



Rankin "Buster" Burns

August 17, 1933 - November 2, 2021

Rankin "Buster" Randolph Burns, 88, of Mooresville, passed away on Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

He was born on August 17, 1933 in Maryville, TN to the late Herschel and Elva Ledford Burns. Mr. Burns was a Korean War veteran serving proudly in the US Air Force. He received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee. He was a retired Middle School teacher from Lincoln and Catawba County schools. Mr. Burns was a member of Center View Baptist Church in Maiden.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Douglas and Kenneth Burns; and sisters, Stella Hurst and Carol Newman; stepsister, Betty Ruth Phibbs; and grandson, Hudson.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Worley Burns; children, Heather Burns, Heath Burns and wife, Stacy, Alice B. Lauer and husband, John; sister, Virginia Barger and husband, Raymond; sister-in-law, Phyllis Burns; grandchildren, Kaitlin, Grayson, Addyson, Cohen, Charlee and Levi; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 PM on Monday, November 8 at Millers Cove Cemetery in Walland, TN.

Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital of Children, c/o OASIS Shriners, 604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte NC 28262 or Greensboro Cerebral Palsy Association, Inc., 3205 East Wendover Ave, Greensboro, NC 27405.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Burns

family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Millers Cove Cemetery

Walland, TN 37886

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BP

“ I’m so sorry to see this. His room was across the hall from Mr Herndon, at Rock Springs. Everyone knew Mr Burns. He was tough, when he needed to be but loved for it!!!! Prayers for the family!!!

Beth Clark Parker - November 07, 2021 at 08:40 AM

KB

“ Margaret and family, I am so very sorry to learn about Buster. We had good times at Rock Springs. He was a great teacher and man of many talents. I pray God's comfort and peace for all of you. Love and prayers,
Karen, Bruce and John David

Karen Bolick - November 04, 2021 at 02:13 PM

DD

So sorry. My father Don Dillard served in the Air Force together. He was a good friend to our family. Praying for all.

Dee Dooley - November 06, 2021 at 04:30 PM

SG

Mr. Burns as I knew Buster was one of my favorite school teachers. I learned so much from him in my short time with him at Rock Springs Elementary. The world needs more teachers and men like him. I am praying for the family, as I know he will be missed.

Scott Gilleland - November 06, 2021 at 04:40 PM

RT

Mr. Burns my 6th grade teacher at Rock Springs. He was a good teacher I still remember parts of a poem he had us to learn "If". Also remember him playing Simon n Garfunkel in class. Luckily I never had to meet his paddle lol. It's the great teachers we remember. Thankful he was one of mine. Prayers to the family. RIP Mr. Burns

Randy Taylor - November 06, 2021 at 08:23 PM

SJ

*Sending love and praying for peace and comfort for Margaret and family. As colleagues at Rock Springs and as a teacher of my children I have many great memories of Buster. May he Rest In Peace. Love,
Sandy Johnson*

Sandy Johnson - November 07, 2021 at 07:36 AM