



Kurt Burns

November 12, 1927 - July 24, 2011

Kurt Dorn Burns, 83, died peacefully at his home in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, on July 24, 2011, under the care of Circle of Life Hospice. He was surrounded by family and friends. He was born November 12, 1927, in IZARD County, Arkansas, to Tom Hansen and Jewel Virginia Newsom Burns. He married Sylvia Ellen Lowe on June 5, 1951, in Joplin, Missouri. He was a life-long resident of Arkansas and practiced dentistry for fifty years in Siloam Springs. His Siloam Springs' area patients and friends knew him as "Doc." His Gentry area patients and friends continued to call him "Dorn." He graduated from Gentry High School in 1945. In 1949 he graduated from the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor of Science in Pre- Dental. He studied dental surgery and graduated from Washington University Dental School in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1953. He came to Siloam Springs and started his dental practice. In November, 1953, he was called up from the Naval Reserve into active duty. He served as a lieutenant stationed at Camp Pendleton in San Diego, California. He served as a fleet dentist in Point Barrow, Alaska. He returned to Siloam Springs in 1955 and resumed his dental practice until his retirement in 2004. He was a lifetime member of the Arkansas Dental Association and served on its Executive Council from 1971-76. He was a member of the University of Arkansas Alumni Association and an avid Razorback fan. An avid golfer, he was a member of the United States Golf Association. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia, of the home; daughter and son-in-law, Alan and Cindy Knox of Bella Vista, Arkansas; daughter and son-

in-law, George and Sandra Mayo of Neosho, Missouri; son and daughter-in-law Barry and Renee' Burns of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; and daughter and son-in-law, Larry and Lindy Taylor of Gentry, Arkansas; twelve grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren; beloved friends Robert and Dee Cox; and many other family and friends. Visitation will be Thursday, July 28, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 29, 2011, at Grace Episcopal Church, Siloam Springs, with The Rev. Stanley McKinnon officiating. Burial will follow at Gentry Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, Arkansas 72762 or to the Alzheimer's Association, Oklahoma and Arkansas Chapter, Inc., 6465 South Yale Avenue, Suite 312, Tulsa, OK 74136-7804.

Tribute Wall

RB

“ *Kurt Burns*

Richard H Burns - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

LJ

“ *To all the Burns family,*

I've remembered all of you through the years. I remember our years at church there in Siloam at the church of Christ congregation on Maxwell street, right around the corner from Doc Burns dental office. When Marvin Phillips was the preacher in my teen years, I recall you having the teens in your home. It was very much appreciated - more than you know. Please know all my family that knew Doc Burns remembers him and are saddened at his passing. May God and good memories give you much comfort during this time of your loss. He was a good dentist - saved my teeth well enough that as the fillings were wearing out I was able to just have my teeth crowned.

Louise (Ward) Jennings - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

GO

“ *Lindy, So sorry to hear about your beloved dad. I just found out about his passing today. Sherry saw Ralph Ivey and he was all dressed up and she asked him were he was going and he said to Doc's funeral. He was a very wellrespected guy and I know you will miss him a lot. Give my regards to the rest of the family. Love & Prayers. The Owen's Family*

Glenda Owens - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

JC

“ So sorry we cannot be there. Sylvia, the entire Burns' family has blessed us so richly and given us so many beautiful memories. Thank you and may God bless you as you celebrate Kurt's life and home going. Kurt was a true friend to countless people, including me. He left a legacy for all of us to cherish!

Jim Caldwell - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

KM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Burns Family.

Keith Melson - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

WS

“ I wanted to express my sympathy on your loss. Dr. Burns was my first dentist. In fact I still have a couple of fillings he did. He was a great man. I know the loss is hard, but remember he is in heaven now.

Wenona Studards - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

MH

“ To the family,
I was saddened to hear of Dr. Burns passing. He was a very kind and gentle man. He always had a smile on his face and always made you feel so relaxed to come in and have your teeth worked on. May God and your fond memories help you through this most difficult time. Prayers for the whole family, and just remember that he is not suffering any longer and we will all see him some day and get to rejoice together in Heaven.

Marcy Hendren - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

AC

“ My prayers are with the Burns family at this time.

I had not see "Kurt" since sometime in the late 1960's. When I was a young man and Asst Mgr of J.C Penny in Siloam. In 1960 he pulled "all" of my teeth. I was 20 years old at the time and he said I was the youngest patient he had placed full denturs in at that point in his career. He let me pay it out over several months (at his suggestion)

Several times later on he gave me some "sage" advise. "Doc" was a wonderful person. Wish I could have seen him more often. He was greatly admired and will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Alan Curtis

Alan Curtis - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

JB

“ To all the Burns Family, God Bless you all during this very sad time. Dr. Burns was such a kind and gentle man. He was our Dentist and our Kids as well. He was always so nice and patient. I had gone about 6 or 8 years at one time without seeing Him, and I ran into Him in a store and He recognized me. He stopped and visited with My Husband and me. It was so nice. He was a Great person! God Bless you all!

Jack & Patty Boyle - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

SH

“ Lindy and Larry, Just wanted to let you know that we are thinking about you. Our deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family for your loss. Sounds like he was a great man, and loved his family dearly.

Sheri Holloway - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

KD

“ We were so sorry to hear about your dad Lindy. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Karen Davis - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

JB

“ Barry & Family, our deepest sympathy on the loss of your Dad, your family is in our thoughts & prayers.

Joe & Brenda Baldwin - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

MR

“ Sylvia and Family;
So sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Marian Reed - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

RS

“ thanks for dental restoration when I was a youngster. Rick

rick scacewater - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

CD

“ The Burns Family, My mom & dad, Clarence & Jan Duncan were good friends of the family back in the late 50's & Dr. Burns was our dentist, in fact I'm named after Cindy. Even after my family moved to Fayetteville, we continued to travel to Siloam to Dr. Burns for years. He always made you feel at ease with his dry sence of humor and many stories.

Remember he's always in your hearts. Your in our thoughts and prayers.

Clarence T. Duncan, Cindy Duncan & Bettye Ann Duncan-Kisor

Cindy Duncan - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

JC

“ We are sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jim and Esta Faye Combs - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

MS

“ Very sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers for you during this difficult season of your life.

Mike Scaewater - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

JM

“ Lindy, Larry and family,

I was so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I remember sitting in his dental chair as a child, scared to death, and he put me at ease. I'm sure you have many wonderful memories that will see you through the coming days. My sympathy to you all.

Jan Simmons McGuirk - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

DD

“ With fond memories and saddened hearts we bid fare well to Dr. Burns.

Dwight & Marsha Dean - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

RR

“ Sylvia, Kurt Burns was a quality dentist, a wonderful family man, husband and father defined by integrity, spirituality and concern for his fellowman. I cherish my association with Kurt and truly wish I had spent even more time in fellowship with him. I hold you and your family close to my heart pray God Bless You.

Riggs Russell - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

SH

“ So sorry to hear of Dr. Burns' passing. He was my dentist for years & he also went to dental school in St. Louis w/my father-in-law Dr. Jack Harder. So sorry to hear of your loss.

Susan Knight Harder - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

DS

“ Will always remember Dr. Burns. He took care of our whole family for years. He was truly an icon of my youth.

Debbie Derdeyn Scacewater - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

SJ

“ My thoughts and Prayers go out to the Burns family with the passing of such a wonderful husband , father and grandfather. My going to the Dentist was made an enjoyable time by Dr. Burns and so much of the time at least one of his famiy. He had such great stories to tell. I am so glad I had the privelege of being a patiet with and working with him in the Hospital. He will be greatly missed. Sophia

Sophia & Jack Jones - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

BN

“ Sandy,
We lift you and your family up in our prayers.

Beth & George Nunnally - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

AP

“ Sylvia, Cindy, Sandy, and Barry ... My father, Marvin Phillips, preached for the Siloam Springs Church of Christ back in the early 60s. I was just a child, but the Burns family have remained friends of our family all these years. When I was in college, Doc showed his skills taking care of my emergency for free to build a new front tooth that I had chipped in half. I proudly show off the metal post and rebuilt tooth that has lasted these 37 years and remember fondly Dr. Burns. We love you and have you all in our prayers!

Alan Phillips - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

WH

“ Barry, sorry for you loss. I remember your dad yelling and cheering at the basketball games. He always treated everyone really well. He was a good man.

Wayne Haddock - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

KH

“ Dear Liddy and Family,

Sorry to hear about your loss... my thought and prayers are with you

Kristine Hennessy - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

AV

“ Our thoughts and prayers to the family, in this your time of loss. We moved to Siloam in 1964. One of the things my family needed after getting settled was a good dentist. We met Kurt and got both, a great dentist and a great friend. He was a pretty good golf buddy too! May GOD bless and keep you all.

A.P. & Darline Vohs - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

JR

“ *Barry and Renee: So sorry to hear of your loss. You will be in my thoughts as you go through this sad time.*

Jan Farmer Russell - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

BB

“ *From our family to yours...we send our love and prayers. Losing our loved ones is one of life's hardest trials. We can take comfort in knowing he is in heaven today and no longer suffers here on earth. He was a tremendous person and performed a wonderful service to this community. He will be greatly missed.*

Belinda Spriggs Butts - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

JS

“ *Lindy: We are so sorry to hear about your dad. You, Larry and your family are in our prayers.*

Jim & Sherry Shrum - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

JH

“ *Sylvia and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Dr Burns was such a wonderful person, I know he will be missed by all his family and friends. May it comfort you to know others are praying for each of you, that God will keep His Hand of comfort on you, and enable you to remember all the good times. In christian love, Joyce Neff*

jim huskins - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

MH

“ Sylvia & Lyndy: First, I am sorry to hear of Dr. Burn's passing. May God comfort you during this difficult time in your life. When I read of his passing, a "flood gate" of memories came to mind. He made coming to the dentist a real pleasure. Greeting you with an endless smile, and all time telling stories about his golf outings on Tuesdays . I think the last thing that he told me was, "Mark, I can almost guarantee you that if you continue to take good care of your teeth, that you should die with your natural teth....but lets hope that thats a long time aways!"

mark hendren - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

VG

“ Cindy and Lindy
sorry to learn of passing of your Dad,
your family is in our prayers
God Bless you and yours

Vicky Fletcher Goodman - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

AK

“ So said to learn of Dr. Burns passing yesterday. My friendship with and affection for the Burns family goes back almost 50 years. He had a very dry, sly sense of humor and never failed to make me laugh (about things that I won't list here). And, goodness, was he the ultimate Razorback fan! To say that he was never late for a game would be an understatement of large magnitude! My thoughts and prayers will be with you all this week and beyond - very sorry that I can't be there in person but I send you much love.

Allen Kimbrough - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM

TR

“ Dear Burns Family I was very sad to hear of Dr.Burns passing. He was such a kind and gentle man and he will be missed by many. I pray that God will give you each the comfort and peace that you need as you step into this next chapter in your life's. You all are in my thoughts and my prayers. May God be with you!

Tonya Myrick Roberts - September 19, 2012 at 11:34 AM