



## Bobbie Jean Gilmore Burks

January 22, 2014

Bobbie Jean Burks Gilmore born on March 9, 1937. Bobbie resided in Maumee, Ohio. She departed this life on January 22, 2014.

Bobbie was born in Anawalt, West Virginia. Bobbie attended Gary District High school, Gary West Virginia. She was valedictorian of her class, a cheerleader and crowned Miss Gary. After high school she lived briefly in Toledo, Ohio. While in Toledo she was encouraged by her Aunt to pursue a career as an x-ray technician. Deciding that was a good idea, she left Toledo and moved to Washington D.C. attending school at Freeman's Hospital. After graduating she worked for The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. While working there she met and married Allan T. Gilmore Sr. The couple lived in Washington D.C. They had three children together, Valerie, Allan Jr (Tommy) and Chevetta (Chevy).

The couple and their children moved back to Toledo, Ohio in 1965. After 10 years of marriage the couple divorced. Bobbie remained in Toledo and took a job at HUD, after leaving HUD she returned back to her field and worked at Toledo Hospital as an X-ray technician. A newspaper ad caught Bobbie's eye for an X-ray instructor at Owens Community College. The same Aunt who encouraged her to move to Washington D.C., had to encourage her again because taking the job meant driving on the expressway, not Bobbie's favorite thing to do. Bobbie took the job and discovered that she loved teaching and working with her students. During her illness, she came across many of them during doctor visits and hospital stays. She would light up when they would recognize her and share with her stories about the days when she was their teacher.

She was the oldest child of Rufus and Katherine Burks. Her brothers are Rufus W. Burks Jr., who resides in Maryland and her brother Ronald Burks preceded her in death, sister in law Pearl Burks, and several close cousins. Bobbie has three nephews and one niece. Her daughter Valerie and son in law Michael Greer have three children, Adam, Alexis and Aaron. Bobbie was a proud grandmother.

In 1980 Bobbie joined Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. She began attending meetings and there she met some great/fabulous friends and sisters. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, decorating and listening to music. Bobbie was determined, loyal, and .....She will be missed.

Bobbie was the granddaughter of a Baptist Preacher, she gave her life to The Lord, her children were witness to this during a Billy Graham revival. Bobbie faithfully attended Sunday Mass at St. Jude parish and then St. Joan of Arc. She loved The Lord, and read His word. We believe He welcomed her home in a sweet, unique, and special way.

On behalf of Bobbie, we her family thank you for your love, prayers and support.

Visitation will be Friday 5-8:00 p.m. at Dale-Riggs Funeral Home Chapel, funeral service Saturday 2:00 p.m. St. Joan of Arc Parish 5856 Heatherdowns Blvd. interment Historic Woodlawn Cemetery. [www.dalefh.com](http://www.dalefh.com)

# Comments

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“ My condolences to the Gilmore and Burks family. I just heard about Ms. Burks's passing. I met Ms. Burks's in 1980 while attending the Radiology Program at Owens College. She was a very kind, caring and considerate person. She was very inspiring and encouraged only your very best. Over the years we spoke periodically on the telephone, and it was always a pleasure. I will cherish our conversations, she was special. May God provide you with comfort, not just today...but tomorrow & always!  
Cynthia Coombs-Ukiwe

**Cynthia Coombs-Ukiwe** - February 06, 2014 at 08:49 PM

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“ Allan, Sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers arde with you and your family.

**Pam Pahl** - January 24, 2014 at 04:17 PM

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“ Allen, I am sorry for your loss. My prayers are with u and your family

**Anna Maria Ponce** - January 24, 2014 at 03:57 PM

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“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bobbie Burks.



January 24, 2014 at 01:07 PM

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“ Allan, I am so sorry for your loss. I know how much you cared and loved your mother. Please know that your friends are here for you in this time of sorrow.

**Matthew Jeffers** - January 24, 2014 at 12:48 PM

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“ Allan-You are in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time. I know how precious your mom was to you. You now have an angel on your side in heaven looking over you.

**Linda Mattison** - January 24, 2014 at 11:13 AM

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“ Allan--I'm sorry to hear about your mom's passing. I remember you telling me about how she raised you right! You did your chores with no sassing back! She made you the man you are today. Be proud.

**Theresa Napierala** - January 24, 2014 at 08:49 AM