



## Mrs. Janet Burton

July 8, 1940 - January 16, 2021

Dr. Janet Burton passed away on January 16th at her home in Washington D.C. after a long illness. She was 80 years old.

Janet was born on July 8, 1940 and raised in New York City. She was the daughter of the late Harold and Mamyne Burton who were loving parents. She is survived by her sisters, Harriet Alexander and Sylvia Roberts. She is also survived by her two nephews, Gary Alexander and William Roberts and her niece Pamela Roberts.

Janet received her high school education at Mother Cabrini High School in New York City. Education was a primary focus of her life. She earned her bachelor's degree from Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland. Janet then earned her Master's Degree in Social Work from Howard University. She then went on to continue her education by earning a Doctorate in Social Work from Howard University's School of Social Work.

After completing her graduate study, Janet worked in several positions. Her most important work was carried out when she was appointed as a full professor in the undergraduate Social Work Program at the University of the District of Columbia. Subsequently, for several years, she led the department as its Chairperson. She had a true passion and talent for preparing students to work with teenagers, the elderly, families and with communities with special

needs.

Throughout her career, Janet engaged in other professional activities. She often made presentations at national and local meetings that addressed issues related to the needs of the community. Over the years, she expanded her social work activities by serving as a private practitioner for several organizations. Janet was active in the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). From 2000 to 2003, she served as a regional representative on the NASW Board of Directors. Additionally, she was a past President of the NASW-Metro DC chapter and often assisted the chapter in its efforts to implement its programs.

Janet engaged in other activities. She was especially fond of travelling to other countries. A favorite pastime included cooking wonderful meals and serving them to her friends and family members.

Her family is forever grateful for her nephew, Gary Alexander, for caring for his aunt throughout her final illness.

# Cemetery Details

## **Chesapeake Crematory**

10771 Tucker St  
Beltsville, MD 20705

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Janet Burton*

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January 28, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Mrs. Janet Burton*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ *My condolences to the family. Dr. Burton supported many of my endeavors and gave me an opportunity to work with bright minds. Never judgement or critical and often maintaining a positive position. She was the type of person one will never forget because she was as solid as a rock. Thank you so much Dr. Burton - we need more lights of love and joy in this world. Simplicity is really more and you were a great example of this!*

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**Donald Willis** - April 26, 2021 at 09:09 PM

SH

“ Words are inadequate to express my condolences to the Burton family. Janet was my beloved colleague and friend. We spent 10 years together in the Department of Urban Affairs, Social Sciences and Social Work teaching and serving at our beloved UDC. Janet was the consummate mentor, teacher, and social work professional. She loved UDC, was dedicated to the Social Work program, and leaves a legacy of hundreds of social work students who are professionals, serving people throughout the world. UDC was her life's passion and purpose and now Janet, you can claim your heavenly wings and rest in God's light and love. I will miss your smile, laughter, and life spirit but grateful that you shared time and space with me.  
Love, blessings and peace,  
Shiela Harmon Martin



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**Shiela Harmon** - February 07, 2021 at 12:47 AM

DM

“ Dawnette Mitchell-Henry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Burton



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**Dawnette Mitchell-Henry** - January 28, 2021 at 06:30 PM

DM

“ *My deepest condolences to Dr. Burton’s family. As one of her past students at UDC, I have learnt so much from her. She was a very understanding professor who took time to listen and help her students because she believed in our success. Sleep on Dr. Burton, you have touched many lives and you will be missed.*  
*Dawnette Mitchell-Henry*



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**Dawnette Mitchell-Henry** - January 27, 2021 at 10:42 PM

LB

“ *Dr. Burton was a wonderful person! I was one of her students and she equipped me to be a Changed Agent!! Praying for her family. Dr. B you earned your angel wings. Rest on my friend.*  
*Leonora Bell*



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**Leonora Bell** - January 26, 2021 at 10:51 PM



“ *My name is Raquel Nixon and I’m a student at UDC. I’m also in the Social Work Program. I’m truly sorry for your loss.. My condolences to the Burton family. I will never forget how she was the force behind my transfer to the main campus. I contacted her and she told me what I needed to do. She gave to me a second chance and for that I will be forever grateful. We communicated by and forth via phone and email. She was my Angel in disguise. She went far and beyond to make sure I wasn’t forgotten,Dr. Burton will truly be missed.*

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**Raquel Nixon** - January 26, 2021 at 06:36 PM

DH

“ It is with heartfelt sympathy that I write this in memory of Janet, a fellow alumnae of Howard University School of Social Work. I had the opportunity to work with Janet as an adjunct professor at the University of the District of Columbia and as a presenter for workshops sponsored by the UDC Social Work Program. You left your mark on hundreds of social work students over the years. May God's blessing comfort Janet's family.

*Dr. Cynthia E. Harris*

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**Dr. Cynthia E. Harris** - January 26, 2021 at 09:11 AM

LG

“ L. Grymes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Burton



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**L. Grymes** - January 25, 2021 at 03:58 PM

DH

“ My sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of such an awesome woman. Dr. Burton saw me through a few difficult situations with professionalism and grace. Her knowledge, skills and experience in the field of Social Work has prepared me for my graduate studies and I am honored and forever grateful to have had the distinct privilege to have been taught by her. She will be greatly missed.



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**Dianne Hawkins** - January 25, 2021 at 12:17 PM

FB

“ *Dr. Burton was a kind and dedicated lady whom I was pleased to get to know, I greatly appreciated her professional support and friendship. I will miss her greatly.*

*Frederica H. Barrow, Ph.D. LCSW-C*

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**Frederica Harrison Barrow** - January 25, 2021 at 11:57 AM

 Karen Chamberlain

“ *Sending prayers and love to the family of Dr Burton. I was one of her students at UDC. She definitely made a lasting impression on her students and her memory will live on forever.*



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**Karen Chamberlain** - January 22, 2021 at 11:05 PM

TW

*Sending my deepest condolences and sympathy to the family of Dr. Burton. I was one of her social work students at UDC, she was like a mother to me, whenever I had a personal or school problem, she was there for me, she was my role model in more ways than one and I will definitely miss her, but I will never forget her.*

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**Thomasine Williams** - January 25, 2021 at 10:38 AM

DB

“ *Sending love and light to Dr. Burton's family in this challenging time. Her guidance and support is why I continue my work as a professor of social work.*



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**Dr. Brandynicole Brooks** - January 22, 2021 at 04:40 PM

DG

“ *Donn Green lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Burton*



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**Donn Green** - January 22, 2021 at 01:50 PM

DG

“ *Sending my deepest sympathy for the family. Dr. Burton was a great person. She will be remembered for her tenacity and strength. She is the reason that I completed the Social Work Program at UDC. She will surely be missed...🙏*

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**Donn Green** - January 22, 2021 at 01:45 PM

GH

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family and close friends.*

*Simply one of the greatest human beings you'd ever want to meet and bask in the presence of. Dr. Burton always had a listening ear, a word of encouragement, both to the young and the older student. After listening intently to me after a very needful brief office visit, she suggested "Seems like you should consider Policy Writing". I had never thought of it, but it is now on my agenda of things to conquer as a Student of Social Work. Thank you for your endearing and unconditional love to student near and far and for the wealth of experience and insight you always graciously gave. I honor you. RIH Queen.*

*G. C. Henderson  
SOWK, UDC*

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**George Henderson** - January 21, 2021 at 11:42 AM

YG

“ *" I send my prayers and condolences to the Family. I am just heartbroken! Dr. Burton was a Phenomenal Woman, an amazing Professor and amazing mentor who always motivated me to give my all and best. All the lessons she taught me will be with me always."*

*Yvonne Garces*

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**Yvonne Garces** - January 21, 2021 at 11:25 AM

WG

“ *I send my prayers and sincere condolences to the Family of Dr. Janet Burton. There will never be another like her. I am honored to have known and worked with her.*

*Willie Faye Garrett*

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**WILLIE F. GARRETT** - January 20, 2021 at 07:03 PM

SL

“ *So very sorry and saddened to hear this news. Lovely, welcoming woman. May her eternal soul Rest In Peace. 💕*

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**Suzanne Lea** - January 20, 2021 at 04:54 PM

GA

“ *1 file added to the album Janet Burton*



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**Gary Alexander** - January 20, 2021 at 01:59 PM

GA

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



**Gary Alexander** - January 20, 2021 at 01:50 PM

 Vivian  
Howie

“ During registration at UDC from my first time entering into the social work program I chose as my advisor. She wasn't but she was so helpful and made herself available to me plus she could relate because I was a seasoned student. The last time I saw her was at Whole Foods in my residential area and she encouraged me to keep going. Dr.Burton will certainly be missed. Her passing is such a surprise to me. Rest on Queen God definitely was able to use you for service to people who needed your expertise. 🙏

**Vivian Howie** - January 20, 2021 at 01:28 PM

GA

“ 3 files added to the album Janet Burton



**Gary Alexander** - January 20, 2021 at 01:03 PM

CE

“ Dr. Burton is a true example of someone who dedicated her life to family, an institution, and a profession. Dr. Burton shaped me into a professional. I could always count on Dr. Burton for direct feedback and help with understanding how to be a respected professional. I am sure her family will miss her but I will miss her just as much! May God provide comfort to Dr. Burton's family and friends during this reflective time.

Charles Elliott (Former student and formerly known as Donald Clark)

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**CHARLES ELLIOTT** - January 19, 2021 at 09:38 PM

CP

“ Dr. Burton was a kind and wonderful soul. I shared many late nights at the University of the District of Columbia with her. She was constantly working to help students. She always had a kind smile for me when I greeted her and at the end of our usually long days I would say “don't stay too late Dr. Burton” and she would always say “I am leaving in a few minutes Ms. Cotina”. She will truly be missed.

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**Cotina Lane Pixley** - January 19, 2021 at 08:44 PM

TA

“ Awww, I’m sooo sorry to hear about her passing!!! She was a beautiful person, she was my advisor at UDC. She believed in me and saw things in me I didn’t see in myself! I loved our long talks, and it’s things she said to me that I now live by as a case manager in D.C. She got me my first Social Work job, working with TANF, before even graduating!!! She pushed me & I love her for it!!! She went over and beyond her job description and fought hard for ALL her students!!! I saw her a few months ago, and she smiled and said you came a long way! She said you are fancy now...lol!!! I will never forget her and the love she gave me!!! Rest Beautiful my Queen!!! You are Always in my HEART!!!!

Love,  
-Tierra

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**Tierra Askew** - January 19, 2021 at 08:43 PM

RB

*My condolences to the family. Dr. Burton was a pure jewel to me. She was my advisor and Professor at UDC. Her words of encouragement when I felt like giving up are the very words that keep me going to this day. I remember my last year at UDC she selected a few of her students and treated us to lunch as a farewell celebration. She always kept an open door policy no matter what she had going on she took time out to invest in her students. I will forever hold her words of encouragement and support in my heart. Rest in peace beautiful soul. You will be dearly missed but not forgotten. My hero, my Queen.*

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**Rhonda Brown** - January 20, 2021 at 11:20 AM

SF

“ Greetings, Burton Family,

*As a member of the faculty of the University of the District of Columbia, I send my condolences in the passing of Prof. Burton. She and I served on several College-Wide Committees in the past, and she was a pleasure to work with.*

*Please know the LORD is comforting and keeping you during this time of bereavement. We your UDC family will continue to honor and celebrate her life and legacy.*

*Sincerely,*

*Dr. Shurron M. Farmer  
Mathematics Program Coordinator  
Van Ness Campus*

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**Shurron Farmer** - January 19, 2021 at 08:34 PM

LE

“ *I'm LaMark Edmundson and I'm a former student of Professor Burton. I truly exceed my condolences to her family and loved one ! Professor Burton was very involved in the Social work department at UDC and still had time to counsel, listen to, care for and had time for students individually . She didn't take no none sense about homework or class assignments, but was very fair in her critique regarding your assignments and questions. I am a licensed social worker today because of Professors like Professor Burton ! She was a very good professor !*



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**LaMark Edmundson** - January 19, 2021 at 07:36 PM

CR

“ *Charlene W. Ridley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Burton*



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**Charlene W. Ridley** - January 19, 2021 at 05:19 PM

HK

“ *Dr. Burton was a wonderful, compassionate colleague. We will miss her so much.*

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**Helene Krauthamer** - January 19, 2021 at 04:14 PM

 David Jackson-EI

“ *I love Dr. Burton, you taught me so much I will always cherish your legacy. David Jackson EI*

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**David Jackson-EI** - January 19, 2021 at 03:14 PM

EM

“ *EmmaMcGheeHamilton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janet Burton*



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**EmmaMcGheeHamilton** - January 19, 2021 at 02:23 PM

CS

“ I will forever be grateful to Dr. Burton for her continued encouragement throughout my social work studies and subsequent career. It was always a pleasure to see that huge smile whenever I returned to campus just to give her a quick hello. Her absence will be truly felt.

*Carmenita Spann-Clark*

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**Carmenita Spann-Clark** - January 19, 2021 at 01:49 PM