



## Apostle Roosevelt Burns

August 23, 1927 - September 16, 2017

Apostle Roosevelt Burns, founder of the Church of Deliverance, Inc., a preacher, teacher, and author, transitioned to heaven on September 16, 2017, with his wife by his side. He was 90 years old and he served in Christian ministry for over 69 years. His teachings and books are filled with the word of God, showing people how to live and walk by faith through the word.

He was born in Lumberton, North Carolina on August 23, 1927, to the late Virginia Carlyle-Burns and Grady Burns. At the time of his death, he was the senior pastor of the Church of Deliverance in Bridgeton, NJ, which he founded and was the overseer of the Churches of Deliverance in Downingtown, PA. and in Reading, PA.

Apostle Burns was deeply devoted to his wife, to his family, and to the church. During his lifetime, he traveled from Maine to Florida, preaching the gospel to hundreds, bringing healing and deliverance to thousands through his radio ministry and through his literature.

In the late seventies, Apostle Burns became deathly ill. God raised Apostle Burns from his death bed and told him to teach His people the word to build their faith. Before God raised Apostle Burns from his death bed, he was only a preacher of the word of God. After God raised him up from his death bed, He told him to teach faith to his people. He went around the city of Wilmington, Delaware with a tent teaching people the word of God. Many laughed and thought the Church of Deliverance was a cult because he was teaching people to have faith in God's word and to only say what God's word says and

people were used to the Pentecostal style preaching. When Apostle Burns started teaching faith, he had never heard of Kenneth E Hagin or Fred Price. When Rollins Cablevision came to town, Apostle Burns was the first to minister on the network and his program was titled, Speak the Word Only. Even while Apostle Burns evangelized and pastored churches, he managed to earn a Bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies from Trinity Bible College and Seminary in Evansville, IN, a Master's degree in Biblical Studies in Evangelism from Haylett College in Mansfield, OH, and a Doctorate degree in Biblical Theology from Florida State Christian University in Fort Lauderdale, FL. He received an Honorary Doctorate in Psychology from Collegium Neotarianum Philosophiae in Kansas City, MO and his PH. D from International Christian University, Chesapeake, VA.

A homegoing service and celebration of life will be held at St. Paul UAME Church, 3114 N. Market St, Wilmington, DE, September 26, 2017, at 11 a.m. Visitation will begin Tuesday, September 26, 2017, from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, send donations to Church of Deliverance, P. O. Box 672, Bridgeton, N.J. 08302.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife of twenty-one years, Pastor Geneva Burns; twelve children, Robert E. Burns (Maureen) of Cranston, RI.; Pastor Verrona V. Brown (William) of Bear, DE.; Pastor Juanita L. Burns-Parker of Hayward, CA.; Grady R. Burns of New Castle, DE.; Valerie N. Burns-Sims (William) of Lenexa, KS.; Bishop. I Rodney Burns of Wilmington, DE.; Joseph N. Carter, Jr of Wilmington, DE.; Anne E. Carter of New Castle, DE.; Lois P. Moore (Harold) of Wilmington, DE.; Cassandra J. Carter of Wilmington, DE.; Jeremiah E. Carter (Sheila) of Virginia.; Ezra J. Carter (Keisha) of Virginia. Twenty-nine grandchildren, Seventy-three great-grandchildren, twenty-three great-great grandchildren, a host of cousins, his church family and friends.

For directions of to send an online condolence visit [www.stranofeeley.com](http://www.stranofeeley.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Gracelawn Memorial Park

2220 N. DuPont Highway  
New Castle, DE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's UAME Church  
3114 N Market Street  
Wilmington, DE 19802

## Service

SEP **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Ann E. Carter lit a candle in memory of Apostle Roosevelt Burns*



Ann E. Carter - September 28, 2017 at 10:32 PM

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*Thank-you much & Hasheim's blessings be with you for sharing your compassion.*

GRoosevelt Burns - October 09, 2023 at 02:29 PM

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“ *Irene Butts lit a candle in memory of Apostle Roosevelt Burns*



Irene Butts - September 23, 2017 at 07:49 PM

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*Thank-you much & Hasheim's blessings be with you for sharing your compassion.*

GRoosevelt Burns - October 09, 2023 at 02:30 PM

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“ *That is MY Dad, Apostle. A Man's Man... I will See you In Heaven Dad One day... I Love The Hold Fam of Burns.... God's comfort be with You All..... Pastor Theo, Mayo*

Theo Mayo - September 22, 2017 at 08:55 AM

GB

*Thank-you much & Hasheim's blessings be with you for sharing your compassion.*

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**GRoosevelt Burns** - October 09, 2023 at 02:30 PM