



Burton Page

August 22, 2013

Burton Page passed away on Thursday, August 22, 2013, after a valiant battle with lung cancer – having never smoked a day in his life. He celebrated his 62nd birthday on July 21. He and his wife, Nancy Tidona, shared 34 years together. He is also survived by his sons, Kevin and Ryan, his older brother Parker and wife Laura, younger brother Owen, brother-in-law Robert and wife Barbara, nieces Larkin Page, Amelia Tidona, and Julia Tidona, and a set of close friends who will remember him always. Burton was born “Lee Burton Page” in Savannah, Georgia, to Owen and Barbara West Page. He was an altar boy at St John's Episcopal Church and played Tigers Little League football. He played basketball for Savannah Country Day School, famously scoring the buzzer-beating basket in overtime for a key win and being carried off on the shoulders of his teammates. He moved with his mother and brothers to Chapel Hill in 1966, where he made his mark at Chapel Hill High School as captain of the tennis team and graduated in 1969. He was widely acknowledged as a great dancer. He matriculated into the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He majored in Religion, earning his B.A. in 1973. After college, he travelled in Europe and lived in Washington, DC; Santa Cruz, CA; Sedona, AZ; Flagstaff, AZ (where he attended Northern Arizona University for a year in Psychology); and Chapel Hill once again before beginning his graduate studies at the University of Pennsylvania in State College in the fall of 1978. He graduated in 1980 and left State College with both his M.S. in Health Administration and his future wife, Nancy. They married in 1985 and

settled in Wilmington, DE. Burton worked in health and hospital administration while earning his law degree from Temple University. He was a “Philadelphia lawyer” for five years, first at Stradley Ronan and then at Blank Rome, then joined the law department of Smithkline Beecham Pharmaceuticals (later Glaxo Smithkline) in 1992. He received the SB Impact Award for significant contributions resulting in 29 state legislative victories in support of the Company’s vaccine business during 2000. He was an independent health policy consultant for 5 years prior to the family move from Wilmington to Columbus. In 2006 he joined TechColumbus. As Senior Director of Technology Commercialization, he led a team of technology scouts to identify and promote scalable early stage technologies from institutional research partners including Ohio State University, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, OhioHealth, and Battelle. His team’s activities resulted in 24 start-ups and \$2.6M in seed stage investments. He retired from TechColumbus in September 2012. The love of his life was his family – with North Carolina basketball running a close second. “I’m a Tar Heel born, and Tar Heel bred, and when I die, I’m a Tar Heel dead.” Another famous Tar Heel, Charles Kuralt, wrote in the Forward to his book “On the Road” based on his long-running TV journal of backroads America: “I have tried to go slow, stick to the back roads, take time to meet people, listen to yarns, notice the countryside go by, and feel the seasons change.” Burton loved Charles Kuralt. In lieu of flowers, gifts can be made to The James Cancer Hospital in Burton's name. Please be sure to include Burton’s name and send donations to:

James Development Office
660 Ackerman Rd
P.O. Box 183112
Columbus, OH 43123

Tribute Wall



“ *Burton Page*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Although I had never met Burton, I heard only compliments and praise from my friend Owen about his brother and wonderful family. The aggressive nature of this horrible disease affects all of us at one time or another, and I sympathize with this untimely loss. I will gladly add his name to my cancer-based charity donation this year, and continue to hope that one day this disease is eliminated from our society. God Bless all of the friends and family in their love of a great man.*

*Sincerely,
Tony Lowe and Family
Taylors, SC*

anthony lowe - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Nancy, we managed to take some time to go out on the boat last evening and we spoke of what great times we had with you and Burton on the water. We had dinner at the Wellwood and raised a glass to Burton. The world has lost a wonderful man. We will sorely miss him around the Christmas holidays. We hope you and the boys will be able to make the trip this year. Much love to you all, Ted & JoAnn*

Ted & JoAnn Dawson - August 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Nancy -
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Burton was a great husband, dad, and friend, and his spirit will live forever. Stay strong with your boys and please let me and Wendy know how we can be of service to you when you need a helping hand.

*Take care my friend,
Mark*

Mark McHale - August 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Our thoughts are with you and your family.*

Mike & Chrissy Palmer - August 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Nancy -- Sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts are with you and your boys. -- Cheryl*

Cheryl Hoot Shaeffer - August 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ *Nancy, Rachel and I will be praying for peace and comfort for your family.*

Nathan Laing - August 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Nancy, I'm so sorry for your loss. You have our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Mark Mills - August 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Nancy: You and the boys are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Burton's courageous battle will be an inspiration to others.

Jeff Allison - August 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Sending my deepest sympathies to the family. Burton was one of the happiest and most positive individuals I have ever met. His smile and happy attitude were contagious and he was a pleasure to be around. I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to know him through work. He will be missed by the many lives he touched.

Sara Turner - August 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ I wish you continued strength and courage at this difficult time.
Laura Wilkens

Laura Wilkens - August 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Nancy, My heart breaks for you and yours. You know that your path is like my own. Each of us traverses the path in our own way, there is right or wrong way to do it. But do it we must. When you're ready, I'm happy to share where and when I found my strength. Please lean on me - others were (and still are) here for me; let me be here for you. Much love, Susan

Susan Fehl - August 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM