



## Mr. Odell Haskell (Pop) Burns Sr.

July 18, 1936 - February 11, 2024

Odell Haskell (most famously known as “Pop”) Burns Sr., age 87, of 1119 Hickory Lane Anderson S.C., formally of Belton S.C., transitioned to his heavenly home early Sunday morning, February 11, 2024, at the AnMed Health Medical Center, surrounded by his family and close family relatives.

Odell was born in Anderson County and raised in the city of Belton, SC. He was the youngest son of the late Haskell Burns and Mamie Callaham Burns. As a young boy, Odell received his education through Belton Public Schools and was a member of New Hopewell Baptist Church. It was in this church that he started playing the piano as a young child, sang for many years, and was a lead singer and songwriter with his sons and daughters in the renowned quartet gospel group known as “The Burns Brothers” of Belton, SC. They recorded many hits, including “Cross to The Other Side of Jordan,” “Remember Your Creator,” “Land of Pearls,” and “Amazing Grace,” which still can be found on YouTube to this day!

He married a jewel by the name of Laura Palmer Burns in 1956. Together they bore 7 children: Otis, Odell, Sammie, David, Faye, Laura, and Cheryl. Laura Palmer transitioned to Glory in December 1999; they were married for 43 years. On September 15, 2001, Odell married the beautiful Alma Chapman Ward Burns. They were married for 23 years and counting until his recent transition to Glory.

Odell worked in textiles, and when he wasn't working in the mills, he was farming. He had excellent farming skills and diligently kept up a garden for many, many years. He was also an excellent cook and oftentimes did the cooking for his family. Odell sang every chance he could and was never shy about letting his voice be heard. His singing technique was unique and appealing. His sound cannot be replicated, and that made him truly one of a kind when it came to his musical ability and passion for singing.

He spent his life singing for the Lord and started out with a group called the Echoes of Zion. There are many quartet groups that were formed afterward (within the family) that hold influence from the Echoes of Zion, to include The Five Trumpets, The Southern Echoes of Belton, SC, The Henry Family, The Oliver Family, Focus, The Victorettes, and The Four Stars. He played the piano and organ for New Hopewell Baptist Church until his health began declining. Odell is remembered for his many musical talents and the message of salvation that he sang with conviction to help win souls for the Body of Christ!

He is preceded in death by his parents, Haskell and Maime Burns. First wife, Laura Jean Palmer Burns. Son, Sammie Lee Burns, and daughter, Rev. Janie Alice Faye Burns Greer. Three brothers: Devoe Burns, Clyde Burns, and BT Burns. Three sisters: Hattie Hunter, Katherine Henry, and Elvener Oliver. Two grandchildren, Joseph Aaron Burns and Paulina Michelle Greer, and one great-grandchild, Gabriel Elijah Burns.

He leaves cherished and loving memories with his wife, Alma Chapman Ward Burns of the home; daughters, Laura (Minister Johnny) Merriweather, Cheryl (Michael -Minister of Music, deceased) Puckett, both of Anderson, SC., and Priscilla (Lorenzo) Rothery of Due West, S.C. Sons, Rev. Otis (Rev. Debra) Burns of Belton, SC; Rev. Odell (Rev. Angela) Burns of Honea Path, SC; and

Rev. David (Rev. Lillian) Burns and Rev. Timothy Greer, both of Anderson, SC.

Grandchildren: Daniel Burns, Sammy Burns, Mark Burns, Darius Burns, Avis Burns Burnhart, Renee Walker, Letitia Butler, Kourtney Barmore, Daveda Burns Robinson, Peter Greer, Sherri Burns, Andrew Greer, Matthew Greer, Alisha Greer, Elizabeth Burns, Damascus Burns, Josh Puckett, Tyler Pucket, Hunter Puckett, Devin Rothery, and Brittany Rothery. Thirty-seven great-grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews, other loving relatives, and friends.

A few fun facts about Odell: he was a skilled farmer and gardener; he was a master at checkers and hasn't been known to ever lose (except once, but it's still questioned); his favorite color was blue; his favorite foods were fried chicken, hotdogs, cheeseburgers, and ANYTHING sweet! He also sang a tune when he would yawn.

Odell Haskell Burns Sr., aka "Pop Burns," was a remarkable man, and he will always live in the memories of his family and friends. The good times will always be treasured!

Funeral services will be held Saturday 2:00P.M. at Evergreen Baptist Church, burial will follow at New Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery. Public viewing will Friday from 12:00-7:00P.M. at the Funeral Home. Holloway's Funeral Home of Belton S.C. is in charge of arrangements. The family is at the home.

# Cemetery Details

## New Hopewell Baptist Church

209 Dorchester Road  
Belton, SC

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

FEB 16. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Holloway's Funeral Home - Belton SC  
101 Holloway Blvd  
Belton, SC 29627  
(864) 338-5200

## Funeral Service

FEB 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

Evergreen Baptist Church  
1305 Evergreen Road  
Anderson, SC 29621

## Burial

FEB 17 (ET)

New Hopewell Baptist Church  
209 Dorchester Road  
Belton, SC



# Tribute Wall



“ *Holloway's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Odell Haskell (Pop) Burns Sr.*



Holloway's Funeral Home - February 15, 2024 at 05:16 PM

LC

*My condolences to the family. Been knowing the Burns family since I was 11 years old. I have a sister and brother that married into the family. Rest on Pop Burns. I know you are singing with the angels now.*

Lisa Cowan - February 16, 2024 at 07:58 AM

FW

*Rest on pop u are singing in heaven now for the little time u were and still is a good man*

Francine Wilson - February 16, 2024 at 06:09 PM

PC

*My deepest condolences to the family. Rest on Thou good and faithful servant.. The heavenly choir Has welcome you home.*

Princess clinkscales - February 17, 2024 at 02:15 PM

CA

“ *Carol Ann lit a candle in memory of Mr. Odell Haskell (Pop) Burns Sr.*



Carol Ann - February 17, 2024 at 01:59 PM

JR

“ *Josephine M Rice lit a candle in memory of Mr. Odell Haskell (Pop) Burns Sr.*



Josephine M Rice - February 16, 2024 at 07:04 PM

CB

“ *The Burns Family,  
I am sorry for your loss. Praying for strength,  
peace and comfort now and the days ahead.*



Cristal Scott- Brown - February 16, 2024 at 06:03 PM

SJ

“ *My condolences to the family of Mr. Odell Haskell (Pop) Burns Sr. So sorry for your loss!*



Sandra Faye Jones - February 16, 2024 at 09:59 AM

KW

“ *Katherine Ware lit a candle in memory of Mr. Odell Haskell (Pop) Burns Sr.*



Katherine Ware - February 15, 2024 at 10:35 PM



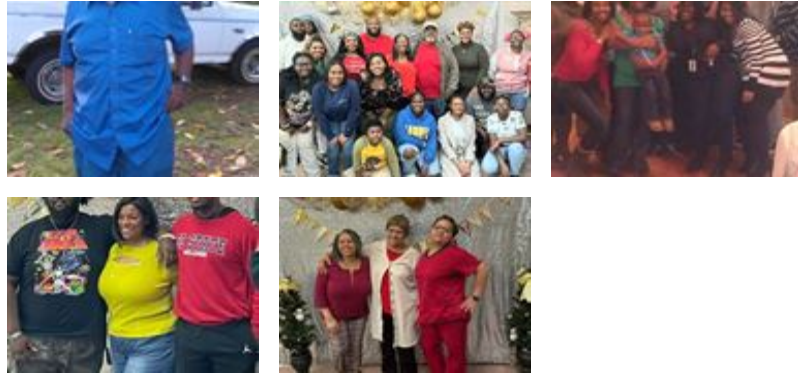
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Holloway's Funeral Home - February 15, 2024 at 07:17 PM



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Holloway's Funeral Home - February 15, 2024 at 04:23 PM



“ *Our prayers are with the Burns family. May God comfort, and peace rest upon each of you during this season in your lives. May God continue to meet you at your point of need. Be encouraged in the Lord.*



*Rev. Frank Spear, Jr., Sis. Vera Spear, and Bro. Eddie Spear  
Pendleton, SC*

Frank Spear - February 15, 2024 at 02:49 PM

VT

“ Vivian Tate sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Odell Haskell (Pop) Burns Sr.



Vivian Tate - February 15, 2024 at 09:01 AM

DR

“ Praying for Burns family .



Dennis Robinson - February 14, 2024 at 09:16 PM

LS

“ Sent in memory of Pop Burns Sr.  
A legend gone home after receiving his just Reward. May he rest in peace. Prayers, love, deepest sympathy extended to all family members.



Linda Swinger - February 14, 2024 at 01:55 PM



“ Lilian, Prayers for peace and comfort to you and your family.



Shay Vinson - February 14, 2024 at 09:32 AM



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**Shay Vinson** - February 14, 2024 at 09:33 AM

CB

“ *CHELSEA A BARMORE lit a candle in memory of Mr. Odell Haskell (Pop) Burns Sr.*



**CHELSEA A BARMORE** - February 14, 2024 at 08:28 AM

RG

“ *Robin Scott Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Odell Haskell (Pop) Burns Sr.*



**Robin Scott Gibson** - February 13, 2024 at 10:04 PM

PT

“ *Patricia Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Odell Haskell (Pop) Burns Sr.*



**Patricia Thompson** - February 13, 2024 at 10:00 PM

MD

“ *Marvin & Ruby Dotson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Odell Haskell (Pop) Burns Sr.*



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**Marvin & Ruby Dotson** - February 13, 2024 at 05:25 PM

MP

“ *Mot Arnold Pruitt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Odell Haskell (Pop) Burns Sr.*



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**Mot Arnold Pruitt** - February 13, 2024 at 03:45 PM

PS

“ *Patrice Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Odell Haskell (Pop) Burns Sr.*



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**Patrice Smith** - February 13, 2024 at 03:45 PM

GL

“ *Gloria lit a candle in memory of Mr. Odell Haskell (Pop) Burns Sr.*



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**Gloria** - February 13, 2024 at 09:02 AM

JL

“ *Jennie Leverette lit a candle in memory of Mr. Odell Haskell (Pop) Burns Sr.*



Jennie Leverette - February 13, 2024 at 09:01 AM

TF

“ *Tina Watson Praying For Your Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Odell Haskell (Pop) Burns Sr.*



Tina Watson praying for your family - February 13, 2024 at 04:42 AM

BW

*My Condolences to your Family* 🙏🏻🙏🏻

Brenda Washington - February 13, 2024 at 09:43 PM

MB

“ *Praying for strength and comfort for Burns family and friends. You have many Cherish memories.*

Mildred Palmore Boggs - February 13, 2024 at 01:37 AM

HG

“ *Harriet Dennis Galloway lit a candle in memory of Mr. Odell Haskell (Pop) Burns Sr.*



Harriet Dennis Galloway - February 12, 2024 at 11:16 PM

JJ

“ Prayers out to the family, he and his singing will be missed



johnnie jones - February 12, 2024 at 11:08 PM

PM

“ Pam Martin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Odell Haskell (Pop) Burns Sr.



pam martin - February 12, 2024 at 09:02 PM

PM

We are so sorry for your loss. We are Praying for the family. He will be truly missed.

pam martin - February 12, 2024 at 09:03 PM

MW

“ Margaret Webb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Odell Haskell (Pop) Burns Sr.



Margaret Webb - February 12, 2024 at 08:15 PM

JW

“ James & Margaret Webb sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Odell Haskell (Pop) Burns Sr.



James & Margaret Webb - February 12, 2024 at 08:14 PM

JD

“ Joe And Linda Earle And Family D lit a candle in memory of Mr. Odell Haskell (Pop) Burns Sr.



Joe and Linda Earle and Family d - February 12, 2024 at 07:57 PM

BR

“ Prayers and condolences to the family during this time.



Bobby and Frances Rice - February 12, 2024 at 07:45 PM

MT

“ Mattie Tate lit a candle in memory of Mr. Odell Haskell (Pop) Burns Sr.



Mattie Tate - February 12, 2024 at 07:26 PM

KR

“ Sending prayers, love, and hugs to my family  
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**Kim Rogers** - February 12, 2024 at 06:14 PM

DM

“ Dianne Merriweather sent a virtual gift in  
memory of Mr. Odell Haskell (Pop) Burns Sr.



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**Dianne Merriweather** - February 12, 2024 at 04:16 PM

DM

“ To the BURNS FAMILY sorry for your loss, POP, a truly LEGEND

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**Dianne Merriweather** - February 12, 2024 at 04:14 PM

DM

“ REST IN PEACE POP now you get to walk  
around HEAVEN ALL DAY



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**Dianne Merriweather** - February 12, 2024 at 04:06 PM

DM

“ To the BURNS FAMILY (my family), POP is going to be missed so much, I LOVED POP so much I remember how we use to walk in Belton for our morning exercise on Saturday morning had great conversation, he was my dad in Belton when we didn't walk me and my dad would walk at the civic center in Anderson, both were great dad he will always have a special place in my heart I'll always LOVE YOU POP, the doors in your HEAVENLY HOME is open and I know you're have No PROBLEM getting in your HEAVENLY Home



Dianne Merriweather - February 12, 2024 at 04:01 PM

PD

“ Pearl Dotson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Odell Haskell (Pop) Burns Sr.



Pearl Dotson - February 12, 2024 at 02:06 PM

LH

“ I never thought of Mr.Odell as not being in our midst. He and my uncles used to sing together when my uncles lived in S.C. Even when my uncles would come back to S.C. , they would always get together and sing.(such beautiful harmony). Mr. Odell was an anointed singer, He and his family could sing like nobody else. Well, I guess now, Mr. Odell, Calvin, Charles and Harold are again singing beautiful music. To the family, he was a small man with a BIG HEART and VOICE. Our condolences.



Lynette Agnew Harper - February 12, 2024 at 12:31 PM

AM

*My deepest condolences to the Burns family. I loved to Pop Burns sing , what a voice. He's resting in Heaven now with our Heavenly Father*

**Ann Mattison** - February 15, 2024 at 01:22 PM

MR

“ *Mildred Rice lit a candle in memory of Mr. Odell Haskell (Pop) Burns Sr.*



**Mildred Rice** - February 12, 2024 at 11:36 AM

JW

“ *Condolences to the Burns family. He and his singing will be missed*



**Jacqueline Williams** - February 12, 2024 at 09:24 AM

CP

*So glad I was able to talk to him last year when he visited MSBC  
Rest In Peace Pop Burns  
Another soldier gone home*

**Cynthia Perry** - February 12, 2024 at 07:32 PM

JR

“ *This is bad news so sorry for the loss of one great man of God . The family has my deepest sympathy and condolences. The music man loved to hear him play that piano. He will be greatly missed.*

**John and Barbara Rice** - February 11, 2024 at 11:07 PM



*Sorry for your loss. Albert and Sarah Henry*

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**Albert Henry** - February 13, 2024 at 06:56 PM

FJ

“*The song is ended but the melody lingers on.*” *In honor of “Pops” Burns, a man whose legacy lives on in the lives of his children, grandchildren, etc., and who left an indelible mark on the community through the ministry of music... When I had the opportunity to sing with the great “Pops” Burns, I thought I had arrived 😊. To do so was an honor and a privilege. Every interaction with him was a pleasure, and every opportunity to hear him and his family sing was a joy. To the family, I send my love and condolences.*



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**Frances J** - February 11, 2024 at 06:30 PM