



Ray Burns

May 16, 1926 - November 23, 2019

Ray Burns, 93, of Benton Harbor died Saturday, November 23, 2019 at the Hanson Hospice House in Lincoln Township.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 1 PM on Wed, Nov. 27, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township with Rev. Charles Engler officiating. Burial will follow in North Shore Memory Gardens. The visitation will be held from 5 PM to 8 PM on Tuesday at the Fairplain Chapel. Please share memories, messages or photos at www.florin.net.

Ray was born on May 16, 1926 in Marmaduke, AR. to John and Hattie Burns. He was a veteran of the US Army during WWII. Ray was employed as a machinist at Auto Specialties for 30 years before retiring in 1980. After retirement he worked at Jameson Galleries for 16 years until 2000 and then worked at Meijers for 14 years until 2014. He married his wife, Barbara, in 1951 and she preceded him in 2014. They celebrated 63 years of marriage. Ray enjoyed golfing and bowling and his favorite flower was the tulip. From 1958 until 1968 he sang with the Sunnyside Gospel Singers. He was also the Sunday School Superintendent for 50 years at the Crystal Ave Church of God.

His family includes his daughter, Darla (Robert) Cole of Niles; his 2 sons, Byrd (Rachel) Blanchard of Coloma and Roger (Sheila) Blanchard of Satsuma, AL; his brother, Whellis Burns of North Little Rock, AR; his sister, Minnie

Blanchard of Jonesboro, AR; his 2 ½ brothers, Billy Burns of Oklahoma City, OK and Bobby Burns of Gainesville, AR; his 12 grandchildren and his many great grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by 3 brothers, Elmer Burns, Melvin Burns, and John Burns, and 2 sisters, Lona Blanchard and Belle Hall.

Cemetery Details

North Shore Memory Gardens

5027 M 63 N
Coloma, MI 49038

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **26**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
1053 East Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269) 926-7222
staff@florin.net

Service Celebrating His Life

NOV **27**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
1053 East Napier Avenue
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Burial

NOV 27. 3:30 PM (ET)

North Shore Memory Gardens

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Coloma, MI 49038

Tribute Wall

TC

“ *Papa,
I miss you more with each day that passes. You were the most amazing man I've ever known. In life, you were humble and kind to everyone who had the pleasure of knowing you. You were a man of God and someone we all admired and looked up to. Life is not the same without you here but everytime I see a cardinal, I will be reminded that your here and watching over us.*



Tiffany Crider - February 25, 2022 at 12:59 AM

JL

“ *Our sympathies to Ray's family. We have fond memories of seeing him at church when we'd be visiting with Shan's grandparents, Jim and Betty Dilts. He was a consistently kind man. Glad to know him.*

Jen Locklear - November 28, 2019 at 01:03 PM



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




November 26, 2019 at 09:54 AM

VR

“ *Love and miss you Uncle Ray*



Virginia Rafferty - November 25, 2019 at 10:03 PM

 Linda Mosher

“ *Brother Burns has been in my memories for as long as I can remember. He was such a kind man. I will never forget him. Prayers and love to the family through this hard time.*



Linda Mosher - November 24, 2019 at 08:55 PM

DB

“ *RAY BURNS WAS A FAITHFUL FRIEND IN CHRIST JESUS WOULD TALK ABOUT RAY AS IF HE WAS A ANGEL IN HEAVEN RAY WILL BE MISSED DEARLY FROM ALL OF US FROM DCB MINISTYS I WILL PRAY FOR ALL THE FAMILYS SORROWS AND PAIN THAT FELL APOND THEIR LIFES LOSING A LIFE YOU LOVE THE MOST IS NEVER EASY BUT WE ALL KNOW RAY HAS REKNIGHTED WITH HIS WIFE BARB BURNS IN HEAVEN AS THEY HAVE THEIR FIRST DINNER WITH THE FATHER GOD WHO ALL LOVE US GOD BLESS THE FAMILY OF RAY BURNS*

Dunn cool Bubby - November 24, 2019 at 08:24 PM

DB

“ *Dunn Cool Bubby sent a virtual gift in memory of Ray Burns*



Dunn cool Bubby - November 24, 2019 at 08:18 PM

CD

“ *Chris Dunn lit a candle in memory of Ray Burns*



chris dunn - November 24, 2019 at 08:03 PM

PK

“ *Pat And Karen Kavanagh lit a candle in memory of Ray Burns*



Pat and Karen Kavanagh - November 24, 2019 at 07:55 PM

PK

Both My husband and I worked at Meijer with Ray for many years, always a nice guy! We are saddened to read of his passing, but know he is safe in heaven now. May He Rest In Peace. Condolences to his family.

Pat and Karen Kavanagh - November 24, 2019 at 08:01 PM

HE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Heidi - November 24, 2019 at 05:40 PM

HE

“ *He was truly an amazing kind man. He was loved by everyone he met. He is a true hero and an inspiration to many. May he rest in peace with his family and friends that he hasn't seen in years. He will truly be missed but never forgotten. He will always be with us in our hearts. I love you papa. Love always Heidi*

Heidi - November 24, 2019 at 05:36 PM