



## Mr. Michael R. Curry

May 17, 1936 - August 13, 2020

The passing of Mr. Michael R. Curry, age 84, on Thursday, August 13, 2020, at his home, is being announced by his loving wife Precisus.

Michael was born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina on May 17, 1936. He was the son of the late Napoleon V. Curry and Janie Mae Curry.

At an early age, Michael was raised in Brooklyn, New York. He attended Boys High School. In 1954, he enlisted in the Marines Corp., where he served three years. Michael worked for Transit Authority for twenty-three years before retiring.

While living in New York, Michael attended True Holy Church where he was a faithful member, under the leadership of Pastor Harry T. Nance. In 2004, Michael moved to Durham, North Carolina where he moved his membership to Greater Emmanuel Temple of Grace under the leadership of Bishop Marion E. Wright, Sr. Michael served in many auxiliaries at Greater Emmanuel. He served as a Deacon, he was a member of the Usher Board, he was active in the Men's Ministry, he was a Sunday School teacher and sang with the Mass Choir, he also served as a Security Guard.

Michael is preceded in death by his first wife, Geneva Curry of forty-five years, his daughter, Deborah Bland and Anissa Barbee and two sisters, Doretha Morris and Marilyn Bridgeforth and grandson David Kirkland.

Along with his wife, Precisus, he leaves to cherish his memories his daughter, Dorothy Bailey (Ronald) New York; sons, Wade Kirkland of New York and Larry Barbee, Jr. of Durham, North Carolina; sister, Betty Jean Evans of New Jersey; two nieces, Sharen Evans-Andrews (Steven) and Shannon Bridgeforth both of New Jersey; one nephew, Stanley Bridgeforth of New Jersey; nine grandchildren, Nichole Bland, Vanessa Kirkland, Sylvester Bland, Ron Bailey, Jr., Rachel Bailey-Johnson, Danielle Bailey, Travis Andrews, Keenen King, Larry Barbee, III; twelve great-grandchildren; a cousin Ron Kennedy (Lillie Belle); six sisters-in-law; and a host of extended family members and friends.

Viewing for Mr. Michael R. Curry will take place on Wednesday, August 19, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc., 309 N Queen Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701.

A Service of Celebration has been scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2020, at Greater Emmanuel Temple of Grace, 2722 E. Main Street, Durham, North Carolina 27703. The family will assemble for a visitation from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, followed by the celebration service, at 12:00 noon respectively.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Memorial Park

2107 Liberty St  
Durham, NC 27703  
<http://www.burialplanning.com/cemeteries/woodlawn-memorial-park-4/>

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**AUG 19.** 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Scarborough & Hargett Celebration of Life Center, Inc.  
309 N Queen St  
Durham, NC 27701  
(919) 682-1171  
[scarboroughandhargettinc@yahoo.com](mailto:scarboroughandhargettinc@yahoo.com)  
<https://scarboroughandhargettffh.com/>

## Viewing

**AUG 20.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Greater Emmanuel Temple of Grace  
2722 E. Main Street  
Durham, NC 27703  
[info@getgraceonline.org](mailto:info@getgraceonline.org)  
<http://getgraceonline.org>

## Celebration of Life

**AUG 20.** 12:00 PM (ET)

Greater Emmanuel Temple of Grace  
2722 E. Main Street  
Durham, NC 27703  
[info@getgraceonline.org](mailto:info@getgraceonline.org)  
<http://getgraceonline.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Michael R. Curry*

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October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Thomas And Terry Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Michael R. Curry*



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**Thomas and Terry Williams** - August 15, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ *What a wonderful man! He will be truly missed. Thomas and Terry Williams*

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**Thomas and Terry Williams** - August 15, 2020 at 02:51 PM