



## Darrell "Pops" Buttrick

January 25, 1936 - February 2, 2023

Darrell Lee Buttrick, 87, of Murrells Inlet, SC died February 2, 2023, at the Grand Strand Medical Center following a brief illness.

Darrell was born the son of Mildred and Harley Buttrick, on January 25, 1936, in Charleston, West Virginia. As a native West Virginian, he was an enthusiastic WVU-Mountaineer supporter. He was a member of First Presbyterian Myrtle Beach and a former Board Member and President of the Sweetwater at Indian Wells Homeowners Association.

An industrious youth from an early age, Darrell was hard at work, whether collecting bottles, wire coat hangers or selling newspapers. Darrell and his brother, George deployed such memorable work ethic, employees at the Charleston Newspapers began referring to all copy boys as "buttricks."

He graduated from Charleston High School in the class of 1953. He attended Morris Harvey College earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science/Public Administration.

He was a Certified Engineering Technician and began his career at the State Road Commission (WVDOH) in the Design Division where he designed interstate highways including the Appalachian Highway. Darrell was selected as the Director of Roadside Services (WVDOH) where he fostered tourism

transportation in rural West Virginia highways creating rest areas with placement of picnic tables. He was the Director of Personnel and Deputy Commissioner of Highways for Personnel Civil Service Matters with the WV Department of Highways when he opted for an early retirement incentive.

Darrell Buttrick was an excellent manager of business solutions. He read and studied historical leaders and their administration styles. His second career was a life of executive management services. He respected the management administration and dedication of President Lincoln. Darrell's multidisciplinary skill set was tasked time and again with opportunities to reboot and rebuild struggling organizations.

During his second career, Darrell was the Executive Vice President & Executive Officer for the Kanawha Valley Board of REALTORS/MLS; Managing Director of Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center; Executive Director of American Heart Association Charleston, WV; Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern WV; Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Kanawha/Putnam/Jackson County Area; West Virginia Society of Professional Surveyors; American Council of Engineering Companies of West Virginia; and Principal Owner of Buttrick Management Solutions, providing executive management and membership services for the following clients: Charleston Community Music Association WV, WV Society of Professional Surveyors, Highland Hospital, YMCA of Greater Kanawha Valley, Junior Achievement of West Virginia, and the American Council of Engineering Companies of WV.

In retirement, Darrell continued to share his talents and skills by assisting other organizations and communities through volunteer Board service, committee organization, fundraising and civic pride initiatives to enrich communities for generations.

Darrell was predeceased by his mother, Mildred Buttrick; father, Harley

Buttrick; brother and sister-in-law George William and Jean Buttrick; mother in-law, Naomi Robinson and dearest friend, Craig Casto.

He is survived by his loving wife and soulmate, Margaret Buttrick; canine companion Coco Chanel; his special girls: Peggy (Ken, Samuel, and Cameron) Stamper and Kathy (Chris Hobt) McKinley and grandson William Flynn McKinley; daughter Kimberly and her daughters Bethany and Allision.

Darrell Buttrick took pride in the flag, he loved his country, his community, and his family. He was a genuine man with kindness for children that led him to donate his time, talent, and efforts to bettering civic engagement and youth options. He gave generously and often anonymously, to provide education and entertainment for at-risk youth as well as the elderly. He loved football (especially the WVU Mountaineers), the beach, tennis, a good discussion and reading. He often read non-fiction and biographies of historical leaders and tacticians.

While we'd like to think Darrell is resting in eternal peace, it is certain that heaven had a job only he could manage. Darrell was beloved by those who knew him and assuredly missed by those who never will.

The family thanks the Grand Strand Medical Center, Trauma Team and Surgical ICU for the tremendous care and effort extended to Darrell during his time at the facility.

Memorial Services will held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. The family will receive visitors at the funeral home following the service.

Memorial donations may be made to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of

Southern West Virginia—901 Pennsylvania Avenue, Charleston WV 25302  
charlestonrmhc.org or, donate to Horry County Memorial Library  
Endowment/earmark for the Surfside Beach Library, Youth Services  
Department.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is honored to be in charge of  
arrangements for the Buttrick family.

To View Darrell's Funeral, follow this livestream link: <https://vimeo.com/event/2884613>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Services

FEB **15**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel

11528 Highway 17 Bypass

Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

<http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Darrell "Pops" Buttrick*

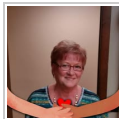


Goldfinch Funeral Home - February 08, 2023 at 02:59 PM

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*One of the finest men I have ever known. Always had time to talk with or help anyone. He will be missed by so many!!!*

Teresa Lockee - February 11, 2023 at 05:41 PM



*Such a kind special soul! Loved this man and he will be missed by all who were fortunate to know him.*

Sherry Johnson-Hamon - February 17, 2023 at 04:57 PM

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“ *Dear Ms. Margaret, thinking of you and your family during this time. Our sincerest condolences from the Surfside Beach Library Staff. We are saddened by his loss and appreciate his service to the library and our community. His dedication to serving others is a testament to how kind and generous a person he was. He made a huge difference in everyone's lives and we are all the better for it. Mr. Buttrick's commitment to children's services will always be remembered. Our thoughts are with you all. -Kim Cantley*

Kim Cantley - February 13, 2023 at 11:56 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Darrell "Pops" Buttrick.*



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February 13, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *Margaret, I send my deepest condolences to you. Darrell was truly a fine gentleman and a pillar of our community. He will be missed by everyone who has known him.*

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**Lori Holt** - February 07, 2023 at 12:38 AM



“ *Margaret, Peggy, and Kathy - it was a pleasure to get to know and love each of you, and to hear of all of the wonderful stories you shared about Darrell. I am honored to have had the privilege of caring for such a special man, and find peace in knowing he is eternally resting. My heart goes out to all of you, and my thoughts and prayers are with you. I wish you all healing and comfort in this difficult time.*

*Best,*

*Kayla (Surgical Trauma ICU Nurse)*

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**Kayla** - February 06, 2023 at 05:03 PM



*Thank you so much Kayla! We really appreciate all of the amazing care you provided Pops! <3 Kathy*

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**Kathy McKinley** - February 07, 2023 at 08:05 PM