



Mr. Jimmie "Jim" Thomas Burkett

September 1, 1940 - April 19, 2014

Jimmie (Jim) Thomas Burkett, 73, of Hartsville, SC, died Saturday, April 19, 2014. He was born September 1, 1940 in Trenton, TN, to the late James Harold and Fredrecia Burkett.

Jim graduated from Peabody High School in Trenton in 1958 and attended Memphis State University. He married Bonnie Walker Burkett October 5, 1962.

Jim was a manufacturing engineer in the munitions industry, serving as a plant and general manager at several facilities. His professional career took them to locations throughout the United States.

In addition to his career, he was very involved in leading youth activities including Boy Scouts as a Scout Master, and coaching both flag football and boxing. He will be remembered fondly by many for the lives he touched in his service to young people.

Jim was well known among his family and friends for his infectious sense of humor and quick wit. He was a great storyteller and loved to recount his often-hilarious adventures.

Jim loved to travel. He and Bonnie traveled extensively and particularly enjoyed cruising. His other passion was horticulture. He had a green thumb and enjoyed spending hours tending his garden.

Jim is survived by his wife of 51 years, Bonnie; three children, Jason Burkett of Lakeland, FL, Brett (Danielle) Burkett of Coronado, CA, and Betsy (Carl) Kraus of Hartsville, SC; four grandchildren, Matt Burkett, Katie Burkett,

Courtney Kraus, and Cameron Kraus.

Jim was a pet lover and had several precious canine friends during his life. He leaves behind a very special dog Pippa.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to First Presbyterian Montreat Youth fund, 213 W. Home Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550 and St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38005.

Previous Events

Service

APR 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church Prayer Garden
213 W. Home Ave.
Hartsville, SC 29550

Visitation

APR 21. 2:30 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian narthex
213 W. Home Ave.
Hartsville, SC 29550

Tribute Wall

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“*Death is the starlit strip between the companionship of yesterday and the reunion of tomorrow.*” –Mark Twain

Norris Boyd

Thinking of you Bonnie.

Norris Boyd - April 24, 2014 at 02:03 PM

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“*I am so very sorry to hear about Mr. Burkett's passing. I knew him from my working at The Medical Group. He was always such a friendly man and always had a smile on his face when I saw him. Your family is in my prayers.*

Lou Ann Rose - April 22, 2014 at 08:37 AM

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“*Betsy, so sorry to hear about your Dad. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family during this difficult time.*



Linda Thompson - April 21, 2014 at 09:44 PM

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“*My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*



Connee Grantham - April 21, 2014 at 02:26 PM