



William Spurlin Burton

September 19, 1936 - December 31, 2021

William Spurlin Burton, 85, passed away on December 31, 2021.

He graduated from the University of Mississippi with a degree in gemology. Subsequent to graduating, he returned to Laurel where he worked as a certified gemologist at Burton's Jewelers and later owned and operated the family business for decades.

Bill was a dedicated member of First United Methodist Church in Laurel. He served on numerous boards in Laurel, including Howard Industries, Trustmark Bank, Laurel Airport Authority, and the Animal Rescue League.

Throughout his life, Bill enjoyed many hobbies. Flying a plane (where he volunteered Angel flights), flying a helicopter, scuba diving, and fishing at his lake place.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years: Gweneth Todd Burton, his parents: father- Richard A. Burton, Sr., mother- Georgie Spurlin Burton, brother- Richard A. Burton, Jr., and granddaughter- Gweneth Hope Robinson.

He is survived by son- William Stephen Burton (Cassie), daughters- Stacy Burton Davis (Kevin), Shara Burton Franklin (Mark) and Susan Burton Robinson (Brett); eight grandchildren- Christopher, Todd, Brooks, Whitney,

Alex, Turner, Mary Brett, Lucy, numerous great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and his adoring dog, Lulu.

Bill will be forever missed, but we take great comfort knowing that he is happily reunited with the love of his life, our beautiful mom. His legacy of love for his family will be forever cherished by us all.

A service will be held for family on Sunday, January 9, 2022, at First United Methodist Church, Laurel. Memory Chapel is assisting with the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests supporting a local animal shelter or donations to his wife's favorite charity, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

To view and sign the online guestbook, please visit www.memorychapellaurel.com

Cemetery Details

Lake Park Hills Cemetery

2806 Emmy Dr.
Laurel, MS 39440

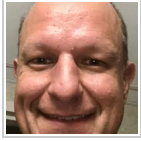
Previous Events

Service

JAN 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
420 N 5th Avenue
Laurel, MS 39440

Tribute Wall



“ *Dow Yoder lit a candle in memory of William Spurlin Burton*



Dow Yoder - January 15, 2022 at 04:19 PM

RB

“ *Only knew Bill for the last 15 or so years , his Lake Eddins years but really enjoyed knowing him. Will say about him what I hope someone will be able to say about me, he was a good guy.*

Ron Bean , Lake Eddins

Ron Bean - January 06, 2022 at 07:37 AM

JC

“ *I didn't know Mr Bill for very long. We had several conversations and by those I could tell he was a good man. My thoughts and prayers are with you*

Jay Chapman - January 05, 2022 at 10:16 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Spurlin Burton.*



January 05, 2022 at 12:54 PM

 Clint
Burton

“ *My Uncle Billy was the best uncle a guy could have, went SCUBA diving with him, rode around in his helicopter & airplanes, got to stay with him & his family at their beach condo & spent many a day out on his boats....Uncle Billy lived an interesting life, & im glad to have known him & shared time with him, he will be missed!!!*

Clint Burton - January 02, 2022 at 06:34 PM

SH

“ *My condolences to the Burton family during this time of grief in the loss of Bill! I'm praying for the family & sending heartfelt prayers and hugs! I love u all! Stella M Hall 1/2/22*

Stella M Hall - January 02, 2022 at 09:30 AM

SG

“ *Brett & Susan, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Will be praying for the family. Thanks, Sara Graham*

Sara Graham - January 01, 2022 at 09:03 PM

KJ

“ *So sorry to hear this. He was such a great and kind man and I truly enjoyed the couple of years working with him. Kimberly Johnson*

kimberly johnson - January 01, 2022 at 04:34 PM