Our Lady of the Skies Catholic Church

Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada

FUNERAL MASS for



Santiago W. Burrell Chief Master Sergeant (Retired)

OBITUARY 7 OCTOBER 1932 – 10 FEBRUARY 2011

Santiago Burrell, age 78, was born in Norfolk, VA on 7 Oct 1932. He has lived in Las Vegas since the early 80s. He retired as CMSgt in the United States Air Force on 30 Jun 1984 as Aircrew Life Support Superintendent. He passed away peacefully and joined his Faithful Guide on Thursday, 10 Feb 2011 at Solari Hospice Center on South Jones Blvd, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mr. Santi, as he's fondly called by family and friends, was very active in his community. A member of Our Lady of the Skies Parish, Nellis AFB, NV, he served as an usher and a dedicated daily mass attendee for many years. Mr. Santi was always the last one to leave the Chapel after Sunday's 12:30 PM Mass ensuring the Chapel was cleaned and secured. In his last moments, his faith was unwavering and centered on his savior Jesus Christ. Mr. Santi will be remembered for his love of God, country and family; his generosity; his commitment to the USAF; and his exemplary service to the Nellis AFB community. He was a mentor, leader, and an advocate of truth.

Mr. Santi is survived by his wife, Jean. He is also preceded in death by two children, his son William and daughter Belinda. Survivors include his brothers Henry Burrell of Richmond, VA and wife Barbara; Manuel Burrell of Burlington, NC and wife Dolores. His nieces include Nanette Turner, Renee Gamble, Tracie Burrell, and Tange Burrell; and nephew Darrell Burell.



Military Awards & Decorations:

Meritorious Service Medal Air Force Commendation Medal National Defense Service Medal Republic Vietnam Campaign Medal Air Force Longevity Service Award Air Force Good Conduct Medal Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

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