



James Daniel Burnett Sr.

May 30, 1935 - July 10, 2023

James Daniel Burnett Sr. “Dan” of Monroe, GA, formerly of Lawrenceville, GA, passed away peacefully July 10, 2023. Born on Memorial Day, May 30, 1935 to Earle and Ruth Johnson Burnett of Greenwood, South Carolina, where he grew up with his sister and brother, worked in the family restaurant, delivered lunches to his Grandfather, Judge Johnson’s office, played football for Greenwood High School, and worked at the local golf course to pay for his flying lessons.

He joined the U.S. Navy in 1952 during the Korean War and was stationed on the USS Henrico

deployed in the Pacific from San Diego, and later spent time as a communications operator. During his

Navy commitment he married his devoted wife Mary Beth Besinger in 1954, and completed his

Navy contract in 1956. They were blessed with 69 years of marriage that included relocating

many times for education and career moves to climb the ladder with Univac/Sperry Rand, as a

data/computer systems analyst, including a year for him in South Vietnam as computer systems

analyst for the US government in 1967. Accepting a job opportunity with Datagraphics in Atlanta

brought them to Lawrenceville, GA in 1969 with their three children. Several

years later he took a leap of faith in another direction and opened his own business, Leisure Travel, customizing vans and Snap on Tool trucks.

Over the years he shared his love of water sports and boating with his children and grandchildren, spending many weekends each summer at the family lake house. He learned to sail in his retirement and became "Captain" of his boat and he and Beth sailed around the Florida coast. His adventurous personality continued with his love of flying earning his pilot's license, including instructor rating and later his helicopter license. His "last flight" this week must have been amazing, and no need for his plane or helicopter.

A loyal husband, a strict but obviously "fun" Daddy and Papa, he worked hard, he played hard, could fix anything, was a dedicated man, knew he was blessed and took time to be thankful. He was a member of Lawrenceville First Methodist for many years and more recent New Hope Methodist.

Family members holding their memories dear include wife of 69 years, Beth Besinger Burnett.

Daughter and her family: Danette Burnett Burson and husband Mark, their children/grandchildren

Jacob Burson (USAF) wife Dee Dee Adams/their children Airman, USAFR Brady Burson, Brooke, Brielle, and Bo Burson. Jennie Burson / and daughter Lana Nichols.

Daughter and her family: Theresa Burnett Edwards, husband Kenny, their 3 sons /grandchildren. CPO, USN Kenneth Edwards JR, wife Lindsay Brooks/ their children Emma and Cooper Edwards. Luke Edwards, wife Hope

Howell/their sons Jude and Rhett Edwards. JEB Edwards, wife Erin Hannen/their triplets Abigail, Kayce and Liam Edwards.

Son and his family: James "Jimmy" Burnett, wife Lisa Everett, daughters/grandchildren: Marianna

Burnett Slaughter, husband Jacob/their children Braxton, Millie Ann, and Jordan Slaughter. Natalie

Gardner Stanley, husband Jeremy/Hailey and Michael Walden. Rachel Gardner Collado,

husband Anthony/their children Nicholas and Amelia Collado.

Brother: Richard Burnett (US Army) wife Brenda Moon, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents Earle and Ruth Johnson Burnett and a sister Patricia Burnett Brady.

Condolences may be sent or viewed at www.stewartfh.com

*Visitation: Sunday, July 16 1:00 - 3:00 PM Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Rd SW, LAWRENCEVILLE, GA

*Service: Sunday, July 16, 3:00 PM Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Rd.

LAWRENCEVILLE, GA

*Funeral Procession: 12:00 Monday July 17, from Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 209 South Hammond Dr.

MONROE, GA to Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 2617 Vinson Highway, Milledgeville, GA

(please meet at 11:45 AM, procession begins at 12:00 PM noon)

*Interment service: 2:30 PM Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Milledgeville GA

In lieu of flowers please consider donations to Wounded Warrior Project by contacting

woundedwarriorproject.org call 877.832.6997

4899 Belfort Rd. Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256

Cemetery Details

Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery

2617 Vinson Highway
Milledgeville, GA 31061

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville
300 Simonton Road SW
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

Funeral Service

JUL 16. 3:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville
300 Simonton Road, S.W.
Lawrenceville, GA

Interment

JUL 17. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Milledgeville, GA 31061

Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Daniel Burnett Sr.*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - July 14, 2023 at 02:25 PM

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Tribute to the wonderful Life of James Daniel Burnett Sr.

Mary D Staples - July 14, 2023 at 09:20 PM

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“ *My sincerest condolences to Mrs. Burnett, Theresa, Danette, Mark, Brenda and the entire family and loved ones of Mr. Burnett. He lived a life well-lived! I enjoyed my year working for him and Mrs. Burnett at Leisure Travel during the mid-70s - it was hard work, but fun and I loved those custom vans! Wish I had one today! The Burnett family were, and are, just good, kind people, and I am sorry for your loss of this multi-faceted, talented man. Fair winds and following seas... - Joe Seagle*

Joe Seagle - July 16, 2023 at 04:31 PM

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“ *So sorry for your loss! Uncle Dan was always fun to be around, I loved it when he would blow smoke out of his ears. And my grama (pat) sure did love him.*

Amanda, Pats great granddaughter - July 15, 2023 at 06:07 PM



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Amanda, Pats oldest great granddaughter - July 15, 2023 at 06:01 PM



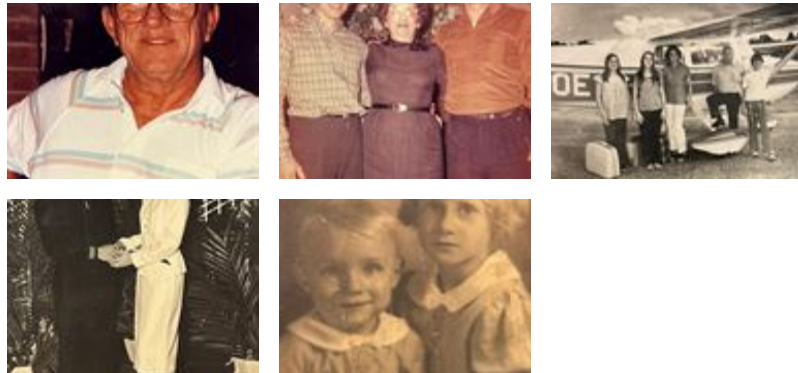
“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Daniel Burnett Sr..



July 14, 2023 at 03:53 PM



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Tim Stewart Funeral Home - July 14, 2023 at 02:24 PM



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