



Donald Stephen Burns

April 30, 1929 - May 2, 2017

Donald S. Burns, 88, of Houston Texas, passed away, Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at his home in Grapevine. Graveside services will be held at Caldwell Masonic Cemetery in Caldwell, Texas on Saturday May 6, 2017 at 12 noon. Visitation prior to the service at 10:30 at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home. The celebration of life will continue Saturday evening at 5:30 in Houston at their home.

Don was born April 30, 1929 in Beaumont, Texas to Don and Idella Burns. He was reared in Port Arthur Texas and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School and then earned his Mechanical Engineering degree from Texas A&M University – class of ‘51. On December 22, 1951, he married Verene Norville of Caldwell, Texas. They have always been active members of a church. They were Charter members of Champions Forest Baptist Church where they have remained members for the past 40 years.

Upon graduation Don entered the Air Force at the end of the Korean war. He served in Japan as a communications officer. After the service, he began his career as a metallurgist with Rockwell manufacturing company. After a long tenure with Cameron Iron works, he finished his career with Schumacher Companies. Don was on the Research Board of Directors for Texas A & M and was a distinguished chairman in developing the MR-01-75 NACE standard. He retired at the age of 72.

Don enjoyed life to the fullest. He was an avid pilot receiving his pilot’s license at 16 years old. He loved the outdoors; you could always find him on the golf

course or in his boat scaring up the fish. He also enjoyed reading, gardening and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Don is survived by his wife Verene of 65 years, his two children, Bob Burns and wife Tammy, Marian Burns Thorsell and husband Bill. His grandchildren Samantha and her husband Cody Cooper, Cody Burns, Stephen, Christina, and Holly Thorsell, and Great Grand Children Peyton and Kaylee Cooper.

Brother Timonthy G. Burns, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Sondra, sister Charmian Flanagan, and parents Donald and Idella Burns.

Pallbearers will be Cody Burns, Stephen Thorsell, Cody Cooper, Bill Thorsell, Roger Burns, Tim Burns, Stephen Burns, and Lee Norville.

A wonderful Christian Man – caring for all he encountered. A lifetime of wonderful memories. Loving Husband, Father, and Grandfather who will be held in our hearts forever.

Cemetery Details

Caldwell Masonic Cemetery

1411 W. Buck St.
Caldwell, TX

Previous Events

Family Present for Visitation

MAY 6. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Caldwell
404 W. Buck St.
Caldwell, TX 77836
(979) 567-3232
phillipsandluckeyfh@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Graveside Service

MAY 6. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (CT)

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Caldwell, TX

Tribute Wall

CM

“ Don was a dear friend for many many years at Cameron and we attended Champions Baptist Church together as well. He was a man for all seasons, smart, funny, a great friend, honest, a man of integrity and warm and caring. He will be missed by many but forgotten by none that knew him. I know he is in heaven now.

Carolyne Morgan Moore - May 15, 2017 at 11:07 AM

TF

“ Sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was a friend and very respected figure throughout the Oil & gas Industry. When Don retired from Schumacher/Spraymetal, the management there approached me about taking Don's place managing the company, but I had to decline as Don Burns was one of the last people I would want to follow in business. They were shoes much too large to fill, as Don forgot more about the Oil Patch than I will ever know, and anyone who dealt with him had immediate respect for his knowledge, kindness and business savvy.

Terry Frugé

Terry Frugé - May 14, 2017 at 12:52 AM

JS

“ Jane Szymczak lit a candle in memory of Donald Stephen Burns



Jane Szymczak - May 13, 2017 at 11:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Stephen Burns.*



May 06, 2017 at 09:16 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Stephen Burns.*



May 05, 2017 at 04:30 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Stephen Burns.*



May 05, 2017 at 03:13 PM



“ *Champion Forest Baptist Church -Pastoral Care purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Donald Stephen Burns.*



Champion Forest Baptist Church -Pastoral Care - May 05, 2017 at 01:45 PM

TG

“ Timothy G. purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Donald Stephen Burns.



Timothy G. - May 05, 2017 at 11:03 AM

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“ Timothy G. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Stephen Burns.



Timothy G. - May 05, 2017 at 10:54 AM



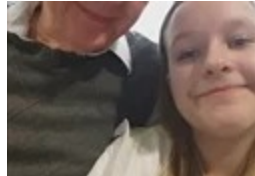
“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Donald Stephen Burns.



May 05, 2017 at 08:54 AM

SC

“ *My grandpa was an amazing man filled with tons of stories!! I will always be his little grandbaby no matter how old I get. I love you Grandpa and you are going to be missed but I know I will see you when I go home too.*



samantha cooper - May 04, 2017 at 09:30 PM

RR

“ *Ron and Reba purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Donald Stephen Burns.*



Ron and Reba - May 04, 2017 at 07:42 PM

JS

“ *Don was my second cousin by marriage. He and Verene have always been a part of my life, even as babysitters when I was a toddler! Verene is my cousin, but Don has always felt like a blood relative. He never failed to give me a big hug whenever we got to see each other and always seemed so happy to see me. Don even set me up on a date:=). He and Verene let me live with them for part of one summer. I'll never forget how good Don (and Verene) were to me. Don was a truly lovely man, and I will miss his infectious smile and personality.*

Jan Starnes - May 04, 2017 at 05:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Stephen Burns.*



May 04, 2017 at 12:11 PM