



Melvin Richard Burd

October 24, 1925 - May 16, 2016

Melvin Richard Burd, 90, of Gentry, Arkansas, died May 16, 2016, at his home. Born October 24, 1925, in Kanorado, Kansas, he was the son of Everett Winfield Burd and Ella Grace (Gilbert) Burd. Melvin and Eunice Tonsing were married November 9, 1952. He was a mechanic, farmer and Volunteer Fire Chief for the Hygiene, Colorado department. Melvin served his county in the Marines during World War II and was at Imo Jima and Guam. He received a Purple Heart. Melvin was an honorary member of the VFW of Siloam Springs, Arkansas and the Elks Club in Goodland, Kansas. Melvin was a member of the First Assembly of God Church, Decatur, Arkansas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two infant daughters, two brothers Dawaine and Lawrence and one grandson Wyatt Edgar.

Survivors include his wife Eunice of the home; daughters Debra Landreth of Conway, Arkansas and Denise Cripps and husband Randy of Gentry, Arkansas; sons Kevin B. Burd of Wellsville, Kansas and Joel E. Burd and wife Dawn of Longmont, Colorado; 8 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; several step grandchildren; brother Keith Burd and wife Delores of Montrose, Colorado; sister Rowena Keck of Brush, Colorado; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 19, 2016 at Falling Springs Cemetery, near Decatur, Arkansas. Memorial services will follow at First Assembly of God, Decatur, Arkansas. Memorial contributions may be made to Veterans Administration, 1416 N. College Ave., Fayetteville,

Arkansas, 72703.

Cemetery Details

Falling Springs Cemetery

Falling Springs Cemetery
Decatur, AR 72722

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

Falling Springs Cemetery
Falling Springs Cemetery
Decatur, AR 72722

Memorial Service

MAY 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

Decatur Assembly of God
675 N. Main St.
Decatur, AR 72722

Tribute Wall

MF

“ *Maxine Foster lit a candle in memory of Melvin Richard Burd*



Maxine Foster - May 19, 2016 at 09:04 PM

CM

“ *Kevin,
So sorry for the loss of your father. If he was anything like you I bet he was wonderful. Your friends always Cathy & Scott Mann.*

Cathy Mann - May 18, 2016 at 09:43 PM

TM

“ *I worked with Mel at Dayspring for several years. We talked about cars and life and I learned so much from Mel, He was a Great Man.*



Praying for peace for the Family.

Tim Matheny.

tmatheny - May 18, 2016 at 01:24 PM

FF

“ From your EZ Excavating Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Melvin Richard Burd.



From your EZ Excavating Family - May 18, 2016 at 11:10 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Melvin Richard Burd.



May 18, 2016 at 09:45 AM

M(

“ I remember summer at his farm! PIGS! For some reason I remember those animals the most! The old car we played in! Uncle Shorty was fun to be around and always a smile! To tell you all those kids have a great smile! I wish family would never pull apart as we get older! Love Marcy



marcy (Burd)Millsap - May 17, 2016 at 07:03 PM

TV

“ Trey & Lori Vanderpool purchased the Spring Ha s Sprung Mixed Basket for the family of Melvin Richard Burd.



Trey & Lori Vanderpool - May 17, 2016 at 05:06 PM

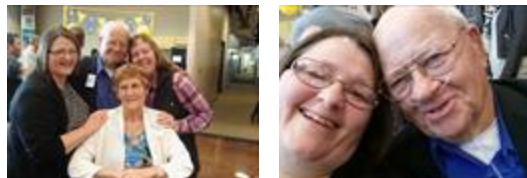
BS

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Many great memories of times spent with your family. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers. May you feel God's peace and strength during this time.

Betty Southerland - May 17, 2016 at 03:46 PM

KH

“ My heart is broken at the loss of such a great man. I worked with Mel for several years at Dayspring and for those of us who really knew him, he became like a father to us. He had our admiration, our love and our respect. We had a lot of discussions about life, the good and the bad, and always came to the conclusion that even though we didn't understand everything, God was still a good God who always knew best. On those long nights of working night shift, Mel could always bring some humor and laughter when it seemed that everything else had gone wrong. I remember one night when we got off work at 2:00 am. It was snowing and cold, with wind chills well below zero. We all realized that our cars wouldn't start because of the cold. Mel had his trusty ol' Dodge pick-up and, of course, it started. He stayed out there jump-starting everyone's vehicles and made sure that everyone got their car started and that everyone made it up over the hill on the icy roads. Even though I didn't get to visit with him and Eunice as much as I would have liked to over the years after we all left Dayspring, we could still just pick right up where we left off when we did see each other. To the family, I know that this is a very difficult loss, and I pray that God will be your strength in the days to come. You had one of the good ones and were very blessed!



Kelly Holt - May 17, 2016 at 03:16 PM

BE

“ *BelindaLondaginShetlar lit a candle in memory of Melvin Richard Burd*



BelindaLondaginShetlar - May 17, 2016 at 02:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melvin Richard Burd.*



May 17, 2016 at 01:51 PM

JB

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Uncle Shorty's passing. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Uncle Shorty, please give Dad Burd (Lawrence) and Grandma Grace hugs and love.*

Valen, Joni, Katy, and Levi Burd

Joni Burd - May 17, 2016 at 12:59 PM

PE

“ I will always have great memories of your family being our neighbors for years, we had great times growing up and going up to Shorties shop on our bikes and bothering him and he would let us most of the time instead of chasing us off. May your hearts and souls rest in the knowing he is at peace and happy in his new adventure and know he will forever watch over your family from afar. Thank you Shorty for your military service so we can live a free life here in America! Penny Sadar Trevithick

penny - May 17, 2016 at 11:15 AM

LR

“ We salute your veteran. Our condolences for your loss & gratitude for your loved one's service to our country. May your memories & God's love bring you peace, comfort & strength at this difficult time. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal but LOVE leaves a memory no one can steal.



Larry & Lana Hurt (Patriot Guard Riders) - May 17, 2016 at 09:25 AM