

# *In Loving Memory*



SUNRISE:  
NOVEMBER 29, 1913

SUNSET:  
FEBRUARY 26, 2019



*Mrs. Alice Augusta Burch Okrafosmart*

Friday, March 8, 2019 ~ 11:00 a.m.

*Episcopal Church of All Saints and Ascension*  
4520 Lucas and Hunt Road ♦ Saint Louis, Missouri 63121



# LIFE REFLECTIONS OF *Mrs. Alice Augusta Burch Okrafosmart*

**Mrs. Alice Augusta Burch Okrafosmart** was born on November 29, 1913 in Saint Louis, Missouri to Samuel and Laodicea Burch. She was the third of eight children, all of whom preceded her in death. On Tuesday, February 26, 2019, she peacefully entered her eternal rest at the age of 105.

Mrs. Okrafosmart was educated in the St. Louis Public Schools System and was a proud graduate of Sumner High School. Afterwards, she enrolled in the Homer G. Phillips School of Nursing and graduated in 1938. Her graduating class was the second class to complete the rigorous training program. In June 2013, Mrs. Okrafosmart was recognized as the oldest living graduate of the Homer G. Phillips School of Nursing. Early in her career, she was a Public Health Nurse in Charleston, Missouri. She later in Gary, Indiana as a school nurse and as a Supervisor of Nurses at Patients' Hospital. Mrs. Okrafosmart later relocated to Chicago, Illinois to work at Provident Hospital. During her professional career, she aspired to remain in the medical field receiving a BSN from the University of Illinois, Public Health Certification from Loyola University and Physical Therapy Certification from Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Okrafosmart worked with patients confined to their homes due to polio or other orthopedic impairments. Her years as a public health nurse were very rewarding and she was featured in newspapers for her work in public health. She retired from the Cook County Department of Health in 1982.

She enjoyed traveling and embraced opportunities for adventure. During the 1960s, she joined her husband, William Okrafosmart, for a three year stay in his homeland of Sierra Leone, West Africa. There, she served as a private duty nurse for the Peace Corps.

Mrs. Okrafosmart returned to Saint Louis in 1989 after a 50 year absence. She was a faithful member of All Saints Episcopal Church, served as Chaplain of the Socratic Professional Nurses organization and was active with the Homer G. Phillips Nurses Alumni Association. She believed in keeping the body active and exercised at the Page YMCA three days a week until one year ago. She also participated in research programs which focused on identifying specific exercises beneficial to seniors. In her retirement, she also volunteered at a crisis center for battered women, providing counsel to those in need.

As the matriarch of the family, she provided love, guidance and support to her nieces and nephews, Phyllis Mahan (Jimmie), Gail Young, William Burch, Jr. (Donna), Nathan Adams; five great nieces; eight great nephews and their families. Her nephews, Adrian Jones and Albert Young, preceded her in death.

Mrs. Alice Augusta Burch Okrafosmart, will be remembered for her beautiful smile, sense of humor, contagious laugh, compassion, uncompromising and zest for life. She impacted the lives of so many people and was affectionately known as "Aunt Alice" both young and old.

# Order of Celebration

RECEPTION OF THE CASKET  
SENTENCES AS THE CASKET IS BROUGHT INTO THE CHURCH  
A COLLECT FOR ALICE

BCP PG. 466  
BCP PG. 491  
BCP PG. 493

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

OLD TESTAMENT READING  
RESPONSORIAL PSALM 23  
NEW TESTAMENT READING  
HOLY GOSPEL  
SERMON  
REMARKS

THE APOSTLES' CREED  
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
THE PEACE

ISAIAH 25:6-9  
BCP PG. 476  
ROMANS 8:39  
JOHN 14:1-6  
THE REVEREND SUSAN NANNY  
WILLIAM BURCH  
REV. DARIAN JONES  
BCP PG. 496  
BCP PG. 497

## *The Holy Communion*

OFFERTORY HYMN: "O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO"  
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  
THE LORD'S PRAYER  
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD  
THE INVITATION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BACK PAGE  
BCP PG. 361-363  
BCP PG. 364  
BCP PG. 364  
BCP PG. 365

ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS ARE INVITED TO RECEIVE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN "TRIBUTE"  
POST COMMUNION PRAYER

DAMARIS JONES ACCOMPANIED BY SHERRY JONES  
BCP PG. 498

## *The Commendation*

ANTHEM, PRAYER, AND BLESSING  
CLOSING HYMN "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"  
DISMISSAL

BCP PG. 499  
KARLA CLARK

BCP (BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER)  
PIANIST, CHRISSY BELIZZI ♦ WORSHIP LEADER, STANLEY JOHNSON

## Interment

RESURRECTION CEMETERY  
6901 MACKENZIE ROAD ♦ SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI 63123

## Repast

NEW NORTHSIDE CONFERENCE CENTER  
5939 GOODFELLOW BOULEVARD ♦ SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI 63147  
(IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING INTERMENT)



# "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe,  
That in Thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter fairer be.

TEXT: George Matheson  
MUSIC: Albert L. Peace



## Pallbearers

Mr. Christopher Burch  
Mr. K.J. Cooper

Mr. William Burch  
Mr. Sylvester Clark

Mr. Ryan Burch  
Mr. Mark Mahan

## Acknowledgement

We are grateful for your expressions of love, support and sympathy.  
Please continue to remember us in your prayers.  
~ The family of Mrs. Alice B. Okrafosmart ~

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