

*"The longer I live, the more
I realize the impact of attitude on life.*

*"It is more important than the past,
than education, than money, than
circumstances than failures, than successes,
than what other people think or say or do.*

"It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill.

The remarkable thing is –

*We have a choice every day of our lives
Regarding the attitude we embrace for that day.*

*"We cannot change the fact that
people will act in a certain way.*

We cannot change the inevitable.

The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have,

And that is our attitude...

I'm convinced that life is

10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.

And so it is with you.

We are all in charge of our attitudes.

-Charles Swindoll

FLORAL BEARERS

Nieces

PALL BEARERS

*Ervin Brown, Jr.
Tyson Fearington
Leonard Foust
Henry Foust
Randy Hadley
Willie B. Hadley*

FAMILY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

*The Burnett family expresses their sincere and heartfelt
thanks for your many prayers, beautiful flowers, words of
comfort, cards of sympathy, telephone calls, visits and
personal attention. Your acts of kindness and
thoughtfulness have helped to sustain us and give us the
strength needed in this time of bereavement. We would
appreciate your continued support through your prayers.
It strengthens our hearts to know
others care.*

THE COHEN & ZACH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A scholarship fund has been established in the names of
Cohen and Zachary Burnett in honor of their father,
Garry Burnett.

You may send donations to:

The Cohen and Zach Burnett Scholarship Fund
c/o Lexington Savings Bank (LSB)
200 Westchester Drive
High Point, NC 27262



Haizlip Service
206 Fourth Street
High Point, North Carolina
336.882.4134

Celebrating the Life of Garry Gaston Burnett



*Good Morning Jesus!
Nice having you here
I hear joy bells
Whenever you're near.
No more sorrows – and no more tears
Good morning Jesus!
Nice having you here.*

**Tuesday, September 21, 2004
11 O'clock in the Morning**

**First Wesleyan Church
High Point, North Carolina**

**John Vernon, Executive Pastor
Aron Willis, Senior Pastor**

Mr. Garry Gaston Burnett, 57, of High Point, died unexpectedly on September 17, 2004 at High Point Regional Hospital. He was born on April 23, 1947 in Graham, North Carolina the seventh of nine children to Zachariah Braxton Burnett and Lena Alston Burnett both of Graham, North Carolina. His parents preceded him in death.

After graduating from Central High School in Alamance County he attended Winston Salem State University where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education in 1970. At Winston Salem State University he played football and was an active member of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity. His involvement in various activities spoke not only to his commitment to school spirit but, also to the breadth and depth of his passion for his community and classmates. He was known by his college classmates as a serious but, fun-loving student.

After college, he began his civil service career with the city of Burlington where he worked for three years. In 1973, Garry began a decorated thirty-one year career with the city of High Point. He rose through the ranks to become the Director of Parks and Recreation a position to which he was appointed by the City Manager in 1998; the same year he won the "High Pointer of the Year" award.

His many contributions to volunteer and civic service organizations throughout the local and state communities truly captured his commitment to education, youth, and family. In particular, he exemplified his commitment to family through his passion for collecting family photos, records, and other memorabilia. Due to his tremendous involvement and participation in community organizations those around him thought of him as one of High Point's greatest ambassadors. He was elected in 2000 as a representative of District 1 on the Guilford County Board of Education.

While Garry's professional career was quite impressive, what was most amazing about his life was the personal influence he had on those around him. In 1967, he married Carolyn Thomas. To this union two sons were born. During their marriage he established a lasting relationship with his mother-in-law Rev. Bertha M. Thomas. In 1992, he married his present wife Caroline Hazel. With Caroline, Garry had two additional sons. Perhaps Garry's most prized possessions are his four sons who he has had an amazing impact on academically, professionally, and socially.

Included amongst his many sorrowing family members and friends are his immediate family: his beloved and devoted wife Caroline Burnett, Garry Burnett Jr. and his wife Meredith both of Washington, DC., Todd Burnett of Silver Spring, Maryland, Cohen Burnett, and Zachary Braxton Burnett both of the home. He leaves one aunt: Dorcas Burnett, three brothers James Burnett (Jean), Samuel Burnett, Arthur Burnett (Debbie) all of Graham, North Carolina. He also leaves his four sisters: Mildred Virginia Foust and Ruth Hadley both of Graham, North Carolina, Louella Fearington of Mebane, North Carolina, and Frances Lackey (Harvey) of Greensboro, North Carolina. His brother, Ervin Burnett proceeded him in death. He also leaves his mother-in-law Mary M. Hazel, with whom he communicated frequently, along with two sisters-in-law and five brothers-in-law. In addition, to his immediate family, Garry leaves a host of nieces and nephews. He also established many professional and personal friends with whom he had lasting relationships during the span of his career.

Garry accepted Christ as his personal savior at a young age and was baptized at Burnett's Chapel United Church of Christ, in Graham, North Carolina, a family church his grandfather founded and pastored. There he participated in Sunday School and various youth activities. Most recently, Mr. Burnett regularly attended Memorial United Methodist Church in High Point, North Carolina.

First Wesleyan Church at Providence Place
1701 Westchester Drive
High Point, North Carolina

Celebration of Life 11:00 a.m.

Reverend Dr. Vance E. Hunt,
Memorial United Methodist Church, Officiating

Organ PreludeEdna Johnson
Musical Director
Memorial United Methodist Church

The Processional

SoloDorothy Childs
"The Lord's Prayer"

The Holy Scriptures

Old Testament Rev. Dr. Vance Hunt
New Testament Rev. Jesse Turner
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
Asheville, North Carolina

Prayer of ComfortRev. Dr. Vance Hunt

SoloDorothy Childs
"His Eye is on the Sparrow"

Acknowledgements

& Words of Comfort Pastor Rebecca Memmelaar

Strib Boynton, City Manager, City of High Point
Dr, Terri Greer, Superintendent of Guilford County Schools
William Covington, Superintendent-High Point Parks & Rec.

Eulogy Nido Qubein
President High Point Community Foundation
President, High Point University

The Recessional

Burnett's Chapel United Church of Christ
1957 Burnett's Church Road
Graham, North Carolina 27253

Viewing 3:00 p.m.
Final Rites 4:00 p.m.

Reverend Stanley Burnett, Pastor

Song "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

Prayer

Reflections Deacon Frankie Burnett, Burnett's U.C.C.
Rev. Stanley Burnett, Pastor, Burnett's U.C.C.
Dr. Anna Bass, Vice-Chairman, Alamance-
Burlington Schools Board of Education

Song "Going Up Yonder"

Recessional

Interment

And the Lord gave them rest...
Joshua 21:44

