellowship together."*



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**Shirley Williams Thorn** - October 08, 2021 at 03:11 PM

CC

“ Charlotte Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan "B.B." Burgess, Sr.



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**Charlotte Coleman** - October 08, 2021 at 02:21 PM

WA

“ Sorry for y'all loss Joe was a classmate he was a wonderful person I know he will be missed by all praying for the family

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**Wade Annie** - October 07, 2021 at 10:25 PM

NB

“ Our oldest brother, BB, will forever be with us in our hearts. Alma, thank you for loving him with the love that Jesus required.

*To the children, we love you always.*

*Roberta, WeWe, Penny, Terry, Ruthie, David, Elbert & Bernice  
(In Memory of Pearlene & Bernetta)*

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**Nancy Burgess Butler** - October 07, 2021 at 07:02 PM

EW

*I'm praying for you all Penny, may God give the strength to sustain. Love you all.*

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**Elnora Evelyn Williams** - October 09, 2021 at 08:31 AM

AW

“ Praying for the family during this time, for strength and comfort.



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**Anita Wilson** - October 06, 2021 at 09:48 PM

CF

“ Praying for the family that God grant you the strength and peace of mind as you go through this difficult time.



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**Cassandra Fields** - October 06, 2021 at 05:46 PM

VA

“ You all have my deepest sympathy Praying and knowing that Jesus will keep you during this difficult time.



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**Vanessa Alexander** - October 06, 2021 at 09:35 AM

EC

“ Condolences and prayers to the family



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**Eunice Crawford** - October 06, 2021 at 08:55 AM



“ *Pierre McShan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan "B.B." Burgess, Sr.*



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**Pierre McShan** - October 05, 2021 at 06:22 PM



“ *Jennifer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan "B.B." Burgess, Sr.*



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**Jennifer** - October 05, 2021 at 05:34 PM



“ *Lincoln and Paulette Taylor*



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**Paulette** - October 05, 2021 at 12:15 PM



“ *Venetta Hinton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan "B.B." Burgess, Sr.*



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**Venetta Hinton** - October 05, 2021 at 09:42 AM

BF

“ Burgess Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan "B.B." Burgess, Sr.



Burgess Family - October 05, 2021 at 09:40 AM

SR

“ Shyla Ray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan "B.B." Burgess, Sr.



Shyla Ray - October 05, 2021 at 06:16 AM

AC

“ Praying for Mrs. Alma and the entire family.



Angela Carter - October 05, 2021 at 01:33 AM

RM

“ Rosolyn McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan "B.B." Burgess, Sr.



Rosolyn McDonald - October 05, 2021 at 01:14 AM

DJ

“ Dorothy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan "B.B." Burgess, Sr.



Dorothy johnson - October 04, 2021 at 10:42 PM

MH

“ Mildora Hicks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan "B.B." Burgess, Sr.



Mildora Hicks - October 04, 2021 at 09:26 PM

MH

Rest well BB you fought well God said come on in Servant 🙏🙏🙏

Mildora Hicks - October 04, 2021 at 09:28 PM

RJ

“ Roosevelt Phillips Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan "B.B." Burgess, Sr.



Roosevelt Phillips Jr. - October 04, 2021 at 09:22 PM

CP

“ Carolyn Palmer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan "B.B." Burgess, Sr.



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**Carolyn Palmer** - October 04, 2021 at 09:16 PM

AM

“ Alecia McNutt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan "B.B." Burgess, Sr.



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**Alecia McNutt** - October 04, 2021 at 08:53 PM

BJ

“ Bobbie N Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jonathan "B.B." Burgess, Sr.



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**Bobbie n Jones** - October 04, 2021 at 07:56 PM