



Dr. Charles Minton Burns

August 7, 1928 - July 1, 2022

A memorial service for Dr. Charles Burns, 93 of Giddings, is scheduled for Friday, July 22, 2022 at the First United Methodist Church in Giddings at 1:30 p.m. with Pastor Patricia Ann Wehn-Glowski officiating. A private family burial in the Giddings City Cemetery will be held at a later date. Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 21, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Charles Minton Burns was a 3rd generation physician and surgeon. He was a beloved family doctor who cared for generations of families in Lee County as well as surrounding counties throughout Texas. He died on July 1, 2022 at his home in Giddings, Texas, following a several week stay in St. David's Hospital in Austin.

He was a dedicated, old-fashioned, yet progressive doctor. He was always reading up on cutting edge medical developments. Late night emergencies and delivering babies (who don't comply with office hours) were just part of the job. He might have complained about never getting any sleep, but never hesitated to run out the door when the hospital called with an emergency.

Being born on October 7, 1928, in Jonesboro, Arkansas, was not the best of timing for this Burns baby, as the flu epidemic had just swept the nation, the

stock market crashed a year later, and following his family's move to Texas (Giddings), he experienced the Great Depression firsthand as a teenager. These challenging times encouraged his determination, dedication, and compassion for the needy.

He attended Atlanta Georgia Tech School and Giddings High School in Giddings, Texas, graduating on May 30, 1946. He went to Blinn College in Brenham, Texas from 1946-1947 and then transferred to and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin on June 1, 1951 with a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in chemistry. It was during this time he elected to pursue a career in medicine which would ultimately become his life's vocation. He was accepted to the University of Texas Medical School at Galveston, graduating on June 1, 1956 with his Doctorate of Medicine, successfully completing his Internship and Rotating Internship at Bexar City County Hospital (Robert B. Green) in San Antonio, Texas, on June 1, 1957.

Dr. Burns set up his first clinic practice in Giddings, Texas with privileges at Lee Memorial Hospital and serving at Deaton Hospital in Galena Park, Texas until 1959. He continued his Giddings practice until 1994 and with Lee Memorial Hospital until its closing in 1993. He also provided services at Holy Cross Hospital and Breckenridge Hospital in Austin, Texas from 1968 -1969. During his association with Lee Memorial Hospital, Dr. Burns served as Chief of Staff, Director of Emergency Services, and for a short time Interim Administrator.

He served as the Medical Director of the Texas State Home & School (Texas Youth Department) at Giddings being employed by UTMB from 1994 - 2006. At the same time, he was employed by The Southwest Medical Associates and provided emergency room coverage on some weekends for various Texas hospitals from 1994 - 2001. UTMB also appointed him as the Medical Director at the Hobby Unit in Marlin, Texas from 2001 - 2006 and then

transferred him for service to the Unit at Cuero, Texas until April 2014, at which time he reluctantly retired.

Over the years he never stopped learning. He could talk at great length about music, especially opera, or genealogy. He also enjoyed gardening, flying his plane, sailing on Lake Travis, and the many years of tennis, golf, and oil painting. Dr. Burns played the trumpet, organ, and the bagpipes (very loud!).

He was preceded in death by his oldest son, Robert Brookfield Burns III; brother, Robert Brookfield Burns II; father, Robert Brookfield Burns, and his mother, Mary Alice Minton Burns.

Dr. Burns is survived by his wife, Cathy Lee Burns; sons, Joel Burns, James Burns and wife, Natalie, and Troy Wittenbach and wife, Amy; granddaughter, Tracy Burns; grandson, Byron Burns; and great granddaughter, Mia Oliver; niece, Kimberly Dismukes and husband, James; nephews, Charles "Chuck" Knipstein and wife, Tami, and Michael Knipstein and wife, Heather.

Cemetery Details

Giddings City Cemetery (Section B)

900 West Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Public Visitation

JUL 21. 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin St.
Giddings, TX 78942
(979) 542-3113
phillipsluckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Family Present for Visitation

JUL 21. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Memorial Service

JUL **22**. 1:30 PM (CT)

First Methodist Church
279 Monroe Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Tribute Wall

OD

“ *Oranell Dunk lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Minton Burns*



Oranell Dunk - July 21, 2022 at 10:17 PM

SM

“ *Dr burns was an amazing old time doctor who cared about every patient he had! All my kids went to him & he also knew what to do to fix them up he really was a great man love the HAAS family*



suzanna haas medack - July 17, 2022 at 02:27 PM

BR

“ *Dr. Charles was a friendly doctor that always made you feel that your were his only patient. He was one of the best diagnostic doctors in Texas. We need more like him.*

Betty Remmers - July 16, 2022 at 02:52 PM

CS

“ *So sorry for your loss.*

Love, David, Carol, and Christopher Schulz



Carol Schulz - July 16, 2022 at 12:59 PM

CB

“ *Dr. Burns served his community far beyond the call of duty. He was an outstanding physician and a great individual who help and healed countless individuals throughout the region. He gave much and will be sorely missed by many.*

Carey Boethel - July 15, 2022 at 04:39 PM

FF

“ *Fredene Fenter lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Minton Burns*



Fredene Fenter - July 10, 2022 at 02:18 PM

CS

“ *Cheryl S. Sanders lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Minton Burns*



Cheryl S. Sanders - July 10, 2022 at 02:02 PM

JH

“ *Janis/Calvin Hannes lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Minton Burns*



Janis/Calvin Hannes - July 09, 2022 at 05:18 PM



“ *Dr Burns was a wonderful doctor, friend and boss.
93 years, that's awesome.
Must have been all that garlic. :-)*



Darlene Hosea Oltmann - July 09, 2022 at 02:00 PM

RS

“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Rebecca Sherrill - July 09, 2022 at 10:55 AM

SM

“ *Doctor burns was a wonderful man may he Rest In Peace. Prayers for family*



suzanna haas medack - July 08, 2022 at 10:56 PM

DW

“ *Good doctor, good friend, and good neighbor ! He and his family meant a lot to us through the years! Sympathy to you all!
Love , the Westfalls*

dot westfall - July 08, 2022 at 07:02 PM

EH

“ Dr. Burns was my family doctor for many years. He was always a joy to visit. Such a caring person. Sending prayers of comfort to his family.



Earselen Sams Harris - July 08, 2022 at 04:25 PM

SD

My heart felt sympathy to Kathy and all of the rest of Dr. Burns family. He will be greatly missed.

Shirley Dodge - July 20, 2022 at 09:12 AM

FJ

I carried his mail for 22 years. He was so cool and pleasant. Isaiah 25:8,9 comforts me. I will see him when the earth is a paradise

Floyd Rivers Jr

Floyd Rivers Jr - July 21, 2022 at 12:10 PM