



Selvin H. Butts Sr.

February 6, 1932 - October 22, 2018

Selvin Hardin Butts, Sr.

Born February 6, 1932, in Warren County, Kentucky, to the late Follis Butts and Mollie Hardin Butts. On, Monday, October 22, 2018, Selvin gain his eternal rest at the Medical Center in, Bowling Green, KY, at the generous age of 86 years.

Selvin was baptized at the early age of 10 and united with the State Street Baptist Church where he has remained a faithful and dedicated member. Selvin has served in several capacities while at State Street as a member of the Brotherhood, Finance Committee and Trustee Board. Selvin was also a former member of The Edmond Ray Choir and The Power of Praise gospel groups. Selvin was a graduate of State Street High School.

Selvin married the love of his life Rachel Potter, on August 21, 1955, in Rockfield , KY. They have shared countless memories, laughs and cries over the years.

On March 1, 1994, Selvin retired from Cutler Hammer Eaton after 30 plus years of service. Selvin gave a lifetime of volunteer service to the community; some of those noted as being name a Kentucky Colonel, former Vice President & Interim President of the NAACP receiving the 1984, 1986, Outstanding Leadership Award. Selvin served for 20 years on the Board of the

Human Rights Commission (4 times as Chair) and nominated for the KY Civil Rights Hall of Fame in 2000. Selvin had been a member of the Southern Kentucky Economic Opportunity Council as well as the American Red Cross Board of Directors. Selvin formerly chaired the Parker Bennett Citizen Participation Program, served on the Delafield Community Center Board, and was a past President of the Warren County Babe Ruth Association where he was also a coach. Selvin was named a Trailblazer in 2000, and received the Elizabeth Edmonds Humanitarian Award in 1982, other services formerly involved in include the Audit Committee for the International Association of Machinists, and a Board Member for the Housing Authority of Bowling Green.

Selvin was preceded in death by his brother and sisters, Mary E. Burnam, Jessie Mae Crosby, Raymond Butts and brother in-laws Richard Walker, William Burnam and James Crosby.

Selvin leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 63 years, Rachel Potter Butts; sons, Selvin (Vanessa) Butts, II and Steven (Ria) Butts; grandchildren, Jacquetta (Chris) Johnson, Jessica (Fred) Hill, Hardin Butts and Harrison Butts; Great-grandchildren, Zayden, Elijah, Noelle and Coralee; sister, Dorothy Walker; several in-laws, a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam and Son

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1209 Fairview Ave
Bowling Green, KY 42101

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

State Street Baptist Church
340 State Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101
<http://statestreetbaptistchurch.org?>

Visitation

OCT **27**. 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

State Street Baptist Church
340 State Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101
<http://statestreetbaptistchurch.org?>

Funeral Service

OCT **27**. 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM (CT)

State Street Baptist Church
340 State Street
Bowling Green, KY 42101
<http://statestreetbaptistchurch.org?>

Tribute Wall



“ *Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. - October 26, 2018 at 04:39 PM



Beautiful video of a true hero. R. I. P. Cousin Selvin 🥰

Yvonne Williams - October 26, 2018 at 09:57 PM

YW

“ *Dang, I REALLY miss you. MY HERO!! Your wisdom and prayers kept me strong. Gone but NEVER forgotten!! 🥺🥺❤️*



YvonneBryant Williams - October 23, 2021 at 11:44 AM

GL

“ *Sending my condolences to the family of Mr. Butts, he will truly be missed.*

Glynis Lewis-Green - January 28, 2019 at 08:35 AM

MW

“ Rachel, you have my sincere sympathy. Sorry to hear of Selvin's passing. You are in my prayers,



Mamie Wardlow - November 07, 2018 at 07:31 PM

SR

“ Shawnetta Ray lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Shawnetta Ray - October 31, 2018 at 11:38 PM

BR

“ Bobby & Maxine Ray lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Bobby & Maxine Ray - October 31, 2018 at 11:38 PM

MH

“ Michelle & Mrs. Altar Ree Heater lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Michelle & Mrs. Altar Ree Heater - October 30, 2018 at 07:31 PM

DB

“ *Dana Burnam lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Dana Burnam - October 30, 2018 at 09:18 AM

LV

“ *Aunt Rachel, I am truly sorry for your loss. Uncle Selvin was always a kind man. I worked briefly with him when he was President of the NAACP and as a reward for my work, he presented me with the "President's Award". I could not have been more proud. He will be missed. God knows best. Love you much, Linda B (Hunter) Valentine*

Linda B Valentine - October 29, 2018 at 03:12 PM

LV

“ *Linda B Valentine lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Linda B Valentine - October 29, 2018 at 03:10 PM

FS

“ *Felese Shobe*



Felese Shobe - October 27, 2018 at 05:20 PM

MS

“ Harvey & Marilyn Shobe



Marilyn Shobe - October 27, 2018 at 04:18 PM

EG

“ Our condolences to the Butts family. You remain in our thoughts & prayers. God Bless.

Ernest (Phil) & Teresa Gilbert - October 26, 2018 at 10:50 PM

EB

“ ELAINE BUTTS-ROSS lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



ELAINE BUTTS-ROSS - October 26, 2018 at 10:11 PM

EG

“ Condolences to the Butts family. You remain in our thoughts and prayers. God bless.



Ernest and Tersa Gilbert - October 26, 2018 at 10:05 PM

BG

Our prayers are with the Butts family.

Billy and Stephanie Gilbert - October 27, 2018 at 10:17 AM

PG

“ We the Gilbert family send our condolences to the Butts family. You remain in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you and your family.

Philmore & Teresa Gilbert - October 26, 2018 at 09:17 PM

DD

“ Donald & Joanna Daniels lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Donald & Joanna Daniels - October 26, 2018 at 07:09 PM

LI

“ LIVELY-CLARK lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



LIVELY-CLARK - October 26, 2018 at 06:43 PM

HF

“ Hannah Whitney & Family lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Hannah Whitney & Family - October 26, 2018 at 05:18 PM

SL

“ Sending my sincere love and condolences to Mrs Rachel, family and friends!! Mr Butts, a very fine respectable Christian gentleman will be missed. His Legacy will live on!! Heaven’s gained another Angel!! 🙏🌹

Sabrina Loving - October 26, 2018 at 05:14 PM

SL

“ Sabrina Loving sent a virtual gift in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Sabrina Loving - October 26, 2018 at 04:14 PM

BR

“ Sorry for your loss.



Beverly Ray - October 26, 2018 at 02:50 PM

MF

“ Mary M Barber And Family lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Mary M Barber and Family - October 26, 2018 at 12:24 PM

CS

“ *Chiquita Sparks lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Chiquita Sparks - October 26, 2018 at 11:43 AM

KF

“ *Kenneth & Shirley Fant lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Kenneth & Shirley Fant - October 26, 2018 at 11:01 AM

PR

“ *Pamela Roberson lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Pamela Roberson - October 26, 2018 at 10:03 AM

KG

“ *Kim And Kevin Grainger lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Kim and Kevin Grainger - October 26, 2018 at 06:54 AM



“ *Shamekia Butts lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Shamekia Butts - October 26, 2018 at 04:37 AM

AP

“ *Angela & Michael Pillow lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Angela & Michael Pillow - October 25, 2018 at 11:04 PM

RW

“ *Regina Whitney-Crain lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Regina Whitney-Crain - October 25, 2018 at 10:19 PM

LL

“ *Lori Lowery lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Lori Lowery - October 25, 2018 at 09:50 PM

CS

“ Carolyn Parker Sydnor sent a virtual gift in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Carolyn Parker Sydnor - October 25, 2018 at 08:34 PM



“ Cousin Selvin, I will NEVER forget my mom telling me that you wanted to go over some Bible scriptures with me as well as pray for me a few days after my tragedy. Wow, When I got to your house, You read alot of powerful scriptures to me, but the one that touched my heart the most was Isaiah 40:31. Also, with your hand on my left arm, the injured arm, you prayed the most powerful prayer I've ever heard. I truly believe that it was God working through you is the reason my left arm is healed and stronger than ever. Everytime I visited you at SKY or the nursing home, You were always in good spirits, and when I'd feel sad for you, you would comfort me by saying you were alright. Yes, I most definitely will miss your positive example to our family. I pray everyday to be at least half the awesome person you were. Well, for now Cousin Selvin, see you later and I will NEVER for you. Love you and R. I. P..



Yvonne Williams - October 25, 2018 at 08:32 PM

TB

“ Teresa Beason lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Teresa Beason - October 25, 2018 at 05:10 PM

EH

“ *ERVIN AND JANIE HIBBITT lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



ERVIN AND JANIE HIBBITT - October 25, 2018 at 03:31 PM

TF

“ *Tina Fant lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Tina Fant - October 25, 2018 at 12:52 PM

VF

“ *Vetta Sublett And Family lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Vetta Sublett and family - October 25, 2018 at 11:37 AM

TB

“ *Tim Bibbs lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Tim Bibbs - October 25, 2018 at 10:25 AM

RB

“ Ricky Baker lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Ricky Baker - October 25, 2018 at 04:04 AM

NL

“ Nathaniel & DeAnna Lewis lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Nathaniel & DeAnna Lewis - October 24, 2018 at 09:24 PM



“ Frank Alexander sent a virtual gift in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Frank Alexander - October 24, 2018 at 04:51 PM

DG

“ Doris Gillum lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Doris Gillum - October 24, 2018 at 04:39 PM

MD

“ *Mona W. & DEG lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Mona W. & DEG - October 24, 2018 at 03:38 PM

TR

“ *Tara Richardson lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



tara richardson - October 24, 2018 at 01:10 PM

RM

“ *Rachel Murrell lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Rachel Murrell - October 24, 2018 at 12:04 PM

LM

“ *LySandra Martin lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



LySandra Martin - October 24, 2018 at 11:59 AM

CO

“ Chantay & Asti Offutt sent a virtual gift in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Chantay & Asti Offutt - October 24, 2018 at 10:33 AM

WF

“ Whitney Family lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Whitney Family - October 24, 2018 at 09:20 AM

DF

“ Debra Jewell & Family lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Debra Jewell & Family - October 24, 2018 at 04:38 AM

MC

“ My deepest sympathy to the family in the loss of your lived one. May God give you comfort.
Mary Duncan Cole.



Mary Cole - October 24, 2018 at 12:48 AM

RP

“ Rosie Potter lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Rosie Potter - October 23, 2018 at 10:27 PM



“ I am honored and blessed to have had you to look up to in our family. You were truly a blessing in my life and I will miss you VERY much 🥰😔 R. I. P. Cousin 💙💜

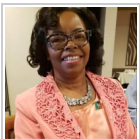
Yvonne Williams - October 23, 2018 at 10:08 PM

DF

“ Dallas, Paula Butts And Family lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Dallas, Paula Butts and family - October 23, 2018 at 09:50 PM



“ Deborah Claypool lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Deborah Claypool - October 23, 2018 at 09:42 PM

TC

“ Twana Claypool Cornett lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Twana Claypool Cornett - October 23, 2018 at 09:20 PM

JS

“ Jakki Snowden lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



jakki snowden - October 23, 2018 at 09:08 PM

GR

“ Gail Rasmussen sent a virtual gift in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Gail Rasmussen - October 23, 2018 at 08:43 PM

GR

“ Gail Rasmussen lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Gail Rasmussen - October 23, 2018 at 08:39 PM

CH

“ *Cardine&Shawna Harrison lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Cardine&Shawna Harrison - October 23, 2018 at 08:37 PM

RG

“ *Ron&Carmen Green lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Ron&Carmen Green - October 23, 2018 at 08:26 PM

EH

“ *Effort & Evelyn Hayes lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Effort & Evelyn Hayes - October 23, 2018 at 08:22 PM

AJ

“ *Aletha & JB lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Aletha & JB - October 23, 2018 at 07:34 PM

PW

“ *Peggy Whitney lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Peggy Whitney - October 23, 2018 at 06:41 PM

RF

“ *Rev. & Mrs. Lee Fishback lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Rev. & Mrs. Lee Fishback - October 23, 2018 at 06:29 PM

CW

“ *Chuck Whitney lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Chuck Whitney - October 23, 2018 at 05:41 PM

KD

“ *Karen Dearing lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Karen Dearing - October 23, 2018 at 05:26 PM

GS

“ Gary Butts Sr. lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Gary Butts Sr. - October 23, 2018 at 05:18 PM

MB

“ Myrtle Bransford lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Myrtle Bransford - October 23, 2018 at 03:59 PM

GS

“ Georgia Shobe lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Georgia Shobe - October 23, 2018 at 03:58 PM

LW

“ Linda Williams lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Linda Williams - October 23, 2018 at 03:01 PM



“ *Marian Benton lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Marian Benton - October 23, 2018 at 02:42 PM



“ *Winifred Johnson lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Winifred Johnson - October 23, 2018 at 02:24 PM



“ *Hattie Whitney lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Hattie Whitney - October 23, 2018 at 01:33 PM



“ *Jones Family lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Jones Family - October 23, 2018 at 01:32 PM

NF

“ *Nell Ruth Hill & Family lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Nell Ruth Hill & Family - October 23, 2018 at 01:23 PM

LC

“ *Lisa Cook lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Lisa Cook - October 23, 2018 at 01:15 PM

LO

“ *Lolitamartin sent a virtual gift in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Lolitamartin - October 23, 2018 at 01:08 PM

GB

“ *Gladys Beason lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Gladys Beason - October 23, 2018 at 11:47 AM

BP

“ *Barb Page lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Barb Page - October 23, 2018 at 11:46 AM

AT

“ *Prayers for the family*



Alice Taylor - October 23, 2018 at 11:37 AM

LW

“ *Loretha Burton Withrow lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Loretha Burton Withrow - October 23, 2018 at 11:28 AM

CL

“ *Charles And Charlotte Lewis lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Charles and Charlotte Lewis - October 23, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ Our prayers and condolences to the Butts family. Mr. Butts along with other men during his time help mentor and shape the lives of countless young men in the Delafield and Parker-Bennett communities. I appreciate the time shared and many life lessons learned from Mr. Butts and his contributions he made in my life. May God comfort and bless the family during this difficult time.

Nick Roberson Sr. - October 23, 2018 at 11:07 AM

CS

“ Chiquita Sparks lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Chiquita Sparks - October 23, 2018 at 10:21 AM

KM

“ Kenneth & Whitney Myers lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Kenneth & Whitney Myers - October 23, 2018 at 09:21 AM

RF

“ Rev Freddie Brown & Family lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Rev Freddie Brown & Family - October 23, 2018 at 09:20 AM

DB

“ So sorry for your loss. May The Most High comfort this family and give them peace.



Dana Cozetta Burnam - October 23, 2018 at 08:36 AM

WB

“ Wathetta Buford lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Wathetta Buford - October 23, 2018 at 08:29 AM

PR

“ PEGGY CULLOM RALSTON lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



PEGGY CULLOM RALSTON - October 23, 2018 at 08:16 AM

SC

“ Sandra Claypool lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Sandra Claypool - October 23, 2018 at 08:05 AM

ME

“ We remember Selvin as a wonderful neighbor to my Dad, my Mom and to my Brother ! He will certainly be missed !



Marshall Edmonds - October 23, 2018 at 07:59 AM

BM

“ Berona Massey lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Berona Massey - October 23, 2018 at 07:54 AM

CB

“ Charles Bailey lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Charles Bailey - October 23, 2018 at 07:44 AM

LB

“ Leonard & Judith Boards lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



leonard & Judith Boards - October 23, 2018 at 07:38 AM

CH

“ Cheryl Hewitt lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



cheryl hewitt - October 23, 2018 at 06:37 AM

FC

“ Florence Claypool lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Florence Claypool - October 23, 2018 at 05:59 AM

LE

“ LeonBradley lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



LeonBradley - October 23, 2018 at 03:00 AM

MF

“ Mary Fishback lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.



Mary Fishback - October 22, 2018 at 11:47 PM

WA

“ *Wanda Anthony lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Wanda Anthony - October 22, 2018 at 11:33 PM

AB

“ *Anita Butts lit a candle in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



Anita Butts - October 22, 2018 at 10:43 PM

JJ

“ *JOE AND Stella JEWELL sent a virtual gift in memory of Selvin H. Butts Sr.*



JOE AND Stella JEWELL - October 22, 2018 at 10:22 PM



“ Dear Butts Family,

There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.



Respectfully,

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly
2nd Generation Owners*

Cedric Burnam - October 22, 2018 at 10:16 PM