



Mr. Joseph E. Burns Jr.

November 2, 1938 - November 16, 2015

Joseph E. Burns, Jr. Age 77, husband of Janet R. (Petaccio) Burns, of Drums, PA, formerly of New Hanover Township, PA died Monday, November 16, 2015 in Mountaintop Senior Care and Rehabilitation Center after a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer. Born on November 2, 1938 in Philadelphia, PA, he was a son of Joseph E. Burns, Sr. and Agnes E. (Kelly) Burns. He received a masters degree in political science at St. John's University, New York. A veteran, he served for the U.S. Navy. Mr. Burns worked as the director of human resources at Safeguard Business Systems. He enjoyed playing in the bocce league and spending time with friends at Beech Mountain Lakes in Drums, PA. He was a member of the Good Shepherd Church in Drums, PA and formerly a member of the Church of St. Mary in Schwenksville, PA.

In addition to his wife of 46 years, Mr. Burns is survived by Two Daughters, Karen M., wife of Thorsten Woermann of Bonn, Germany, Jennifer L. Burns of Royersford, PA; Son, Steven M. Burns of Brooklyn, NY; Grandson, Daniel Joseph Burns of Hatfield, PA; Sister, Dorothy A, wife of the late John Tartar; Brother, Rev. Vincent Burns; and several Nieces and Nephews.

The visitation will be from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Thursday evening at the Cattermole - Klotzbach Funeral Home, 600 Washington Street, Royersford, PA and on Friday morning from 10 am - 10:45 am at the Church of St. Mary, 40 Spring Mount Road, Schwenksville, PA. The funeral Mass will immediately

follow at 11 am. Officiating will be Rev. Vincent Burns. Burial will be held in the Limerick Garden of Memories, Royersford, PA. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1620 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Condolences may be made and Joseph's video tribute may be viewed by visiting www.RoyersfordFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Limerick Garden of Memories

44 Arcadia Drive
Limerick, PA 19468

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 19. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Cattermole - Klotzbach Funeral Home
600 Washington Street
Royersford, PA 19468
(610) 948-7330
<https://CattermoleKlotzbachFuneralHome.com/>

Visitation

NOV 20. 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Church of St. Mary
40 Spring Mount Road
Schwenksville, PA 19473

Mass

NOV 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Mary
40 Spring Mount Road
Schwenksville, PA 19473

Tribute Wall

YM

“ My deepest sympathies for the Burns family. Having also lost my own family members to their battles with cancer, the relative feelings I share helps me understand your loss. You do not know me but I offer my support even with time passing, these things don't just get easy. Maybe one day I could share the love I have for your family already. My most sincerest condolences for you and your family Janet.



Your future family member - July 06, 2025 at 08:36 PM

MM

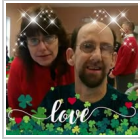
“ By Chance, I came across this page. I find that after so many years have flown by, I want to revisit the many highlights of my blessed life and reconnect with the very special people I have worked with and greatly admired. Joe was at the top of that list. At Reliance Insurance Human Resources Department, I reported to Joe. His door was never closed to us and his rapport and understanding meant a great deal to the Daughters of the Fire Association (a nickname that some of the staff had adopted). There was an atmosphere of camaraderie, caring and respect. In seeing the tribute, I could feel that gift that was Joe. Wish I could have found him before his passing, I truly thank you for posting the video. It took me back to yesteryear and I felt the emotion of it. God Bless!

Maureen Carroll McLoone - November 14, 2022 at 03:24 PM

KM

“ Janet,
I am so sorry to hear about Joe. Even though I have not had contact with you and Joe for ages but I remember that he was a good man through & through. My heart goes out to you & your family,

kris mancini - November 21, 2015 at 05:39 PM



“ Janet, I am so sorry for your loss. Joe was a wonderful man. I will never forget him. He was one of the nicest, kindest people i have ever met. He will forever be in my heart. Heaven has gained another Angel. RIP Joe <3

Tara Dinofrio - November 20, 2015 at 08:58 PM



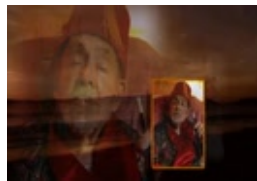
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph E. Burns Jr..



November 19, 2015 at 03:57 PM



“ 1 file added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - November 19, 2015 at 07:17 AM

DA

what a beautiful tribute We lost such a good man.. Joe , you will be truly missed.

Dawn - November 19, 2015 at 08:38 AM

DM

I didn't even know Joe (am a co-worker of Jennifer), but can see how much he was loved and how well he loved all of those in his life. This is a beautiful video. My heart goes out to the entire Burns family. What a huge loss. <3

Denise Mullins - November 19, 2015 at 01:27 PM



For those who didn't see it.

Janet Burns - January 16, 2016 at 03:38 PM

KB

“ *Janet and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of all of you. Every time I pass your house on Swamp Pike, I think of you and all of our shared escapades. I'll keep all of you in my prayers. May the comfort of caring thoughts and good memories surround you now.*

Kathy Canale and sons

Kathy Canale Bailey - November 18, 2015 at 08:32 AM



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Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - November 18, 2015 at 07:59 AM

DB

“ There are a million memories I have with my grandfather. My favorite was when I was a little kid and he would throw a wiffle ball to me and I'd hit it with a big orange bat. "Keep you're eye on the ball Danny" he would say with a smile on his face. I miss that. I wish I could play wiffle ball with poppop one last time.



Dan Burns - November 17, 2015 at 02:41 PM

LG

“ I spent a large part of my childhood on Buttonwood Street with Karen and her family. After they moved to Swamp Pike, Joe would stop in Norristown on his way home from work and take me up there with him so I could see Karen. I did most of the talking during those trips. I always remember this kindness so I could see my friend. I am saddened by his loss and for the Burns Family.

LOUISE GERRITY - November 17, 2015 at 06:04 AM

KA

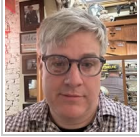
This was sweet Weeze. Thank you.

Karen - November 17, 2015 at 08:52 AM

TR

“ Janet You are in our prayers---may Joe be in the Loving and Protective arms of Our Lord----Joe was, and will remain,--A Very Kind, a Very Wise, a Very Good Man---He some how made All of us Better ----and passed and shared this Goodness on to the rest of us---That was His Gift---God Bless Him now and Forever---Our Deepest Sympathy to You and His entire Family . Fran & Tony R

Tony & Fran Romeo - November 16, 2015 at 09:47 PM



“ *Everyone, I'm so sorry for your loss. I've been in awe watching the Burns family rally around him these past few years. My thoughts are with you, and please accept my sincere condolences.*

Paul Ford - November 16, 2015 at 08:02 PM

SB

Thank you Paul.

Steve Burns - November 18, 2015 at 07:10 AM

MC

“ *Mamma Burns, Karen, Jennifer, Danny, and Steve (my brother). I'm so sorry for your loss. I've been honored to be treated like family by Joe and yourselves. I'm thinking of him and all of you with love and gratitude. He was the twinkliest man I've ever met.*

Michael Cormier



Michael Cormier - November 16, 2015 at 07:21 PM

SB

Thanks for the talk last night and these perfect sentiments.

Steve Burns - November 18, 2015 at 07:11 AM

JO

“ *Joe was an amazing man! He was kind, spiritual, smart, and fun! It was an honor to have known him*



Jo - November 16, 2015 at 07:12 PM

JD

Janet our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Ed and Rita Rohrbach, Joe and Diane DiRado

Joe DiRado - November 17, 2015 at 03:37 PM

JU

“ *You couldn't play Trivial Pursuit with Joe. He knew how long it would take for a bottle to get from one body of water to another. Who knows stuff like that?? Joe did. I will always remember him and love him.*



Judy - November 16, 2015 at 07:04 PM

DM

“ *Steve and family~ My condolences on the loss of your loved one. Diane (Howard) Marsden*

Diane Marsden - November 16, 2015 at 06:19 PM

JO

“ *My Best memory of my uncle was at my cousins wedding we had the time of our lives. We sang we partied at our table and every wedding to this day including mine coming up next year I will think of him and smile. Miss you love you uncle joe. You are in peace now and that's makes me so happy.*



Joy - November 16, 2015 at 02:18 PM