



Mr. Howard Lee Burnette

October 10, 1936 - April 19, 2015

Howard Lee Burnette

Howard Lee Burnette, 78, of Roswell, passed away on Sunday, April 19th, 2015. He was born in Austell, Georgia and lived in the Atlanta area over the years. He studied at Georgia Tech and Emory University after graduation from Marietta High School in 1954. Howard was a gifted athlete who participated in basketball, baseball, and golf which became his passion. "Tee 'em high and let 'em fly" was always his advice on the course. He was an extremely talented golfer who enjoyed the challenge of the game as well as the companionship and camaraderie it offered.

Howard was hired by Lockheed Martin when he was 18 years old. His career with Lockheed spanned over 42 years. He worked on virtually every project the company conducted, progressing from his early days in the mail room to directing the C-130 Hercules program. Howard's kindness to his employees and peers created a level of respect that was recognized throughout the Lockheed community by his steady advancement to Vice President of the C-130 program.

All who knew and loved Howard describe him as an exceptional gentleman with never an unkind word to say. A genuine, loving, and intelligent man who lived his life with dignity and integrity. He was passionate about his love for

Christ and was a devoted member of the Roswell United Methodist Church. The church choir held a special place in Howard's heart because he was so moved by the message of the music. Howard was also an active member of the Brookfield Country Club and enjoyed the company of the many wonderful people who live in live in the Brookfield community.

Howard had countless friends, and a manner that would put anyone at ease. Everyone that met him knew by his kind smile and attention that he only wanted others to be themselves. This is shown by the close and enduring relationships he has had since childhood. Howard had a gift for conversation and an easiness about him that made it a joy to be in his company. His profession took him to many parts of the world which included: Saudi Arabia, Peru, Iran, Africa, Singapore, France, and England as well as many others. Beautiful memories were also made on his many many trips with his favorite traveling companion, Jan.

Howard loved his family and will be very sadly missed by his devoted wife, Jan, daughter, Britt (David) Miller; son, Brad (Janice) Burnette; stepdaughter, Kim (Joe) Richter; stepson, Scott (Theresa) Parks; grandchildren, Brooke Wright, Danielle Miller, Josie Burnette, Wyatt Burnette, Jack Richter, Ellie Richter, Leah Richter; sister, Martha (Stratton) Pritchard; several nieces and nephews. He had a deep and beautiful impact on all who were blessed to be a part of his life.

Howard battled Parkinson's Disease for many years, but even near the end, never gave up his faith and fighting spirit. His love for God was guiding a strength and comfort during his journey. One of his favorite scriptures read:
Let not your heart be troubled:
Ye believe in God believe also in me.
In my father's house are many mansions:
If it were not so, I would have told you.

I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself;

that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14:1-3

A loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend, our Howard will be greatly missed until we are together again.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 25, 11:00 AM at Roswell UMC. Rev. Harvey West officiating. A committal service will follow at Roswell UMC Love Garden. A luncheon reception will then be held at the church fellowship hall. The family will receive friends Friday evening at the funeral home 6:00 – 9:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Roswell UMC General Fund.

Cemetery Details

Roswell UMC Love Garden

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 24. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Memorial Service

APR 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

Roswell United Methodist Church
814 Mimosa Blvd
Roswell, GA

Luncheon

APR 25. 12:00 PM (ET)

Roswell United Methodist Church
814 Mimosa Blvd
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Howard Lee Burnette*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *No one was any prouder of Howard's accomplishments than his good friend and buddy Ed (Eddie) Sullivan. Over the years, we were able to keep in touch with Howard and Jan and I have wonderful memories from the time Ed and I started dating in 1959 and Howard became one of my close friends, too. My love and condolences to Jan and Howard's sister Martha (my classmate and friend) and to all of the family. Penny Longino Sullivan*

Penny Sullivan - April 25, 2015 at 08:35 PM

DS

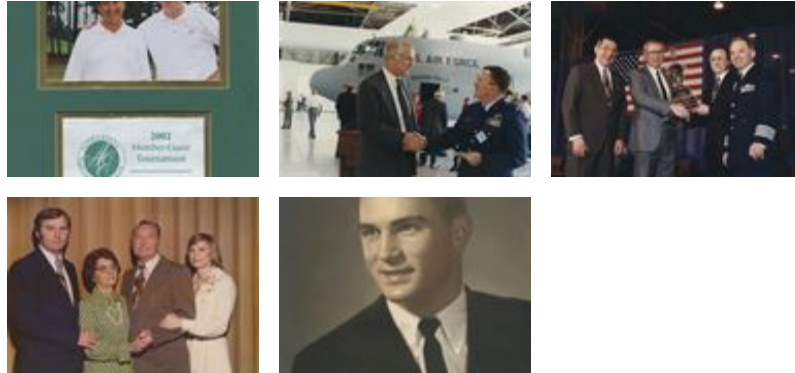
“ It has been our joy and honor to have called Howard our friend for the last 38 years. We have so many wonderful memories of our times spent together with Jan and Howard. Howard was a true southern gentleman. He exuded warmth and kindness to everyone. There is just not enough room here to express our love for Howard. David was always thrilled when Howard would join him as a member of his team for a tournament. As David remembers, Howard was a patient teacher, never critical, always teaching with patience and Howard's golfing style - was "as smooth as silk." Selfishly, we are sad that Howard has left us, but we rejoice knowing that Howard is no longer suffering. We know Howard is now enjoying not only streets paved with gold, but lush greens and the ability to play golf once again. And, we know Howard has joined the most important team of all, God's team, so play on, Howard, play on! We have loved you for so long and we will miss you so much, dear friend. Peace be with Jan and Howard's family and may God's love surround you and sustain you all during this very difficult time. The peace of God's love be with you. David and Terri Shaw



David and Terri Shaw - April 24, 2015 at 02:44 PM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Northside Chapel - April 24, 2015 at 01:49 PM

MM

“ *Mary & John McLellan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Howard Lee Burnette.*



Mary & John McLellan - April 24, 2015 at 10:44 AM

GL

“ *My deepest condolences to Howard's family and friends. I had the very great privilege of working for Howard at Lockheed when I moved to Georgia from California back in 1991. Of all the many bosses I had over a nearly four decade period for the company, Howard was the very best. He was a thoughtful, caring and intelligent leader and always made time to encourage and compliment those working for him. He knew how to be strong and forceful when necessary, but always did it with the air of a gentleman. A true professional!*

George Lowe

George Lowe - April 24, 2015 at 09:20 AM

“ Our family has very special memories of dear Howard. Even though we live in Minnesota, we have been so fortunate to spend time together over the many years. Howard was a loving stepfather, grandfather, and father-in-law. We have some favorite Howard sayings that will live on in our family. We all loved when we would see him and he would say “Hi Gang!” He would walk into a room and say “Hi Gang!” Even if there were only one of us he would say “Hi Gang!” Another favorite was when we would arrive wherever we were going and he would say in real disappointment “Good Lord, look at the line!” There was usually never a line, and we would all laugh. We caught on to this after a while.

Howard was so wonderful to Jack, Ellie and Leah. When we were together he always took an interest in what they were doing. Sports, choir, school activities etc. He would be a willing participant in anything we had going on. He had the patience of a saint when trying to teach Jack how to golf at a young age. Jack liked to practice driving, but Howard was able to teach him the importance of all parts of the game. It was so great to see them on the course together.

We will always remember the special place in Howard’s heart for our late dog Sophie. Howard called her “Soph.” She was a big yellow lab mix who loved lay on his feet to keep them warm, jump up on his bed and cuddle, or beg for another treat (which he always gave her). Dogs have a unique way of sensing a gentle soul, and she sensed that in Howard. I would like to believe that Sophie is beside Howard in Heaven and he giving her another ear scratch.

Joe and Howard shared a love of aviation, and shared many many conversations about Lockheed and Delta Airlines, travel, and aviation in general. Jack is an aviation student now, and will miss the conversations that never were able to take place.

There is a hole in our family, and a hole in our hearts with the loss of Howard. He has blessed our family in so many ways, and we will

miss him so very much.

*Love,
Kim, Joe, Jack, Ellie, and Leah Richter*

Kim Richter - April 23, 2015 at 03:36 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Mr. Howard Lee Burnette.



April 23, 2015 at 01:38 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes* was purchased for the family of Mr. Howard Lee Burnette.



April 23, 2015 at 01:20 PM



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Jan Burnette - April 23, 2015 at 10:40 AM

ML

“ Howard was a good friend to everyone who knew him. He was admired & loved by so many people that he will be missed greatly.
Marilyn Lawton

Marilyn Lawton - April 22, 2015 at 03:07 PM

SP

“ God took the strength of a mountain
The Majesty of a tree
The warmth of a summer sun
The calm of the sea
The generous soul of nature
The comforting arm of the night
The wisdom of the ages
The power of eagle's flight
The joy of a morning spring
The faith of a mustard seed
The patience of eternity
The depth of a family need
Then God combined these qualities
When there was nothing more to add
He knew when his masterpiece was complete,
And so he called it....Dad

Howard you will forever hold a place of great honor in my heart. I will miss you until we meet again father.

Your son, Scott Parks

Scott Parks - April 22, 2015 at 11:07 AM

BF

“ Howard was a gentleman and a gentle man. We are cousin's on his Mother's side of the family. Although he was quite a few years older than me, he always took time to play with me and he treated me like I was his baby sister... actually he treated me like a princess. His kindness was shared throughout his life. My love goes out to Jan and her family and to Britt & Brad and their families. I will truly miss him. He was one of the best!
Becky Carlisle Farrell

Becky Carlisle Farrell - April 22, 2015 at 09:57 AM

BM

“ I remember when my husband and I were new to the neighborhood and how Howard and Jan went out of their way to make us feel at home. He shared a lot of hope and information to us and we were forever in the Howard fan club. The world has lost a wonderful man, but now he is looking over all of us. My heart goes out to you Jan and your family. May "God" help ease your pain through your beautiful voice.
Forever friends.
Beth and Kevin Malone

Beth Malone - April 22, 2015 at 08:24 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Howard Lee Burnette.



April 21, 2015 at 10:16 PM

JK

“ *May all the beautiful memories you have shared come rushing back to ease the great gap that losing Howard has left in your hearts. He was truly a class act. I'm sure he's smiling in heaven where he has no more Parkinsons! He'll probably run a bath for you when it's your turn, Jan...he's just that kind of man. Love to all the family...*
Joyce and Robert Kirk

Joyce Kirk - April 21, 2015 at 09:24 PM

KS

“ *Howard was a true gentleman and a GREAT golfer. We won the only Couples Member Guest at Big Canoe with Howard and Jan. We had such a good time with great friends. It is a comfort to know that he is at rest with our Lord. I regret that we are moving my Dad back to Ohio after his winter with us, so we will miss celebrating Howard's life. Praying for you, Jan, and your family.*

kay smith - April 21, 2015 at 08:21 PM

KS

“ *I first met Howard when he was in the hospital and I was his nurse. The privilege was mine to care for him and then to become his friend. Howard was one of the bravest and kindest men I have ever met - every time I have ever seen him since, regardless of whether it was at church or in the hospital, his gentle smile always lit up that handsome face! Jan, you are Howard's angel, and he will be with you in your heart always. Much love and sympathy to you and your family.*

Kim Shay - April 21, 2015 at 06:30 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Howard Lee Burnette.*

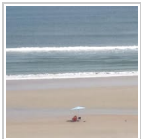


April 21, 2015 at 05:43 PM



“ *I met Howard when I was 4 years old. I remember those years and cherish the special childhood memories they held. May he rest now in God's care and my heartfelt condolences go out to his family. Sue McNair (Webb)*

Sue Webb McNair - April 21, 2015 at 04:15 PM



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Jere-Janie Jones - April 21, 2015 at 02:14 PM



“ *So many great memories of Howard but we will always remember saying "good Shot Howard!" He was such a kind , loving friend, and one of the greatest gentlemen we have ever met . We will love and miss him always !
We love you Jan,
Huge Hugs,
Sherry & Bud*

sherry Chapman - April 21, 2015 at 07:58 AM

JB

“ 6 files added to the album Howard



Jan Burnette - April 20, 2015 at 08:08 PM