



George R. Burris Jr.

January 5, 1934 - July 17, 2015

George Riley Burris, Jr., of Dublin, Ohio, passed away Friday, July 17, 2015 at the age of 81. He was a member of St. Brigid of Kildare Catholic Church and the Dublin community. George is survived by his beloved wife of nearly 58 years Margaret, son Stephen (Katie) Burris of Oviedo, FL, daughter Elizabeth (Doug) Briggs of Loveland, OH, daughter Amy (fiancé, Norman Honecker) Lewis of Pickerington, OH, son-in-law Jack Lewis of Hilliard, OH, daughter Constance Marhoul of Riverside, IL, son-in-law Joel Marhoul of Riverside, IL, grandchildren: Emily, William, Kathryn, Logan, Christopher, Megan, Sophia, and Chloe; sisters Doris (James) Freeman of Hamilton, OH and Joyce (James) Jerow of Pawley's Island, SC and their families; brothers-in-law Walter (Virginia) Brauer of Brownsburg, IN and Francis (Therese) Brauer of Cincinnati, OH and their families. He was born in St. Bernard, OH in 1934 to the late George R. and Ella B. Burris. He grew up in Greendale, IN and graduated from Lawrenceburg High School before attending Purdue University where he received his Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Following graduation, he was commissioned a 2nd LT in the United States Army Ordnance Corps and attained the rank of Captain in the Army Reserves. He continued his education obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree in Commerce from the University of Cincinnati, attended specialized management studies at the University of Michigan and graduated from the M.I.T. Sloan Senior Executive Program. Burris was an accomplished member of the engineering community having attained his license to practice as a

Professional Engineer in seven states including Ohio, Michigan, Florida, West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky and Indiana. He worked for 40 years with American Electric Power (AEP) including assignments in both the Tanners Creek Plant in Lawrenceburg, IN and the Breed Plant in Fairbanks, IN (south of Terre Haute) after which he moved to Canton, OH working in Power Plant Design, Maintenance and Operations. He was part of the original AEP management team responsible for the relocation and opening of AEP's corporate headquarters in Columbus. After retiring from AEP, he continued to consult as a licensed engineer for an additional five years. Throughout his life he exhibited integrity, honesty and character on a daily basis. Known for both his strong will and unselfish desire to help others in need, Burris continued to support the community in retirement as a faithful parishioner of St. Brigid of Kildare. A favorite social activity included his numerous events with the "Romeos" (friends from AEP). He was known for his love of football, baseball and golf and was often observed flying the Purdue Boilermakers colors outside his home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to: St. Brigid of Kildare School Endowment Fund, 7179 Avery Rd., Dublin, OH 43017 or to Kobacker House/Ohio Health Hospice Foundation, 180 East Broad Street, Floor 31, Columbus, OH 43215-3707 www.ohiohealth.com/foundation. Family will receive friends from 3:00-6:00p.m. THURSDAY at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, OH 43065 (614)-792-1471. (The funeral home is located on W. Olentangy St./Powell Rd./SR 750 ¼ mile east of Sawmill Parkway.) Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:00a.m. FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2015 at ST. BRIGID OF KILDARE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 7179 Avery Road, Dublin, Oh 43017 with The Reverend Monsignor Joseph M. Hendricks, Celebrant. Burial Services will be held at approximately 10:30a.m. Saturday, July 25, 2015 at Greendale Cemetery, Greendale, IN. Please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com to send condolences to the Burris Family.

Cemetery Details

Greendale Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **23**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
450 West Olentangy Street
Powell, OH 43065
(614) 792-1471
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Brigid of Kildare Catholic Church
7179 Avery Road
Dublin, OH 43017
<http://www.stbrigidofkildare.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ George R. Burris Jr.

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ Was Sorry to her about George. First met him as young engineer at Tanners Creek. We worked together in Canton and later in Columbus. He made a great contribution to AEP. We al will miss him.
Dave and Betty Williams

David H Williams - July 28, 2015 at 02:23 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of George R. Burris Jr..



July 23, 2015 at 12:55 PM



“ Christopher and Megan purchased the Ringed by Love for the family of George R. Burris Jr..



Christopher and Megan - July 23, 2015 at 05:09 AM

AL

“ Simply put, my dad is my hero. He was there whenever I needed and gave each of his children the ability to go out and face life and all of its challenges with compassion, confidence, and self reliance. There are two kinds of people in this world, those who ask you if you had a good vacation because they just want a yes or no answer or those who ask you to tell them about your trip because they genuinely care. My dad genuinely cared. He was a life learner and someone who constantly was "seeking to understand." My memories with my dad include playing backyard football in the fall, biking up to the tennis courts and playing tennis, sitting for hours at the kitchen table helping me try to understand calculus, and always trying to be the first one to call me on my birthday to wish me Happy Birthday. He was the type of dad and person all men should aspire to be. My dad will forever be in my heart and with me and my children wherever life takes us. We will always have his strength of character as our guide. Recently I traveled with my daughter and viewed the beautiful mountains of Switzerland. I realized in looking at them I could never truly capture their beauty in words or pictures...I had to experience them. The same holds true of my dad. I can never fully express in words or pictures the beauty and magnitude of who he was as a father and a person and the impact he has had on my life. He is a "mountain" among men. "He said come to the edge, I was afraid. He said come to the edge. I was afraid. He said come to the edge, I came, he pushed me, and I flew!" I love you dad! -Amy

Amy Lewis - July 23, 2015 at 03:58 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of George R. Burris Jr..



July 22, 2015 at 08:11 PM



“ Always enjoyed working with George at AEP and occasionally socially. He'll be missed by many. We will pray for him.....Jack Corbett

jack corbett - July 20, 2015 at 07:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George R. Burris Jr..



July 20, 2015 at 03:17 PM



“ God Bless/RIP, to ALL who served.Thank YOU for your service, Capt. Burris..... And Semper Fi. SIR.



Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - July 20, 2015 at 02:55 PM

JH

“ I have great Memories of George starting when I was in high school with his work with the boyscouts in Canton, OH. Flipping pancakes at Little Flower Church and later in life I worked for him in the AEP Mechanical Engineering group in Columbus.

Jeff Hofacre - July 20, 2015 at 10:57 AM

AP

“ Margaret, please accept my sympathy for you and your family. Death brings fond memories. George and I were Patrol Leaders together in Boy Scout Troop 6 in Greendale. His Patrol was named The Rattlesnake Patrol and his leadership abilities were obvious in his untiring efforts to make his the best Patrol in the troop. Fond memories also return to the fun times I had with both you and George at LCHS. May you and your family find peace during this difficult time.

Love,

Andy Priem

Andre Priem - July 19, 2015 at 05:19 PM

“ Our dad, George R. Burris, Jr., was someone who I'm guessing made an impression on just about everyone he met. He valued hard work and determination (almost to a fault). He never hesitated to offer praise or recognition for a job well done (and didn't hesitate to offer suggestions for improvement when warranted). Dad was very generous to others, especially our mom Margaret who he adored. He loved his family dearly, and by that, I'm referring to all his family. He worried and prayed for his parents George Sr. and Ella, his sisters Doris and Joyce and all their families, his brothers-in-law Frank, Joe, and Walter and all their families, and especially mom, Steve, Amy, Connie and myself and all our families over the course of his life. Dad tried to attend every event physically possible - track meets, school plays/concerts, piano recitals, boy scouts/girl scouts, graduations, weddings, funerals, etc.- and told Megan Lewis and Logan Briggs (grandchildren) that attending their high school graduations 6 weeks ago were on his bucket list. I know dad would have liked to have been there for his last 2 grandchildren's graduations as well (Sophie and Chloe), but dad's body just wouldn't cooperate. I'm certain he will be watching from Heaven. For those who have not seen dad in a while, or who only knew him briefly, dad worked for and retired from AEP. Following retirement, dad dealt with two rounds of Bell's Palsy (the 2nd of which left his face partially paralyzed), quadruple bypass surgery over a decade ago, and diabetic neuropathy which made it extremely difficult for dad to walk or get around. Even in the face of all these adversities, dad never complained or expected others to do for him. He virtually refused to use his walker, which probably kept him out of a wheel chair the past few years (albeit also resulted in several falls and a few trips to the ER), he found creative ways to dress himself, he wore remnants of his meals on his shirt due to shaking hands - but never asked for assistance, and all the while he seemed more concerned about the health and well being of others than himself. Even after suffering multiple strokes, being transported between hospitals, rehab and skilled nursing - dad never stopped fighting. The last set of strokes left him a quadriplegic - dependent on the nursing staff and his family to care for him, dad still said he

wanted to pursue rehab...his mind was still sharp and he wasn't ready to let go just yet. The neurologist said he'd never seen anything like it. George R. Burris, Jr was truly an exceptional man, a loving and supportive father, a devoted spouse, a faithful servant of the Lord, and a good friend to many - someone who will be missed on this earth. God Bless George and all those whose lives he touched.

*We love you dad,
Elizabeth*

Elizabeth Briggs - July 19, 2015 at 12:38 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of George R. Burris Jr..*



July 19, 2015 at 08:28 AM



“ *Joe & Mary Brauer lit a candle in memory of George R. Burris Jr.*



joe & mary brauer - July 18, 2015 at 02:44 PM

MC

“ I am so grateful for having Uncle George in my life. He was a person of extreme character and love. He believed in his family and did all that he could for any of us. He shared his thoughts from his heart and did not worry about what others thought, but sought to do what was right. He is now with the Lord enjoying the company of his parents, my cousin and many others who have gone before him. We are so grateful for his life here and we are thankful that he did not suffer long in pain or without his full capacities. That is not who he was or ever would be. This is a loss for many of us who have been blessed by his life, but the Lord said it was his time. Thank you Uncle George. Mary Anne

Mary Anne Carlson - July 18, 2015 at 08:32 AM