

## Willard J. Burton

January 5, 1924 - May 7, 2018

Willard J. Burton, age 94, husband of the late Nary Williamson Burton, passed away Monday, May 7, 2018 at his residence.

Born January 5, 1924 in Big Sandy, KY, he was the son of the late Hezekiah and Bessie Banfield Burton. He attended Faith Wesleyan Church (Little River, SC) and Sweetwater Branch Baptist Church (Conway, SC). He will be remembered by friends and family as a true servant of God, who was faithful to the scriptures and devotions and to his family. Mr. Burton was a highly decorated WWII US Army Veteran of the First Army, attached to the 82nd Airborne. He served five European Campaigns from Normandy to Berlin. Mr. Burton retired from Dehue Coal Company after 42 years of working as an underground coal miner in Logan, WV. He was a lifelong member of the U.M.W.A. He was also an inventor of mining ventilations and held two patents.

Along with his parents and wife, he was predeceased by one son, Michael Edwin Burton, and six siblings.

Surviving are two sons, Marvin Ray Burton and wife Sharon Kay and Philip Dean Burton and wife Rebecca Lynn, all of Conway; one daughter, Beverly Janel (Burton) Woodyard and husband Timothy Allen of Canal Winchester, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Crystal Lynn Thompson (Jon), Michael Paul Burton (Adam), Brian Michael Burton, Philip Jason Burton (Miranda), Stefanie

Nicole Burton, Paige Alexis Woodyard and Sierra Grace Woodyard; nine great grandchildren, Lauren Skye Samadani (Amir), Kiana Brooke Thompson, Ari Isaac Burton-Lippard, Brynn Logan Burton, Kinsley Madison Burton, Teagan Bryleigh Burton, Clayton Andrew Burton, Mason James Burton and Maizey-Grace Burton; one brother, Rev. Farris H. Burton of Pt. Pleasant, WV; daughter-in-law, Jetta Burton Jernigan of Smyrna, TN; and many nieces, nephews, and family members.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM Friday, May 11, 2018 at Sweetwater Branch Baptist Church with Pastor Charles C. Mixon officiating. Entombment will follow at Hillcrest Mausoleum.

The family will receive friends Thursday evening from 6:00PM-8:00PM at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to Sweetwater Branch Baptist Church, Youth Fund, 1436 Highway 544, Conway, SC 29526.

Please sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is serving the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Mausoleum

1000 Highway 544  
Conway, SC 29526

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel  
608 Beaty Street  
Conway, SC 29526

## Funeral Service

MAY 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

Sweetwater Branch Baptist Church  
1436 Hwy 544  
Conway, SC 29526-8446

# Tribute Wall

RF

“ To the Burton family,

*David and I extend our condolences to all of you. Willard was a wonderful neighbor and never idle. If he wasn't up on his roof or in a tree, he was strolling or cruising the neighborhood in his golf cart!!*

*A genuine person through and through. We hope your many memories will ease your grief.*

*David and Rita Fecteau*

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**Rita Fecteau** - May 17, 2018 at 06:59 PM

SB

“ Thank you all so much for the beautiful words, prayers, memories, flowers, donations, etc. Gpa was an incredible man, an incredible example, and an incredible blessing to everyone he met. I am blessed to call him grandpa! No one ever had to guess if he loved them, they knew by the way he spoke, but more importantly by his actions. I pray that my son and I will be just as genuine and intentional in our words and actions as he always was. He loved our Lord, he loved his family, and he loved our country. Blessed beyond measure doesn't even begin to explain each of our experiences with him!  
*God Bless~Stefanie Burton*

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**Stefanie Burton** - May 13, 2018 at 07:03 AM

CM

“ I always admired uncle Jr and aunt Nary. They always cared about our family and made frequent visits. Jr was such a good man, father, grandfather and husband. He never let his family down. He will truly be missed! He sure did live a God fearing life!! Love and prayers to all the family!!

Charlotte Mcallister - May 10, 2018 at 07:17 PM

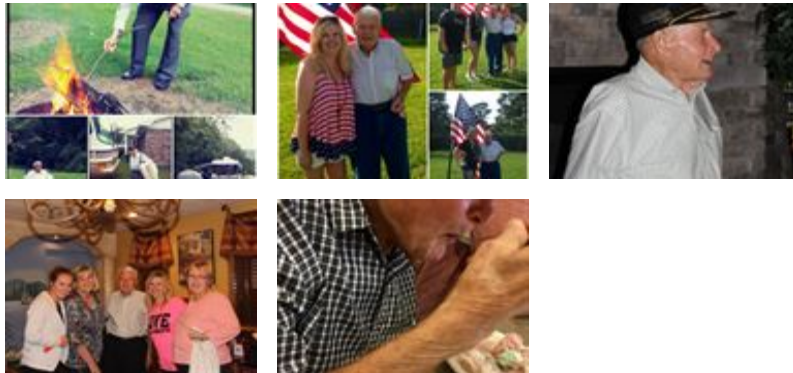
PR

“ I am eternally grateful for the fond memories as a child when we all lived in Pomeroy, Ohio and the times Uncle Junior and Aunt Nary took me to church with them. May the Lord give you all comfort in knowing he has attained his goal of going home to heaven.  
Love and Prayers  
Sissy

Priscilla Robinson - May 10, 2018 at 04:59 PM



“ 118 files added to the album LifeTributes



Goldfinch Funeral Home - May 10, 2018 at 12:21 PM

WC

“ *Wilmer Cadd, Carlos Martinez, and Hazel C purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Willard J. Burton.*



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**Wilmer Cadd, Carlos Martinez, and Hazel C** - May 09, 2018 at 10:11 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Willard J. Burton.*



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May 09, 2018 at 08:28 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Willard J. Burton.*



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May 09, 2018 at 08:18 PM

GF

“ *Gordon, Karen(Cadd) Fleischmann and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Willard J. Burton.*



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**Gordon, Karen(Cadd) Fleischmann and Family** - May 09, 2018 at 08:06 PM

TF

“ *The Cadd Family purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Willard J. Burton.*



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**The Cadd Family** - May 09, 2018 at 05:37 PM

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“ *Gary Cadd Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Willard J. Burton.*



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**Gary Cadd Family** - May 09, 2018 at 09:52 AM

JS

“ *Jan and Ed Stack purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Willard J. Burton.*



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**Jan and Ed Stack** - May 09, 2018 at 09:46 AM

AZ

“ *Bev,*

*So sorry to hear of the passing of your father. I enjoyed reading his tribute. What a wonderful man. Our hearts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Andrea Zito*

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**Andrea Zito** - May 09, 2018 at 07:56 AM

WU

“ Thanks for your service Soldier !!!!  
Wayne Williams  
United States Marine Corps



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**Wayne Williams - USMC** - May 09, 2018 at 07:48 AM

SM

“ We are sorry to learn of the passing of your father. The closest of your family brings both great strength and sorry. Phil and Becky we will offer a prayer for you and your family. From Steven and Beverly Miskovich

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**Steven Miskovich** - May 09, 2018 at 06:39 AM

SB

“ Junior and Nary were a very special couple. They were a wonderful example of the love of Christ.

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**Sandy Baker** - May 08, 2018 at 10:13 PM