



## Mr. Leo Harold "Billy" Burch

April 23, 1926 - June 3, 2015

Funeral services for Leo Harold "Billy" Burch, 89, will be held at 2:00 pm Monday, June 8, 2015 at Wesley United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Dewey Dean will officiate with burial in Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery with Masonic rites. The family will receive friends from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm on Sunday at Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home.

Mr. Burch passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 in Jacksonville, FL with his beloved pet "Cassie" by his side. Born in Chesterfield County, SC, he was a son of the late Leo Harold and Mary Etta Sutton Burch. He was a lifetime resident of Hartsville, SC, but spent his final years in Jacksonville. He was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church and the Hartsville Masonic Lodge #173.

Billy served in the United States Navy during WWII. He worked at Sonoco for 45 years and returned after retirement to work in the mail room. He also worked for the Darlington County Voter Registration & Elections.

Surviving are his son, Harold Hood Burch (Lisa) of Jacksonville, FL; brothers, Michael Ray Burch (Donna) of Hartsville, SC, Harry Samuel Burch (Sharon) of Watkinsville, GA, John Robert Burch of Florence, SC; granddaughter, Brianna Burch Truett (James) of Hartsville, SC; great-granddaughter, Elizabeth BelvaAnn Truett; sister-in-law, Mary Merriman Burch; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Belva Ruth Bass Burch; brothers, Franklin Delano Burch and James Hardy Burch.

Memorials may be made to Wesley United Methodist Church, 145 E. College Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550 or the Darlington Co. Humane Society, Box 1655, Hartsville, SC 29550.

# Cemetery Details

## Bethel Cemetery

2423 Bethel Road  
Hartsville, SC 29550

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 7. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home  
306 W. Home Ave.  
Hartsville, SC 29550  
(843) 332-6531  
[info@bpafuneralhome.com](mailto:info@bpafuneralhome.com)  
<http://www.bpafuneralhome.com>

## Service

JUN 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

Wesley United Methodist Church  
145 E. College Ave.  
Hartsville, SC 29550

# Tribute Wall



“ *What a fine, fine fellow Billy was and my parents never had a better friend.*

*mitch pate*

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**Mitch Pate** - March 28, 2016 at 07:02 AM



“ *Kimberly Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo Harold "Billy" Burch*



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**Kimberly Lewis** - June 18, 2015 at 08:21 AM



“ *He was a kind, gentle person.*

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**Lil Blakney** - June 16, 2015 at 09:00 AM



“ *A great guy who I had great respect for. Lee Lanier*



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**Lee Lanier** - June 08, 2015 at 12:39 PM

BW

“ *Bess And Bobby Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo Harold "Billy" Burch*



**Bess and Bobby Watkins** - June 07, 2015 at 12:46 PM



“ *109 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - June 07, 2015 at 08:11 AM

BM

“ *Enjoyed my friendship with Billy at Sonoco and Wesley UMC.*



**Bob McWatty** - June 07, 2015 at 07:17 AM

SH

“ Billy was a wonderful man with a wonderful, loving family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.



*Sandra and Larry Huggins*

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**Sandra and Larry Huggins** - June 06, 2015 at 09:25 PM

CS

“ Claude & Wanda Stroud lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo Harold "Billy" Burch



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**Claude & Wanda Stroud** - June 06, 2015 at 06:44 PM

LK

“ Worked with Billy at Sonoco in the paper mill. He was one of the good guys that everyone liked and respected.



*Larry King*

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**Larry King** - June 06, 2015 at 05:32 PM

LA

“ One of the most treasured titles of my life is "Billy Burch's daughter-in-law". Love you and miss you Dad. I was honored to have spent what time we had together.



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**Lisa Allen-Burch** - June 06, 2015 at 11:34 AM

VJ

“ Von Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo Harold "Billy" Burch



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**Von Johnson** - June 06, 2015 at 11:26 AM

VJ

I am sorry for your loss. Mr. Bill was a great man and I know he will be missed.

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**Von Johnson** - June 06, 2015 at 11:28 AM

JS

“ Mr. Billy was a great fellow, always willing to help others and share good comments, always found good comments even when things looked bad. I am glad to have known him and worked many years with him at Sonoco.

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**Joel Segars** - June 05, 2015 at 07:56 AM

BM

“ *Sorry for your loss*



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**Butch Morrell** - June 05, 2015 at 07:52 AM

MC

“ *Matt Cassidy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo Harold "Billy" Burch*



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**Matt Cassidy** - June 05, 2015 at 05:16 AM

DT

“ *Danny & Debbie Turnage lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo Harold "Billy" Burch*



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**Danny & Debbie Turnage** - June 05, 2015 at 03:33 AM

RH

“ *Ray Pansy Howell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo Harold "Billy" Burch*



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**Ray Pansy Howell** - June 04, 2015 at 09:49 PM

PL

“ Patsy Lowry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo Harold "Billy" Burch



Patsy Lowry - June 04, 2015 at 04:37 PM

JC

“ Jeri A. Cox lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo Harold "Billy" Burch



Jeri A. Cox - June 04, 2015 at 02:41 PM

RD

“ I love you Mr. Leo and I will miss you always. My sympathies to the family.

Robin Duke - June 04, 2015 at 10:23 AM

BB

“ Beverly And David Byrd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo Harold "Billy" Burch



Beverly and David Byrd - June 04, 2015 at 08:56 AM

DS

“ We are very sorry to hear about Mr.Billy, such a sweet, caring man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Danny and Phoebe Stokes - June 04, 2015 at 08:03 AM

MF

“ Michael Folk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo Harold "Billy" Burch



Michael Folk - June 03, 2015 at 09:07 PM

LH

“ Leland,Kathy And Kalie Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leo Harold "Billy" Burch



Leland,Kathy and Kalie Huggins - June 03, 2015 at 02:00 PM

BM

We will miss Billy ' s friendship and seeing him at Wesley UMC

Bob McWatty - June 04, 2015 at 09:32 AM

LM

I met Billy 50 years ago on Sonoco's # 1 paper machine. He was the youngest paper machine tender ever. My sympathies to his family, a good man has left all of us who knew him.

Larry McKenzie - June 04, 2015 at 01:29 PM

AW

*Sending condolences Hal, sorry to hear about your father passing.*

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**Angela White** - June 04, 2015 at 02:08 PM

PW

*My first papermaking mentor 43 years ago...a good teacher.*

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**Philip Whichard** - June 04, 2015 at 05:26 PM

BS

*Billy was a kind, sweet, gentleman-a real joy to be around. Pat and I last saw him this Spring in McDonalds and, as always, enjoyed our conversation with him. Love and sympathy to his family.*

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**Bill and Pat Shelley** - June 04, 2015 at 06:33 PM

TS

*Mr. Billy was one of the kindest, most gentle men one would ever meet. I remember no matter how sick or down he was he always had that handsome and caring smile and a BIG hug every time I saw him!! It would always make my day to see him or talk with him on the phone. He will always have a SPECIAL place in my heart!!!! Teresa--Dr. Dickinson's secretary*

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**Teresa Dr. Dickinson's secretary** - June 05, 2015 at 02:52 PM