



## Charles Raymond "Ray" Burkhart

July 6, 2008

Charles Raymond "Ray" Burkhart, age 80, of Worthington, OH and Sarasota, FL, passed peacefully to his eternal home to live with our Lord and Savior on Sunday, July 6, 2008. Ray's love of life, people and humor was with him till the end. Ray was born in Harrietsville, (Noble County), OH on November 16, 1927, son of the William and Ruth Burkhart who preceded him in death, along with his wife, Jean (Smithberger) Burkhart and sister, Goldie Wurtzbacher. He was a graduate of Elk Rural High School, Class of 1945 followed by service to his country by serving in the U.S. Navy. He attended OSU and Franklin University majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He married his high school sweetheart, Jean in 1949 and they enjoyed 55 years together. Ray and Jean moved to Columbus in 1950 settling in Grandview and then Worthington in 1952. He worked for Johnson Controls and then in 1960 Sales Manager of Goodale Auto-Truck Parts Co., Inc. His hard work and ambition enabled him to purchase Goodale in 1974 and involve his family in the business. He took great honor in the privilege of employing many wonderful people over the years and deeply appreciated all their efforts and dedication. Ray's involvement in the Masonic Fraternity included being a 50 year member and Past Master of Masterton Lodge #429 F & AM, Lebanon, OH and a plural member and Past Master of New England Lodge #4 F & AM, Worthington, OH. He was also a 50 year member of the 32 Degree Masons, Valley of Columbus; a 50 year member and Past High Priest of Horace W. Wright Chapter #226 R.A.M., a member of Zabud Council #99 R.& S.M. and Mount

Vernon Commandery #1 Knights Templar. He was also a 50 year member of Aladdin Shriners and was a charter member of the Shrine's Past Master's Unit; Past President of the Worthington Shrine Club, and a member Achbar Grotto. Ray was also a two time Past Patron of Worthington Chapter #287 Order of the Eastern Star and also served as Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Ohio Eastern Star in 1996. He was a Past President of the National Automotive Parts Rebuilders Assoc. and Past President of the Automotive Booster B-32., Past President of Colonial Hills Civic Assoc. and served on the board of North Community Lutheran Church where he had been a member for over 50 years and most recently a member at St. Armands Key Lutheran Church in Sarasota, FL. He took great pride in his family, in being an American, and his service to the world in which he lived. His positive attitude and strong sense of commitment will always be remembered. He truly was part of the "Greatest Generation" and will be deeply missed by all who knew him, especially his dear friend, Lynn Porter of Venice, FL and family: daughters, Debbie (Tom) Comer, Darla (Jeff) Bohenko of Worthington and sons, David (Theresa) Burkhart of Powell and Doug (Terre) Burkhart of Dublin; grandchildren, Jason and Nick (Ashley) Comer, Taylor, Marshal, Ian, Goldie, Mackenzie, Colleen and Andrew Burkhart; brother, Bill (Debbie) Burkhart of Lowell, OH; sister, Shirley (Vernon) Thomas of Lower Salem, OH; brother-in-law, Larry (Mary Lou) Smithberger of Marietta, OH; sister-in-law, Katherine Smithberger of Worthington, and many nieces and nephews. The family will welcome friends at the RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St., Worthington, OH 43085 from 2:00 – 9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 10th and one hour prior to the funeral service to be held 2:00 p.m. Friday, July 11, 2008 at All Saints Lutheran Church, 6770 N. High St., Worthington, OH with Rev. Richard Wilson, PGM, PGP of Jerusalem, OH and Rev. Bonnie Gerber of All Saints Church officiating. Burial will follow in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Worthington. A Masonic Service will begin at 8:30 p.m. Thursday followed by an Eastern Star Service. If desired, memorial contributions may be made in Ray's memory to the Ohio Eastern Star Home, 1451 Gambier Rd., Mt.

Vernon, OH 43050 or the Shriners Hospitals for Children, Office of Development, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607-1460. Condolences for the family may be sent: [www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Raymond "Ray" Burkhart*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *To Ray Burkhart Family, Please accept my sincere condolences. (I am a friend of Debbie Comer.) It is difficult to lose a parent, especially one who was as vibrant and loving as your dad. I hope my humble words are something of a comfort to you. You were blessed to have such a fine dad. Enjoy your memories. With love and blessings, Anne Fish (McConnell girl)*

**Anne Fish** - July 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *With our deepest sympathies for your loss. With love and many blessings, Katherine, Dana and Michelle*

**Dana Smithberger** - July 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *We pray for the Comer & Burkhart families, that the peace that passes all understanding be with you during this most difficult time. We ask the Lord's blessings for each of you. We have honored the family request making a contribution to the: Kobacker House-HomeReach Hospice, 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-9480*

**Scott Behrmann; Ed Carr; Ed Joseph; David Hartsook; Jason Sauer** - July 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ God has another bright star in the heavens. We were honored and very blessed to share lunch at Grand Chapter. May your memories bring you comfort. Donna and Steve Woody, Corinthian Chapter 393 OES

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**Donna & Steve Woody** - July 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Jack let us know about your Dad and we want to send our condolences to the family. As you know we live in Phoenix now making it impossible to be there in person. However, our thoughts and prayers are definitely with you. Blessings!

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**Ernie & Pat Bryant** - July 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ I am so thankful I had the opportunity to spend some time with Uncle Ray. He had such a warm, beautiful smile and always made me feel welcome and loved wherever I saw him. God certainly blessed him with beautiful family and blessed me by allowing me to be a part of his family here and in heaven! With much love and prayers! Gaylene

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**Gaylene Wurtzbacher** - July 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you!

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**Mike and Terri Hayes** - July 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dave & Doug and all members of the family, So very sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you. Jeff & Phyllis ssolove

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**Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Solove** - July 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH THE BURKHART FAMILY AT THEIR TIME OF LOSS. CLOSE FRIEND AND EMPLOYEE OF BILL AND DEBBIE BURKHART.

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**JOE AND BEVERLY MCNABB** - July 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Ron and my deepest sympathy on lost of PGP Brother Ray. He always greeted me so warmly whenever we meet at a Eastern Star Meeting. He was a great asset to our Beautiful Order. He will be missed greatly. Star Love, Catherine Jones WGM -2008

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**Catherine F. Jones WGM** - July 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Raymond was a wonderful person and will truly be missed. Sorry I can't come to the funeral but I will be thinking of you. God Bless

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**Bonnie (Weckbacher) Gill** - July 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Our condolences on your loss. --Lou & Dorothy Flynn

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**Lou and Dorothy Flynn** - July 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Dearest Burkhart family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Your Dad and Mother both touched my life and many others in their lifetime. They were Mom and Dad Burkhart in my teenage years and as a dear friend in my adult years. Thank you for sharing them.

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**Randi Breibach** - July 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Dear Darla So Sorry for your loss. I know that your dad is in a better place. He is with your mom and I know you can get some comfort from that. Take care of yourself You are in my prayers, Rick Hoskinson

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**Rick Hoskinson** - July 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM