



Robert J. Burns

January 31, 1928 - November 2, 2014

WEST STEWARTSTOWN – Robert John Burns, of West Stewartstown, passed away on Sunday evening, Nov. 2, 2014, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital surrounded by his family.

Robert was born in Stewartstown on Jan. 31, 1928, to Benjamin and Lena (Caron) Burns. In 1949 he married Norma Huggins of Pittsburg and they had five children: Toni (Wayne) Dyer of Groton, VT, Robert (Carmen) Burns II of Rumney, NH, Philip (Susan) Burns of York, Me., Sharon (Peter) Rogers of Wells, Me., and Sheila (Gerald “Chip”) Miller of Bristol, NH. Robert and Norma have 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. He is survived by a sister, Gladys (Stephen) Morrow of Dover, NH, and a brother, Hasen (Jeannine) Burns of West Stewartstown. He is predeceased by a sister Edna Michaud, and two brothers, Leroy and Roland Burns.

He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Atlanta in the Pacific just after World War II. Following military duty, he eventually took employment at the Beecher Falls Division of Ethan Allen where he served many years as the log buyer, traveling throughout the greater New England area.

Robert served his community as Commissioner of the water precinct in Stewartstown for 44 years. He was also an avid trapper, carrying several years of licenses in his wallet. He remarked with satisfaction a few days ago,

while sitting in the camp he built and greatly enjoyed, "This is a pretty good camp."

Calling hours will be on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2014, from 6-8 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook, NH. A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 5, at the Independent Baptist Church in West Stewartstown, with Pastor Matthew Coons officiating. A committal service will immediately follow at the Pittsburg Hollow Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. Burns may be made to the Independent Baptist Church, P.O. Box 218, W. Stewartstown, NH 03597.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Funeral arrangements in NH are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook.

Cemetery Details

Pittsburg Hollow Cemetery

Hill Road
Pittsburg, NH

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home
103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH 03576
(603) 237-4311
info@jenkinsnewman.com

Service

NOV 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

Independent Baptist Church
U.S. Route 3, Washington St.
West Stewartstown, NH

Tribute Wall

CM

“ Norma, Toni, Bobby, Philip, Sharon and Sheila and families - please accept my sincere condolences and deepest sympathy in Robert's passing. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Growing up in Clarksville, attending CMHS and the Independent Baptist Church has always left me with a sense of extended family when it comes to Robert and each of you, for so many reasons. I will always remember his dry wit. May your memories give you comfort. My heart is with all of you.
Cindy (Bunnell) McClain



Cindy (Bunnell) McClain - November 08, 2014 at 07:43 AM

JM

“ Norma, Bobby, Hasen and the rest of your wonderful family, our sincerest condolences. Robert will be missed. I got to spend a lot of time with "Bob" when we worked together at Beecher, some real good times that I will always remember. We got invited to a lunch & golf thing at The Balsams one fall. It was cold and spitting snow and after lunch the golfers still wanted to golf and as Bob didn't golf they asked if he wanted to keep score. In Bob's dry humor he said "I ain't going to ride in a golf cart, can I take my (Chevy) Blazer?"
Rest In Peace Bob Burns.
John and Sue Morrissey

John Morrissey - November 07, 2014 at 08:05 AM

LB

“ Robert taught me how to trap, look for animal sign and had lots of patience with Bobby and me whether we were goofing around and scarring pa'trigdes during hikes; or "working" in the basement. We once used up half his nails and some good hardwood boards building the frame of a raft that wouldn't fit through the basement door. He set a Great Horned Owl free from one of our bobcat traps, that took guts. In my minds eye I see a tall tough man smoking a lucky and teaching Bobby and me something useful. I have to cry now.

Lyle

Lyle Bryan - November 06, 2014 at 05:54 PM

RC

“ So sorry to hear about your loss Hasen and Jeannine. We know how close you and your family have always been. Our hearts and love go out to you and all your family.
Bob and Brenda



Robert Congdon - November 05, 2014 at 01:54 PM

JN

“ Sending prayers and condolences to the family. God bless.
Jeff and Jean Neely



Jean Neely - November 05, 2014 at 08:43 AM

JD

“ Norma, Sharon and Sheila we want to express our condolences to you and your family. Bob was a friendly, calm and nice gentleman, and he shall live on in our memory. We will remember him in our prayers. Joeng and Mike Divney

Joeng and Mike Divney - November 05, 2014 at 08:24 AM

PB

“ Uncle Robert,
You were always a very special person to me since I was a small boy. I will always remember you for your trapping skills, and your fish ponds that I always looked forward to feeding the fish you raised. That will always be one of my favorite memories as a youngster growing up. Also you always seemed to enjoy Tippy nipping at our heels as us kids did our best to run from her. (She always won that battle)
You will always be missed and fondly thought of.

Paul

Paul Burns - November 04, 2014 at 07:02 PM

JF

“ We would like to express our deepest sympathy. May those precious memories be foremost in your hearts and minds during this difficult time.
Isaiah 25:8

Jackson Family - November 04, 2014 at 07:01 PM

BD

“ Sorry to hear of your loss-Hazen and Jeannie
God Bless Barbara and Joe Daley

Barbara Daley - November 04, 2014 at 02:45 PM

WB

“ *Wendy Brousseau lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Burns*



Wendy Brousseau - November 04, 2014 at 02:40 PM

SB

“ *STEVEN & CATALINA BURNS purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert J. Burns.*



STEVEN & CATALINA BURNS - November 04, 2014 at 02:38 PM

LM

“ *Dearest Norma and the entire Burns family, We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Robert. At this time may the wonderful memories that you have and express in the days and weeks to come, bring you comfort, laughter, and strength. We are and will continue to pray for you during this time of deep loss and grief. May the comfort of the Holy Spirit bring you peace and strength. Blessings, Lori (Parkhurst) and Jim MacDonald, Lisbon, NH (formerly of Columbia/Lemington) <3*

Lori MacDonald - November 04, 2014 at 08:48 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert J. Burns.*



November 04, 2014 at 07:58 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. May memories strengthen you and keep him always in your heart.*

Annette Hicks - November 04, 2014 at 07:51 AM



“ *Annette Hicks lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Burns*



Annette Hicks - November 04, 2014 at 07:49 AM



“ *Michael Jannenga lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Burns*



Michael jannenga - November 04, 2014 at 07:10 AM

MJ

Norma, Sharon, and Sheila, I hope the simple comforts I wish for you all find their mark. He was always very kind to me as an awkward kid, and gracious to my wife and I the last time we saw him a few years ago at Moose Fest. I hope now that your family is sharing the best memories you can resurrect of your time with him. His is a face I will miss when I am back there. He is a Navy shipmate I will remember fondly. I am proud to have made his acquaintance. Our best wishes for you all.

Michael and Gretchen Jannenga

Michael jannenga - November 04, 2014 at 07:26 AM

PD

“ *Norma, Sharon, Sheila and family. My heart goes out to all of you. My prayers and thoughts are with you through this difficult time. Love, Paula Doyon*

Paula Doyon - November 04, 2014 at 05:57 AM

PD

“ *Norma and family, Praying you will find comfort and calmness under His wings. Love from Deb & Peter*

Peter & Deborah Dimmitt - November 04, 2014 at 05:24 AM

HH

“ *Sharon, Sheila, and Norma our deepest condolences on your loss.*

Haven & Peggy Haynes - November 03, 2014 at 11:08 PM

CP

“ *Claire Perry lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Burns*



Claire Perry - November 03, 2014 at 10:14 PM

FC

“ *All our condolences to all the family, thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Francine & Andre Champagne - November 03, 2014 at 09:51 PM

GJ

“ *Norma, Sharon & Sheila and all the Burns family, my thoughts and prayers go with you at this sad time, and I'm sure Mike will say the same when I tell him. I'll always have good memories of us all getting together back when "the kids" were in school together.*

Ginger Jannenga

Ginger Jannenga - November 03, 2014 at 04:23 PM

KB

“ *Keith And Billie Brockney lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Burns*



Keith and Billie Brockney - November 03, 2014 at 03:22 PM